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National Trust's "Silver Thatch: A Tapestry of Nature and Heritage" Fundraiser raises over CI\$60,000

26 May 2026 – The National Trust for the Cayman Islands is thrilled to announce the success of our recent fundraiser, "Silver Thatch: A Tapestry of Nature and Heritage," held recently on World Heritage Day, at the Cayman Collections Centre. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the guests, members, sponsors, and community who contributed to making this event a remarkable success.

The evening was a celebration of Caymanian culture and heritage, featuring activities that truly captured the spirit of our islands. Thanks to the generosity of our attendees and sponsors, we are proud to announce that the event raised over CI \$60,000. These funds will significantly support our ongoing efforts to preserve the natural and built heritage of the Cayman Islands.

The fundraiser was a vibrant gathering filled with members from community with the shared commitment to preserving our natural and built heritage. The event featured live demonstrations of Silver Thatch plaiting and rope making, thanks to members of our community who generously shared their knowledge and expertise of this cherished tradition. These demonstrations highlighted the importance of preserving our beloved traditions and inspired many to learn more about this artform. Guests enjoyed prosecco, wine and local food through out the evening while having the opportunity to participate in an exciting raffle and auction, with a variety of prizes generously donated by local businesses. We extend our gratitude to those who donated and bid, contributing significantly to the success of this fundraising effort.

Once again, thank you to everyone involved—our guests, volunteers, and members. Special thanks to our sponsors: Platinum Sponsor: Dart, Silver Sponsor: Ministry of Youth, Sports & Heritage, Bronze Sponsor: Water Authority-Cayman, Sotheby's, and CI Shipping Registry. Event sponsor providing decor, Celebrations Ltd. Together, we continue to protect what you love for everyone. Forever.

The National Trust is dedicated to the preservation of the Cayman Islands' natural environments and historical sites. Through educational programs, conservation efforts, and community engagement, we strive to protect and celebrate our islands' unique heritage.



As we look forward to the future, we are excited to announce that next year marks the 40th anniversary of the National Trust. We are already planning a series of events and initiatives to commemorate this milestone and continue our mission of preserving the Cayman Islands' natural and built heritage.

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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.

