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BEL in Partnership with Hand in Hand Ministries Belize, Contributes House to Deserving Citizen

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) and Hand in Hand Ministries Belize (HHM), under its “Building for Change” Program, today handed over a house valued at approximately \$18,000, donated by BEL, to Ms. Bernadine Lauriano. This is the second year in which BEL supported HHM’s program.

A team of 44 BEL employees, along with HHM contractors, worked July 16, 17 and 18 to construct the house which measures 16’ by 16’. BEL also contributed the free installation of a service entrance, valued at approximately \$1,000, for electricity supply in the home.

Ms. Bernadine Lauriano, the recipient, resides on Aloe Vera Street in the Lake Independence area of Belize City, and was selected as a beneficiary of the program, based on HHM’s specific criteria. As part of the agreement, Ms. Lauriano was required to participate in the construction of her home, attend HHM education sessions, assist with the construction of houses for other beneficiaries, and socially integrate herself in her neighbourhood by encouraging peace and harmony.

“Our employees share a passion for giving back to the community and are therefore proud to have participated in the construction of this house for a deserving family,” said Mrs. Forman, Co-Chair of BEL’s Social Club Committee. “Furthermore, this initiative displays the commitment BEL has to fulfill its Mission statement which is ...to provide reliable electricity at the lowest sustainable cost, stimulate national development and improve the quality of life in Belize.”



Ms. Bernadine Lauriano (holding ribbon), her family, BEL Volunteers and Hand in Hand Ministries Belize Representatives

BEL and its employees have supported various other community initiatives this year, such as the Golden Citizen's Bill Pay Program, where the Company is paying the electricity bill of over 100 Senior Citizens, Light the Night for Kids, which directly assisted the Inspiration Center, the annual Cancer Walk, the Ariel Rosado Ride and Dara's Ride for Hunger, as well as an Earth Day Cleanup, where employees cleaned a portion of the Philip Goldson Highway. BEL also made a contribution to the family of Siarsha Alvarez to assist in expenses for her recovery and just recently, over 70 employees, with the support and guidance of the Young Men's Christian Association, volunteered their skills and time to train children in different sports at the Third World Sporting Camp held at the Saint Martin de Porres Field and organized by Deon Flowers. Plans are also underway for the launch of the Service Entrance Project in which deserving citizens will receive a free service entrance installation.

Hand in Hand Ministries is an international organization with a mission to transform lives by sharing life's essentials. In Belize, the organization spearheads various projects which target people living below the poverty line. The group also works in other countries such as Nicaragua, Jamaica, Costa Rica, and the USA (Eastern Kentucky).

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