

# News Release

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## **PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS AND ITS EMPLOYEES RAISE \$15,000 FOR BERMUDA'S PARALYMPIANS**

**February 2009, Bermuda** – Staff and Partners at PricewaterhouseCoopers donated \$15,000 to the Bermuda Paralympic Association. The money was raised through the Firm's Staff Donation Programme, contributions to which are matched by the Partners of PricewaterhouseCoopers, and will be used towards outstanding costs incurred by the Association on their trip to the 13th Paralympic Games in Beijing last year.

The Bermuda Paralympic Association (BPARAS) was able to send one equestrian and three future paralympian representatives to the Games in September 2008. The Paralympic Games present an elite competition of the highest standards for athletes with physical disabilities, focusing on the athlete and not on their disability.

"For youth with physical challenges, participation in sport goes far beyond the field of play. One of the goals of the Bermuda Paralympic Association is to introduce young Bermudian athletes to the opportunities and lifetime benefits of competitive sport. With proper coaching and development, the abilities of these athletes will be the focus of their personal identity as they become role models for all Bermudians," said Paul Sullivan, BPARAS President.

Members of BPARAS enjoyed lunch at PricewaterhouseCoopers' Church St. offices at noon on 26 February 2009 and the donation was presented to them by representatives of the Staff Donation Programme and by Richard Patching, Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers Bermuda. The Paralympic athletes shared some of their experiences in Beijing and their hopes for the 14th Paralympic Games in London in 2012 with the audience.

Mr. Patching said, "I am very pleased to be able to present this gift on behalf of members of staff and partners of PricewaterhouseCoopers to the Bermuda Paralympic Association. One cannot fail to be inspired by the strength of spirit and accomplishments of these young people, and we are delighted to have been able to contribute to their Beijing trip".

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