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PricewaterhouseCoopers staff help Outward Bound Bermuda prepare for their summer programs

June, Bermuda – Over 50 PricewaterhouseCoopers employees spent the day volunteering with Outward Bound Bermuda on Paget Island on Thursday, June 17, 2010. This was part of their *In the community* program which is dedicated to assisting community organisations who support people in need.

Outward Bound Bermuda (OBB) is a character development program designed to challenge young people to try things they may have never thought they could do, in a safe and supportive environment, in order to build life skills such as teamwork, leadership, self-knowledge, courage, self-reliance. Their programs are run on Paget Island in St. George's, where they have purpose-built facilities.

OBB runs five-day residential courses for local students during the months of July and August. Students participate in a variety of activities including rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, orienteering, high and low elements on the ropes course, and a number of problem solving, communication, and team building challenges

Partners and staff of PricewaterhouseCoopers spent the day on Paget Island helping the charity prepare for their summer programs. Projects included painting buildings, cutting back hedges around the ropes course, clearing trails around the island and even building a new canoe rack.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers *In the community* program organises a number of corporate volunteer days throughout the year in order to give all its employees the opportunity to participate in hands-on volunteering within the community.

Mark Norman, Outward Bound's program coordinator, said, "I would like to thank the staff of PricewaterhouseCoopers for choosing us for their community volunteer day. It was unbelievable to see 50 people all working for the benefit of Outward Bound Bermuda – it's the first time in my three decades of involvement with the program. With only two full time staff at OBB we pretty much completed 25 days of work in one day!"

PricewaterhouseCoopers Territory Senior Partner, Darren Johnston said, "Our *In the Community* program is an integral part of our corporate responsibility program, which also includes financial contributions, including staff donations, charity event sponsorship, and not-for-profit audits. Volunteering at Outward Bound is just one small way that we can give back to the community in which our firm operates."

"Our volunteers had a great day on Paget Island. I know it was hard work in hot weather, but it was rewarding and fun. Our people came away feeling that they had accomplished something and we were happy to be able to assist Outward Bound get ready for their summer programs."

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