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HATITUDE TEA IN THE SECRET GARDEN

8th **April 2021** – With a nod to "Secret gardens", the National Trust for the Cayman Islands hosted Hatitude, one of their major fund raising events of the year on Saturday March 20th. Ristorante Pappagallo was transformed into an enchanting secret garden thanks to décor sponsors Celebrations and the Garden Club of the Cayman Islands.

Guests donned their finest and most creative hats for hat parades while enjoying tea, a silent auction and raffle filled with fantastic prizes donated by several individuals and businesses in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac.

"Hatitude was a grand success" shared Annick Jackman, Executive Director for the National Trust. "As one of our biggest fundraisers of the year we are deeply grateful to all who attended our event, to our sponsors and to every business that donated a prize towards our raffle. The National Trust are custodians of some of Cayman's precious historic and environmental gems. The funds raised from these events goes towards supporting our environmental and historic programmes".

The National Trust is grateful to the Headline sponsors: Mercedes Benz and 1503 Property Group as well as gold sponsor: Cayman Islands Registry and silver sponsor Cayman Water Authority. A special thank you to our event sponsors: Jacques Scott Wine & Spirits, Tea Time in Cayman and the Grand Cayman Marriott Grand Cayman. Additional heartfelt thanks the local business who donated items for the raffle prizes and artists (Dr. Guy Harvey, Carlos Garcia and Chasing the Sun) who donated items for the silent auction.

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About the National Trust for the Cayman Islands

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands is a non-governmental organization whose mandate under the National Trust Law (2010 Revision) includes the preservation of the historic, natural and maritime heritage of the Cayman Islands for present and future generations.

About the Blue Iguana Conservation Programme

The Blue Iguana Recovery Programme began in 1990 with only 30 dedicated Blue Iguanas and the primary goal to restore the wild population to 1,000 Blue Iguanas, encouraging viable population in the long-term. Having met its primary goal in 2018, the initiative formally transitioned to the Blue Iguana Conservation Programme in 2019 with a new focus of sustainably conserving the native species of Grand Cayman.

About the National Trust's Environmental Programme

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands' environmental programme was founded on the concept that the protection of native plants and animals is best achieved by protecting the natural areas in which they depend.

About the National Trust Conservation Programme

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands' conservation programme strives to protect Cayman's native species and the habitats in which they live, and includes the endemic Blue Iguana of Grand Cayman, the Sister Islands Rock Iguana and Cayman's native bat species.