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New 501(c)(3) partnerships for donations to the National Trust for the Cayman Islands

13 September 2022 – The National Trust for the Cayman Islands (NTCI) has been approved by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) America as a 501(c)(3) partner. This approval facilitates prospective US donors’ support of various NTCI environmental, historic and educational programmes through their tax- exempt gifts via the CAF America portal, with the NTCI as the grant recipient. All grant submissions are approved by the CAF America Board of Directors prior to being awarded.

It is through this portal that the NTCI has received grants to support the Blue Iguana Conservation, COP26 conference and most recently a \$100K donation towards mangroves and the education programme.

“This is a momentous achievement for the NTCI to be able to have 501(c)(3) partners to facilitate donations towards our programmes. We have gone through quite an involved process to be approved by these organizations,” says Annick Jackman, Executive Director. “We are especially honoured because this allowed for significant donations in memory of Judy Innes from the Cresap Family Foundation to our organization after the family spent time learning about our programmes.”

“The National Trust would like to acknowledge and thank the Cresap Family Foundation for their generous donation of \$100K in memory of Judy Innes. The funds will provide an important contribution to the Land Reserve Fund and the Educational Programme of the National Trust” says William Innes, Life Member and supporter of the NTCI, and in whose late wife’s memory the donation was made.

Charities Aid Foundation America is the second 501(c)(3) partner as the NTCI currently has an agreement with Mangrove Education in the US for donations for mangroves preservation.

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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.

About the National Trust Historic Preservation Programme

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands introduced the launching of its *Historic Preservation Fund* at its Annual General Meeting in September 2021 for the purpose of inviting increased support of its continuing efforts to encourage the preservation and protection of historic homes and buildings for present and future generations of the Cayman Islands.

