

Scotiabank Employees Participate in Blood Drive



Gary Vaughn White (centre), Vice President Treasury, Scotiabank, poses beside Suzan Sinclair (right), also from the Treasury department, as they hold up the units of blood they had just contributed during the blood drive held recently at ScotiaCentre. Looking on is fellow colleague Lawrence Alexander.

The blood that you give today could save someone's life including your own.

So said Gary Vaughn White, Scotiabank Vice President Treasury after being one of a number of persons to give blood recently during a blood drive at the Scotia Centre. "I try to give blood as frequently as I can. Donating blood is a great way to give back and a single donation may help save numerous lives", said White.

Forty-six units of blood was collected from Scotiabank Employees during the blood drive organized in partnership with the National Blood Transfusion Service. The drive, held at both the Trafalgar Road offices and the ScotiaCentre had Scotiabanker's taking time out of their busy schedule to donate to the worthy cause.

"I wasn't sure I would have been eligible, but I always wanted to give blood to save a life and help someone in need" said Cerene Davis. I was very happy when they told me I would be able to donate as I had tried previously and was rejected".

According to Igol Allen, Blood Donor Coordinator at the Blood Bank, "We were happy to be able work with Scotiabank, who has partnered with us on numerous occasions previously. Blood is an essential medicine needed in hospitals across Jamaica every day to preserve life, so any opportunity for collection is appreciated by us".

Organiser of the day, Shirley Chin Lue, said, "The persons from the Blood Bank made it really easy to organize. They came and viewed the sites, sent us relevant information for promotion to the

staff and turned up to make the day happen. We are very grateful for those that came out to support and make a difference by giving blood.”

Scotiabank has also alerted their Mandeville branch staff to participate on World Blood Donor Day when the Blood Bank hosts a drive at the Gulf View Hotel in Mandeville on June 14.