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The FCCA and its Member Lines would like to welcome you to our annual Gala Dinner Extravaganza. We are pleased and grateful for your attendance tonight, and hope you’re as happy to be here as we are to have you. We would also like to thank you on behalf of the region we represent—the Caribbean and Latin America. The proceeds of tonight benefits the FCCA Foundation, whose only focus is to assist the people through its humanitarian efforts.

Everyone present tonight has some involvement in the cruise industry. We are happy to have all ends of the spectrum represented and realize the impact of everyone’s participation and the necessity of the roles. Hopefully you can take advantage of the networking opportunities this event presents and forge meaningful business and/or relationships or perpetuate those you may have already established. We are pleased to provide you with a forum that allows the chance for the industry to thrive and grow as a whole.

It is through the cooperative efforts of the cruise industry and its partners that the Foundation has flourished. Its continued growth and success is based on your support. This evening’s Gala is evidence of this support. With your help, we intend to accomplish even more in the years ahead.

We would also like to thank the Port of Miami for making this evening possible allowing us to create an engaging environment.

Have a delightful evening. We hope that you enjoy yourselves and look forward to seeing you at future FCCA events.

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Dinner

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Participation in events such as the Holiday Gift Project, Food Programs, Caribbean Special Olympics, and Hurricane Relief Projects have helped improve the lives of the people in the destinations over the last 14 years with the FCCA Foundation raising and donating over 3 million dollars.

In 2006 the Holiday Gift Project alone brought an onslaught of joy and gifts to over 6,000 underprivileged children throughout 28 destinations.

Events such as the FCCA’s annual online auction facilitates more of the funding to take place through the money gained. The FCCA online auction offered more than 100 lots of donated items from our Member Lines, private and public sector partners, including
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During the holiday season, most worry about finding the perfect gift for their families, friends, or loved ones. They anxiously anticipate the big day while their concerns change to revealing their secret until the right time. Others have a lot more on their minds. Instead of spending their sum on presents or a grand feast, they use the last of it to get any food at all. Though their best efforts provide food, the children often miss out on many of the customs and traditions that bring joy to the multitude. Some don’t even have parents or family who might prepare for the occasion.

The FCCA Foundation took this into consideration and made a few deliveries that St. Nick neglected, distributing over 6,000 holiday gifts to those less fortunate throughout 28 destinations in the Caribbean, Mexico, and Latin America. Though they didn’t receive the traditional festive gathering and run out in the morning to discover the milk and cookies gone with presents in their place, the children received a celebration thrown in their honor. Instead of eagerly peeking out of their window, attempting to get a glimpse of a reindeer-drawn sleigh, the children looked to the oceanfront, awaiting the arrival of a cruise ship.

The Holiday Gift Project was made possible through the collaboration of the FCCA, its Member Lines and crew, along with the destinations themselves. The charitable coalition visited institutions including orphanages, homeless shelters, foster homes, and schools. The crew of the participating vessels acted as Santa’s helpers. Since the jolly fellow forgot to hand his representative the Naughty List, all of the children received a gift specialized for their age, gender, and interests.

In Montego Bay, Jamaica, 35 volunteers arrived to a surprise when they witnessed the Christmas cheer in DRB Grant Basic School. In order to express their gratitude, the kids prepared a feast and songs for the crew members of the Carnival Conquest. The cruise director then prepared a slide show to show the guests what the crew does on their own time and how they give back to a community that they visit each week.

Beatrice Moine, Hotel Director from Celebrity Cruises Mercury, stated, “The Mercury Team participated in bringing some joy and laughers to 220 orphans for the holidays. The kids were shy at first…then Celebrity Santa made his entrance…and some rushed to him and hugged him endlessly…while some others (the little ones) were so impressed they were scared to get close to him. They made us feel as if we were kid again, and remember how we also were scared of Santa.”

Though not everyone showed their thanks as elaborately as the DRB Grant Basic School, the smiles emitted served as more than sufficient for the volunteers. The participants exemplified the “giving is better than receiving” philosophy and simply sought to provide some Yuletide joy. For the majority, the gifts given during the event would be the sole remnants of the season.

Due to its constant success, the Holiday Gift Project has become an annual event and continues to thrive and progress as the years come and go. As Gianfranco Verde, Passenger Services Director from Sun Princess, Princess Cruises, remarks, “Year after year crew members sign up and request to help and participate during the FCCA’s Holiday Gift Project. Everyone wants to have the pleasure and the privilege of being part of this good cause.” The spirit of giving really blazed and spread as a fire through the snowy season thanks to the collaboration between the FCCA and its Member Lines. We
hope the trend continues and the popularity follows suit. Santa already has a packed schedule and needs all the help he can get. Nobody, especially St. Nick, wants to see a sulking child on Christmas. It’s a time where their smiles should radiate as brightly as the decorations that deck the ornate halls. This joy wasn’t meant to be reserved for a particular group. The season should deliver universal cheer, and we take a step closer every year.

This is just one of the events that the FCCA Foundation organizes in order to improve the lives of those in the Caribbean, Latin America, and Mexico. Already in its thirteenth year, it strives to show that money alone isn’t the best means of assistance. Raising the spirits is just as important as monetary aid. It takes caring and physical participation in order to help the hearts instead of just the pockets. By employing these strategies in conjunction with other techniques, such as workshops and the Outreach Program, the lives of thousands have been impacted—a more than adequate return on the millions of dollars invested.

FCCA thanks all the Member Lines, crew members, Ministers of Tourism, Mayors and Commissioners. Thousands of smiles would have gone unwrapped without the participation of the destinations and Member Lines.
FCCA Holiday Gift Project
Working together to create a new industry standard for art auctions at sea
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New for 2007, Cayman's largest and most eagerly anticipated tourist attraction, Boatswain's Beach is now open.

In this year's annual minnow release plan, early November 2007. This is an unique-feeling experience and those interested in participating should send an email to info@boatswainsbeach.ky for more information.

The turtle farm breeds the Green Sea Turtle, named for the green color of the fat deposits inside its skin. Other turtle species exhibited on the farm include the Loggerhead Turtle, the Kemp's Ridley, and the beautifully patterned Hawksbill Turtle.

The new expanded facilities at Boatswain's Beach will ensure visitors continue to learn more about these amazing underwater creatures, as well as our new additions including the loggerhead, hawksbill, and other exciting species. The new park also houses a world class research and educational facility that focuses on the conservation of sea turtles.

Visitors can now enjoy a refreshing, cool dip in the new inviting Boatswain's fresh water tidal lagoon and dine on a sumptuous meal at Boatswain's Snack Shack. Items on the menu include jerk chicken and pork, hamburgers, sandwiches, and desserts amongst others. Everyone will enjoy the experience of the finest Caymanian cuisine at a variety of locations throughout the park.

Let your imagination soar as you wander through the beautiful free-flight, bird aviary or stroll down an historic Caymanian street complete with porch side artisans. Children and adults alike will delight in interacting with stuffed, carved and real at the touch pool.

Boatswain's Beach is open seven days a week from 8:30am to 5:30pm and is wheelchair accessible. Entry for adults is $7.50/US$0 and $4.50/US$0 for children 2-12. Children under 2 have free entry to the park (prices are subject to change). The farm is located on North Bay Point Road in West Bay, just eight miles from George Town.

Boatswain's Beach opened its membership club on December 3rd, 2007, now offering a theme with one membership, including exit, attractions, discounts, tours, and special events throughout the year.

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Each year the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association invites students from the Caribbean and Latin America to participate in the annual FCCA Foundation Children’s Environmental Poster Competition. The competition’s purpose is to promote and stimulate environmental awareness among students and effectively educate younger generations on the importance of environmental protection. Each country submitted one poster in each age category to represent as its finalist.

The FCCA asked what would have a beneficial environmental impact, and fourteen nations answered with a resounding voice. This reply emitted no sound; it came in the form of something more natural: art. The 2007 Children’s Poster Competition showcased the participants’ ability, creativity, and their consciousness of the world around them. Due to the impressive turnout and skill, the task of judging proved almost as difficult as creating the posters must have been. The talent from both groups was an overwhelming, but pleasant, surprise.

The categories hopefully struck home to the participants and granted them not only awards, but awareness. Students were encouraged to create a poster that visually depicted at least three ways they could help protect the environment and promote the knowledge among students. The goal is to effectively educate, effect and show the significance of environmental protection. Each country showcased the work of their finalists, one per each division, to represent their country. There is a rigorous judging process conducted in three rounds for this competition, originating in the local schools, moving to the country’s selection committee, and ending with the FCCA’s Judging Panel. Selection of the winners was a difficult feat, as all of the works portrayed effective, sound ideas coupled with masterful technique.

However, winners had to be chosen and included 10-year-old Josie Lee of Belize Elementary School in the Junior Division (ages 12 and younger) and 14-year-old Rajesh Harnarine of Trinidad & Tobago’s Presentation College in the Senior Division (ages 13 – 16). Josie Lee’s poster, titled “We only have one earth,” illustrates the negative effects that wasted resources and the massive increase in garbage have had on the global climate. The poster implements the practices of reducing, reusing and recycling in order to conserve energy. The idea is that in using this principal we let our environment become clean and simultaneously protect our planet. Rajesh Harnarine’s poster, “Forest Delight,” is based on similar concepts. Recycling is depicted through the use of material such as wrapping paper, recyclable paper and plastic. It also displayed the endangered birds, including the Pawi and the Crane, as well as the Rosy Periwinkle, in an abstract. It shows a possible outcome of the recovery of these species; that they may evolve into the forms presented on the poster. Both received an educational scholarship of US $3,000 for their achievements.

The FCCA also congratulates the second and third place winners in each division. Second place finalists were eleven-year-old Shadell Carrington from Barbados in the Junior Category and fifteen-year-old Nidia Georgina Anaya Vargas from Mexico in the Senior Category. Third place winners were ten-year-old Gaspar Manzano Vila from Mexico in the Junior Category and fifteen-year-old Brian Acuna Madriz from Costa Rica in the Senior Category. Second place winners in both categories will each receive US $1,500, and third place winners will receive US $1,000. The FCCA also awards matching funds to the first, second, and third place winners school in both categories for art supplies. The other finalists in each division receive US $200 for their participation and good work.

The FCCA thanks all participants for their hard work and looks forward to seeing more dazzling displays. It’s true that every participant was a winner, and the knowledge gained is always a worthy reward. Even those whose work never left the local level still deserve appreciation, and they are encouraged to try again next year.
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