

181 Good Deeds

Making a Difference, One Action at a Time



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An extension of our Power To Make A Difference programme, #BeTheOne promotes social good on an individual level.



Nadia Williams, Social Investment Officer

It is a pleasure to publish this very special issue of MADE! When we throw out a challenge to our RBL staff they certainly rise to the occasion with passion and creativity! On April 14, we launched #181GoodDeeds, inviting our teams across T&T to mark International Good Deeds Day by making a difference in the lives of those most in need in their communities. The month-long initiative was further extended to incorporate an element that would pay tribute to our 181st anniversary on May 15. The beauty of #181GoodDeeds was that staff members weren't mandated to partake in the initiative – the entire campaign was voluntary. But staff courageously answered the call resulting in waves of love, joy and Republic cheer across Trinidad and Tobago.

Congratulations again to all staff who dedicated their time and energy to making #181GoodDeeds a success! We salute you and thank you for making a difference.

Nadia

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BSPI

1 Unit - 8 Delights - 1 Happy Children's Home

14 boys of the Rainbow Rescue Home were treated to goody bags filled with eight special items put together by staff of the BSPI unit. The items included treats, water bottles personalised with the boys' names, stationery and non-perishable food items.



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CBC East Central

1 Unit - 8 Bags of Groceries - 1 Happy Children's Home

Our Corporate Business Centre – East/Central presented goodies to the children of the Couva Children's Home. Corporate Manager, Ramish Maharaj, was on hand to present eight bags of groceries to one very happy children's home.



Couva & Atlantic Plaza

1 Unit - 8 Hampers - 1 Happy Children's Home

Staff from the Couva and Atlantic Plaza branches teamed up for the Ezekiel Home for Abandoned Children in Preysal, Couva, a facility which the branches have previously supported. The home was in dire need of basic supplies such as milk, cereal, toiletries, detergent and diapers. The team quickly mobilised to purchase the items and presented them to Mrs. Margaret Deonarine, the Home's founder and manager.



About The Ezekiel Home For Abandoned Children

Margaret Deonarine opened the Ezekiel Home for Abandoned Children over 30 years ago, providing shelter and solace to approximately 20 displaced children, ranging in age from 1 to 13 years. The home is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation, that depends solely on donations for its day-to-day running.

Mrs. Deonarine welcomes assistance of any kind and can be contacted at 787-3587. #BeTheOne

Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference.

Kathy Calvin

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H.E.L.P. Loans Department

1 Unit – 8 Staff + 8 Hampers – 1 Children’s Home

The H.E.L.P. Loans Unit selected Joshua Boys Home in Arima as their #181GoodDeeds recipient. The eight staff members presented the home of 12 boys with eight bags of groceries.

Special kudos to the team for matching the starting fund of \$500 on their own!



Centralised Credit Unit

1 Unit - 8 Hampers - 1 Happy Children’s Home

The children of the Dar-Ul-Aman Children’s Home in Freeport were the lucky recipients of hampers from our Centralised Credit Unit.



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Head Office Unit

1 Unit - 8 Original Children's Stories - 1 Happy Group of Pre-Schoolers

Our Head Office Unit took an innovative approach to our #BeTheOne challenge, using creativity and passion to pen eight imaginative stories about a kitten named 'Cory Compliant' and his many adventures. They hosted a reading day for the pre-schoolers of the YMCA Pre-School and Daycare in Port of Spain with mascot Cory Compliant appearing in full costume. The team successfully infused joy and engagement into the world of reading for the little ones - a priceless gift.

Kudos to the creative talents of staff members Arnola, Jelda, Lorraine, Nisha, Sandra and Marie-Luise of Republic Bank Ghana for bringing the adventures of Cory Compliance to life.



Mayaro

1 Unit - 8 Bags of Supplies - 1 Child

Our Mayaro branch presented eight hampers to the family of a seven-year-old child who was born with Spina Bifida. Spina Bifida is a spinal disorder that develops in the womb and can result in severe impairment to the child such as restricted mobility, skin disorders and sleeping problems. The staff used the allocated funds to purchase daily necessities for the youngster, such as milk, food, pampers and feeding tubes.

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Fyzabad

1 Unit - 8 Learning & Playground Supplies - 1 Happy Pre-School

The youngsters of the Fyzabad Government Pre-School were presented with eight items to enhance their learning facility and play area by members of our Fyzabad team – a white board, four chairs, two tricycles and learning kits.



Siparia

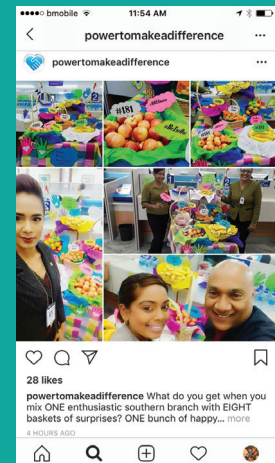
1 Branch - 8 Delights - 1 Bunch of Happy Customers

Our Siparia branch surprised their customers with a very special treat to mark #GoodDeedsDay. Customers were welcomed with eight baskets containing fresh fruit, water and a number of healthy snacks!



Go Social!

We flooded social media with our #181GoodDeeds campaign! If you haven't checked out our posts log on to Facebook and Instagram today!



Facebook: @RepublicBankTnT
Instagram: @PowerToMakeaDifference



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Harris Promenade

1 Branch - 8 Hampers of Stationery Items - 1 Grateful School

The San Fernando Methodist Primary School received eight bags of stationery items and school supplies from our team at Harris Promenade Branch.



UWI

1 Branch - 8 Items Refurbished - 1 Happy Children's Home

Our staff at the UWI branch exchanged their pens for paintbrushes and dedicated a day to refurbishing the children's study room at Amica House, Curepe. The staff members gave the room a thorough cleaning, scrubbed tables and chairs, repainted walls and the blackboard, refurbished study desks, hung new curtains, re-organised the book shelves and donated new books.

If you do one good deed, your reward is to be set to do another and harder and better one.
C.S. Lewis



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Trust Services Division

1 Unit - 8 Activities - 1 Happy School

Our staff at Trust Services Division visited the Cocorite Government Primary School for a day of fun with the students. The staff painted a hopscotch court, distributed goodies and treats, coordinated games and decorated the classrooms with motivational messages for the young ones.



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Valpark & Grand Bazaar

1 Branch - 8 Students - 1 Initiative

The Bamboo Settlement Government School was the chosen beneficiary of a joint #181GoodDeeds activity by the Valpark and Grand Bazaar branches. Students were presented goodie bags of fruit and water at the school's Sports & Family Day. In addition, the team worked with the school's principal, to identify eight students whose families face financial difficulties and presented them with back-packs containing all the necessary school supplies (copy books, pencil cases, rulers, colour pencils and water bottles) for the coming year.



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ITMD

1 Region (East) - 8 Packs of School Supplies - 1 Happy School

ITMD staff presented packages of school supplies to staff and students of Arouca Anglican Primary School.

ITCD

1 Unit - 8 Charities - 1 Donation drive

The team at ITCD combined their resources with the start-up allocation of \$500 and multiplied that to a whopping \$4000, which they presented to eight charities including:

- Living Waters Community Hospice
- Living Waters Community Soup Kitchen
- Oxford Street St. Clair Home for Seniors
- Rainbow Rescue – Home for Girls
- Credo Foundation for Justice
- Caribbean Cancer Research Initiative
- 2 Families (hampers presented)



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Rio Claro

1 Branch - 8 Deeds - 1 Purpose

What wonderful things were achieved by our Rio Claro branch as they committed to 8 acts of kindness in 8 days! Kicking things off were the Sales and Support Departments who led the charge by assisting elderly customers in crossing the busy roadways, providing dinner to a family in need and hosting a storytelling morning at the Rio Claro Presbyterian Primary School. The Sales, Commercial and Compliance departments came together to treat S.E.A. students at various schools, provide one month's supply of groceries to a family in need and host a Mother's Day function to honour customers. The Treasury Department played their part too, gifting two deserving students of the Rio Claro APS Vedic Primary School and the St. Therese R.C. Primary School with stationery supplies.



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When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.
Mattie Stepanek

