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**PRESS RELEASE**

**EDWARD GARTLAND YOUTH CENTRE FUNDRAISER  
'AN EXCLUSIVE EVENING OF ART' A HUGE SUCCESS**

On February 2, 2018, the Edward Gartland Youth Centre in collaboration with The Shore Club, Gilley's Enterprises, Turks and Caicos Sotheby's International Realty and Finishing Touch, hosted 'An Exclusive Evening of Art'. The event was hailed a huge success by organizers and those attending the event.

The fourth annual event was hosted in the ballroom at the exclusive Shore Club Resort and featured a collection of art work from local and international artists with a special section for artwork by local children. The evening was an all-inclusive event which included a welcome drink cocktail, canapes, open bar, live entertainment by Sir Clarke and a live and silent auction.

Over twenty different local and international artists had their work exhibited in the show which included a wide range of different mediums of art from acrylic and oil paintings, photography, portraits, ceramics, digital art, jewelry and the newest up and coming technique of pen art.

Turks and Caicos native, Bradley Theodore who has garnered international recognition in the art world with timeless iconic paintings was the featured international artist at the event and was welcomed back for a second year to showcase his work and help raise funds for the youth centre. He was able to also showcase the works of three other named artists, Kira Lee, Lucas Moran and Sean Sullivan during the event giving a further depth and diversity of the artistic mediums available for purchase.

The silent auction proved to be very popular as did the live auction with auctioneers David Bowen and Rachel Taylor keeping the bidders entertained and involved as they auctioned off donated artwork and amazing stays at award winning resorts such as Beach Enclave, Grace Bay Club and the Shore Club.

The evening did not end there! Guests were moved from the fabulous ballroom and into the beautiful courtyard where DJ Dayoh kept the party going and attendees were able to continue enjoying the evening.

Galmo Williams, Founding Member of the Edward Gartland Youth Centre states: "Roxann does a great job guiding our ship and she and her team, along with the many volunteers and sponsors, did another amazing job in this our fourth annual event, which was the best one yet".



Director, Roxann Wake-Forbes, commented “we were so grateful to see the amazing support from the community and the art that was displayed was so diverse that we really felt that we had something there for everyone’s taste. An exquisite venue, great food, beautiful art and wonderful people, the event was definitely one to remember!”

Joe Zahm, President of Turks & Caicos Sotheby’s International added: “It was inspiring to see many people give so much to the event, so soon after the colossal efforts related to Hurricane Irma recovery, which is further evidence of the giving nature of the Turks & Caicos community, and it was especially appropriate to celebrate Founding Member Gilley Willams’ birthday at the event!”.

Karen Whitt, Hartling Group Vice-President Sales, Marketing, Brand Development: “We were so happy to host and to provide the ballroom for this wonderful event. The turnout was amazing, as was the event itself and the after party”.

The Edward Gartland Youth Centre would like to thank all of their sponsors, supporters and the community who came out to support the event and help raise funds for the centre.

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### **About the Edward C. Gartland Youth Centre**

The Edward C. Gartland Youth Centre is a non-government, non-profit facility that aspires to “Empower the Spirit of Youth”. It opened its doors in November 2008 and caters to youth between 11 and 18 years of age and offers a wide range of free extra-



curricular activities. The centre's focus is on empowering young people with skills, information and confidence in a safe and inspiring environment.

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Attached: Photos from the event – Photo Credits to Spotlight Communications\*\*\*