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National Trust Fundraiser “Saving Our National Treasures” Raises Over \$65K

30 May 2025 – The National Trust for the Cayman Islands hosted its biggest fundraiser of the year, “Saving Our National Treasures,” on 3 May at Cayman Collections Centre. The event was a resounding success, raising just over \$65K, thanks to the generosity of attendees, members, sponsors, and dedicated supporters, all aligned with our shared goal of safeguarding our national treasures.

The evening was filled with live music by Caryn Caffarelli, engaging conversations, exploring artefacts and exhibitions, interactive kiosks featuring the National Trust App, inspiring speeches, and a shared commitment to the preservation of our natural and built heritage. National Trust Patron, H.E. Governor Jane Owen, was in attendance. Attendees had the opportunity to bid in our live auction, led by James Bebarfald, a silent auction, and purchase raffle tickets. The focal piece in our live auction was a custom piece, “Blue Majesty” by Pam Laurenson from Stoakd, as part of her Melting Pop Collection. The stunning artwork features a Blue Iguana comprised of a mosaic of local and international stamps. Funds raised are directed towards our mission of preserving our natural and built heritage.

A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors, Platinum Sponsor: DART, Gold Sponsors: Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Silver Sponsor: CI Shipping Registry, and Bronze Sponsors OAC Advisors, and Ministry of Border Control, Labour & Culture. Event Sponsors: Grand Cayman Distillery, Celebrations, Cayman Collections Centre, Cayman Islands Museum and all local businesses that donated prizes to our auction and raffle.

We invite you to become a member of the National Trust and join us in our legacy of safeguarding our national treasures for the benefit of all. Forever. To join, visit our website www.nationaltrust.org.ky or download our free National Trust App.



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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.