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LPIA SOARS AT FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Nassau, Bahamas December 9, 2014—The airport community helped to fill cupboards and stomachs when workers joined forces with Hands for Hunger to provide the equivalent of 400 meals – a critical supply of food for the hungry.

During the two-week exercise, donation containers were set-up in strategic locations around the airport for convenient food drop-off by employees of Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) and the Airport Authority.

“At NAD, we recognize that we all have a part to play in helping to stamp out hunger in our communities. Last year we donated a total of 250 pounds of food. This year, we wanted to soar past that figure so we teamed up with our partners at the Airport Authority to ensure a greater level of participation at LPIA,” explained Vernice Walkine, NAD’s President & CEO.

“Employees recognize that many families are struggling, particularly at this time of the year. Our workers embraced the initiative enabling us to collect an impressive 400 pounds of food.”

The airport’s donation included non-perishable food items such as soup, grits, cereal, rice, evaporated milk, tuna, oats, corn beef and the like.

Walkine joined Milo Butler, III, General Manager at Airport Authority to hand over the donation to the non-profit group.

A humanitarian organization, Hands for Hunger distributes food supplies to 14 agencies and feeding programs throughout New Providence including emergency shelters, substance abuse homes, rehabilitation centers, homes for the elderly and after-school programs which provide free food to its participants.

“Hands for Hunger equates one pound of food donated to a meal provided, and so, this generous contribution will be far-reaching as the holidays approach,” said Zeleka Knowles, the organization’s Executive Director.

“On behalf of the 14 outreach agencies Hands for Hunger serves, we sincerely thank the NAD team for their support of a hunger-free Bahamas.”

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Photo caption: The Lynden Pindling International Airport community donates to Hands for Hunger Food Drive. Employees at NAD and Airport Authority collected 400 lbs of food within two weeks. Pictured l to r: Vernice Walkine, President & CEO, NAD, Zeleka Knowles, Executive Director at Hands for Hunger and Milo Butler, III, General Manager at Airport Authority.

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