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Ministry of Tourism & Diaspora Relations Secured Donation of Paint from Global Paint for Charity Inc.

Thursday, August 18, 2022 - The Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations, along with Ambassador for Diaspora Relations, Mrs. Sandhya Murphy, in collaboration with Ms. Erica-Antoinette Castillo Slaton of Ignite Belize, secured a donation of paint from Global Paint for Charity Inc.

Global Paint for Charity Inc. is a US-based organization that collects and recycles leftover paint from local residences, professional offices, buildings, retail shops, hotels, hospitals, apartment complexes, and churches. The paint is then donated to non-profit groups and missionary groups for renovations at orphanages, schools, colleges, sport centers, homeless shelters, veterans' homes, and to property owners in need all around the world.

Ms. Erica Antoinette Castillo Slaton of Ignite Belize is a Belizean living in Atlanta and is an active member of the Belizean diaspora. Through her organization, which was established to invigorate the Belizean diaspora, she has created a project called "Painting A Brighter Future for Our Children". This project enabled the donation of 4500 gallons of recycled paint to Belize with a pledge to paint schools, government buildings, and homes. The goal of the project is to uplift communities and stimulate innovation through color.

The paint was officially handed over today by Mr. Rony Delgarde, CEO of Global Paint for Charity Inc. to Hon. Anthony Mahler, Minister of Tourism and Diaspora Relations. Also in attendance were Mrs. Nicole Solano, CEO in the Ministry of Tourism & Diaspora Relations, His Worship Mayor Robert Mariano of Dangriga, Mrs. Sandhya Murphy, Ambassador for Diaspora Relations, Mr. Evan Tillett, Director of Tourism, Belize Tourism Board, Erica Antoinette Castillo Slaton and other invited guests. The Diaspora Relations Unit will oversee the distribution of paint countrywide.

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