

CableVision honours Bermuda Cancer & Health Centre's most active volunteers

Bermuda CableVision today recognises Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre's most prolific volunteers. Renee Carter, Jan Fraser and Audrey Morbey were each honoured with a Bermuda Cablevision Community Service Award as part of the company's commitment to supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In honour of the endeavours of the winners, Bermuda Cablevision has made a donation of \$3,000 to Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre.



From left: Minister of Health, the Hon. Zane DeSilva, JP, MP; Tara Soares, Executive Director of Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre (who accepted the award on behalf of Audrey Morbey); Renee Carter, winner of Bermuda CableVision Community Service Award; Jan Fraser, winner of Bermuda CableVision Community Service Award; and Terry Roberson, General Manager, Bermuda CableVision.

Renee Carter and Jan Fraser were presented with their awards at a ceremony held at the Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute this morning. Audrey Morbey was unable to attend the ceremony to collect her award in person, but a charity representative accepted it on her behalf. The event was attended by Minister of Health, the Hon. Zane DeSilva, JP, MP; Bermuda CableVision's senior management team; Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre staff; along with the winners' families and friends.

Renee Carter, herself a breast cancer survivor until this summer when cancer returned, has organised an annual event for the past three years. As a result, Renee has raised over \$20,000 on behalf of Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre. This year's theme is, "Life after Cancer." The event has become a popular fixture on the Breast Cancer Awareness Month calendar, attracting 75-150 people each year to listen to inspiring survival stories, sip cocktails, take part in a raffle and silent auction, and to enjoy entertainment and refreshments throughout the evening. This year's event is taking place on Saturday night (October 15) at Gosling's Wine Cellar on Dundonald Street, 7-10pm. A minimum donation of \$25 is suggested for entry.

Inspired by her mother who beat breast cancer, Jan Fraser began supporting Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre four years ago. Having participated in several long-distance fundraising walks in the U.S., which were followed



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by survivors' ceremonies, Jan identified an opportunity to hold a similar uplifting event in Bermuda after the annual Breast Cancer Fun Walk. Jan, a professional speaker and trainer, coaches cancer survivors to speak at the event about their experiences and encourage regular breast screenings. The Survivors' Ceremony, which just took place last night in Barr's Park, typically attracts 50-75 survivors to the stage to celebrate life after cancer. Jan also works with local cancer care charity, P.A.L.S., and within the community to promote the message of the awareness campaign, "Finding the cure starts with prevention."

Audrey Morbey began volunteering for the Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre, along with two other local charities, when she retired. Over the last ten years, Audrey has been an instrumental committee member for the charity's annual tag day. Audrey is responsible for collecting money in St. George's and St. David's and has been successful in raising in the region of \$20,000 each year. Audrey is recognised by the charity for her ability to connect with people and she uses this strength to volunteer her time throughout the year for various Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre events.



Audrey Morbey, winner of Bermuda CableVision Community Service Award

Minister of Health, the Hon. Zane DeSilva, JP, MP, said: "Today's award winners are immeasurable assets to our community. Not only do they raise vital funds for the Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre in these challenging economic times, their efforts help to raise awareness of breast cancer and the importance of preventative care."

Terry Roberson, General Manager of Bermuda CableVision, comments: "These ladies stand as shining examples of Bermuda's unwavering community spirit. We wanted to recognise them for their year-after-year volunteer work for an important local cause and in doing so also bring the Breast Cancer Awareness Month campaign once more to the fore. Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre puts together an exciting programme of events each year, which Bermuda CableVision is only too happy to support."



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Deborah Titterton Narraway, PR/Marketing/Fundraising Coordinator, Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre, added: “October is a busy time for the charity as we focus our efforts on capitalising on the awareness month campaign. We quite simply couldn’t do it without the help of our volunteers, including many that have worked with us for a number of years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Renee, Jan and Audrey for their commitment to Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre and indeed all of our volunteers to who we attribute our successes.”

Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre has a fundraising goal of \$250,000 this month. All funds raised will go towards upgrading its cancer diagnostic equipment and patient support systems; thus increasing early cancer detection and decreasing the time between screening and diagnosis. Collection boxes for the campaign can be found in Bermuda CableVision’s Customer Care Centre in the Washington Mall or online donations can be made to Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre to the following bank account numbers: HSBC 006048482-011 (BMD) or Butterfield Bank 20006060372314200.

A committee reviews all nominations and selects a winner for the quarterly CableVision Community Service Award. The committee is comprised of CableVision employee Rollin Nathan; DeFontes radio host Shirley Dill; police media manager Dwayne Caines; and community activist Cromwell Shakir. Bermuda CableVision will present its next Community Service Award in January 2012. The company invites the public to nominate any individual residing in Bermuda who has shown outstanding community service through participation in a school, church or charity organisation, or through their own determination.

Nominations can be emailed to Rollin Nathan at rnathan@cablevision.bm, or mailed to the attention of Rollin Nathan, Bermuda CableVision, P.O. Box 1642, Hamilton, HM GX. For further information, visit www.cablevision.bm.