



Soccer for Haiti fundraiser provides relief following Quake

The scale of the tragedy in Haiti following the recent earthquake has been seen on television screens across the world, not least in The Bahamas, with our large Haitian population. Our country has been touched by the suffering a short distance over the sea and our soccer enthusiasts have been moved to help our neighbours through our shared love for the game.

Consequently, soccer fans and those just seeking a fun afternoon with the family whilst aiding a good cause turned out in droves on Sunday 31st of January for the Soccer for Haiti fundraiser at the Thomas A Robinson Stadium in Nassau. The event was organised and hosted by the Bahamas Football Association's Senior League member clubs and their junior teams.

Teams used to battling one another instead pulled together to provide sporting, musical and other entertainment for over 1500 spectators. In the first of two soccer matches, the Jamaican XI drew 1-1 with the Rest of the World XI. This was followed by The Bahamas XI versus the Haiti XI match, which ended 0-0 in normal time. Haiti then edged the Bahamas 5-4 in a thrilling penalty shootout.

Despite the loss for The Bahamas, everyone emerged a winner as the event generated a tidy sum for earthquake relief and rebuilding efforts in Haiti. Hearty congratulations are due to everyone involved as we managed to raise \$12,500 for the Bahamas Red Cross to send to our neighbours across the Caribbean.

Pictured during the check presentation are (left to right) Trevor McKenzie, United FC; Pierre Lafleur, Cavalier FC; Steve McClaren, Lyford Cay FC; Craig Lenihan, FC Nassau; Brendon Watson, Bahamas Red Cross; Anton Sealey, President BFA; Larry Minns, Insurance Management Bears FC; Vandyke Bethel, College of the Bahamas.

