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PwC Bermuda commits \$100,000 to support community response to COVID-19

- **Firm donates laptops to public school teachers and students to support digital learning; and 500 masks for frontline workers**

Hamilton, Bermuda – As Bermuda comes to terms with COVID-19, the more vulnerable in our community are at greatest risk. We believe businesses like ourselves have a critical role to play in filling the gaps and addressing urgent needs by leveraging our people, resources and expertise.

As a firm, we have taken several actions to help support our country in this difficult time and do our part to lessen the economic fallout from the impact of COVID-19. These actions are focused on helping nonprofits and the public sector serve the immediate needs of our most vulnerable people, including food, housing and other essential needs.

Our support is focused in the following areas through collaboration with local organisations:

- **Emergency response:** A donation of \$50,000 made to the Bermuda Emergency Fund for COVID-19, administered by the [Bermuda Community Foundation](#).
- **Targeted short to medium-term response:** A further \$50,000 has been committed to the Bermuda Community Foundation and other third sector stakeholders specifically in respect of the COVID-19 response. We have offered our resources, crisis management and other expertise to support the Coordinated Crisis Response Effort (CCRE) executive team.
- **Homeless:** PwC is offering resources and skills to support the Government in coordinating efforts to aid the homeless community. This is in addition to ongoing staff-led fundraising and homeless initiatives.
- **Education:** As part of an initial commitment, up to 80 laptops are being donated to the Ministry of Education for use by Bermuda public school students and teachers for remote online learning.



- **National Security:** 500 protective masks donated by PwC have been delivered to the Ministry of National Security to support the protection of frontline workers.

Arthur Wightman, PwC Bermuda leader, said: “The toll from the COVID-19 pandemic on people and communities is unprecedented. Compassion from business leaders combined with a long-term perspective might make all the difference in how we manage and move forward from this global crisis.”

Scott Watson-Brown, partner and leader of PwC’s community engagement initiatives, said: “In these difficult times it’s important to put people first by protecting the vulnerable, jobs and livelihoods. We want to reassure our community and our employees that we stand by them in fulfilling our purpose to build trust in society and solve important problems.”

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