

Season's Greetings from the Chairman



Dear friends and supporters,

First and foremost, I wish to thank you for your dedication to making it possible for us to provide food for the hungry.

Throughout the year, it has only been through your sponsorships, your donations, and your participation in our fundraising efforts that have allowed us to continue on our quest to wipe out hunger nationally.

We have had an exciting year – new staff, new Board members, a move to a brand-new facility, and our inaugural golf tournament, to name a few. Again, all only possible because you care and you are committed.

As we enter this yuletide season, let us all continue to be mindful that many people won't have a Christmas feast. They would love one, I'm sure, but more than anything, they just want meals. They want to know that they can feed themselves and their children if only one hot meal daily.

Thanks to the support of our sponsors, our monthly meals have increased to 100,000 supporting nearly 100 soup kitchens, churches, feeding centres and other organizations.

In 2023, we look forward to the continued support from our regular sponsors and donors, but we are asking every single employed person, who is able, to donate monthly to The Bahamas Feeding Network. Thirty dollars feeds a family of four with eight meals each. Take action with us, and know that your donation may be the lifeline for a struggling family right in your community. Thank you for all that you do, or are about to do, to help the most vulnerable.

Blessings for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year!

Felix Stubbs

Chairman

Bahamas Feeding Network





Welcome to the Family – Nicolette Archer

Having spent her entire adulthood as an educator, Nicolette Fountain Archer has recently changed course, taking on a new role helping to run the Bahamas Feeding Network (BFN).

“As my stepson said, I have now gone from feeding minds to feeding tummies,” said the former St. Anne’s School principal. “Just seeing the people every single day who call, text or come by looking for assistance, you know the need is there so you know that you need to work it.”

Nicolette Archer has spent much of her life giving back to The Bahamas through the education of thousands of students and now she’s able to continue playing an important role in the lives of many in a different way with BFN.

Read more here: [Nicolette Fountain Archer chosen as Bahamas Feeding Networks office manager and administrator and executive assistant | The Bahamas, Bahamas | Bahamas Local News - The Bahamas, Bahamas](#)

Tee Off for Hunger a solid success

Bahamas Feeding Network hosts inaugural golf tournament

Nearly 100 players with an appetite for golf and a desire to support a worthy cause turned out for the Inaugural ‘Tee off for Hunger’ golf tournament at Ocean Club Golf Club, helping to raise more than \$70,000 in sponsorships, prizes and donations for the Bahamas Feeding Network.

On September 25, under a clear blue sky and the shimmering ocean waters for a backdrop, the spirit of giving was matched by the drive to win.

“When those who would even be competitors in a given industry or field come together for a worthy cause, you know the power of unity with a purpose, and that is what we experienced --- a super group of people playing a game they love for a cause they respect,” said BFN Executive Director James Palacios.

Read more here: [Bahamas Feeding Network Inaugural Golf Tournament ‘Tee Off for Hunger’ a solid success, more than \\$70,000 raised - Bahamas Feeding Network](#)



Changing of the Guard



Pictured l-r, Shayne Davis, CFO and board member who donated a bursting-at-the-seams cottage in Fox Hill to house BFN until it outgrew it, former Executive Director Lester Ferguson, Prime Minister Philip Davis, incoming Executive Director James Palacios, Founding Chairman Felix Stubbs and Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister David Davis. (Cay Focus Photography)

It's not often you see six powerful men rally round the need to feed but it happened with smiles, friendship and frank discussions when Prime Minister Philip Davis met with leaders from the Bahamas Feeding Network (BFN) in the Office of the Prime Minister. The occasion in July was a welcome to Archdeacon (Retired) James Palacios who took

over as the new Executive Director as the NGO's former leader, Lester Ferguson prepared to move to the U.S. for The Salvation Army.

Read more here: [Changing of the Guard at Bahamas Feeding Network - Bahamas Feeding Network](#)

Royal Caribbean VP Russell Benford Takes Seat on BFN Board



The Bahamas Feeding Network announced the appointment of Russell Benford, Royal Caribbean Group Vice President, Government Relations, Americas to its board of directors.

Benford, a former deputy mayor of Miami-Dade County with a population of 2.9 million, has had a regular presence in The Bahamas since assuming his role with Royal Caribbean in 2017 with responsibility for North, Central and South America, The Bahamas and the Caribbean. He also

serves as chairman of the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association Operations Committee.

"The Bahamas Feeding Network has had a long-standing relationship with Royal Caribbean International, our single largest corporate sponsor. The company's generosity has helped feed tens of thousands over the past five years," said BFN Chairman Felix Stubbs. "We are extremely pleased to welcome to the board Mr. Benford who brings a world of international solutions-oriented experience."

Read more here: [Bahamas Feeding Network Announces Appointment of Royal Caribbean VP Russell Benford to Board of Directors - Bahamas Feeding Network](#)



Thank you for being a friend!

Since our inception in 2013, our dear friend Diane Phillips has been a pillar of support in a cause bigger than herself, which is simply feeding persons in need. Thanks to her dedication and continuous support, we were able to share our story to thousands of people. We appreciate all that you do Diane!

Governor General thanks BFN



In November, Chairman, Felix Stubbs accepted an award on behalf of the Bahamas Feeding Network for exemplifying volunteerism in the country. In addition to BFN, 24 individuals and 12 other non-government organizations (NGOs) were also awarded for their contributions.

BFN is extremely grateful to His Excellency The Most Honourable Sir Cornelius Smith, O.N., GCMG Governor General, The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Volunteer Bahamas team for granting them this prestigious award!

BFN Distribution Snapshot

(May – November)

Number of family-sized food parcels provided:	25,200 parcels
Number of feeding centres, soup kitchens, church/community pantries served (average):	98/month
Number of persons feeding programmes serve collectively:	100,800 persons
Total impact (# of meals):	806,400 meals

We can because of you!



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