



News Release

## **Resilience Cayman partners with Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd (CUC) to implement the Cayman Home Energy Retrofit Program (CHEER)**

**Grand Cayman, 6 September 2023** – Resilience Cayman proudly announces its partnership with the Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd (CUC) for the implementation of the Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency’s Cayman Home Energy Retrofit (CHEER) Programme.

Launched in July 2023, the CHEER Programme is being delivered through a contract with Resilience Cayman. The CHEER Programme provides energy-saving retrofits for lower-income families residing in smaller homes with a specific focus on prioritizing the elderly, families with children, and individuals with diagnosed health conditions.

CUC will offer 28 home energy monitors and conduct comprehensive energy audits for selected homes to identify necessary energy improvements. These audits will provide individualised insights into homeowners' energy usage patterns, accompanied by customised recommendations for enhancements. Furthermore, as an integral part of the program, CUC will equip eligible homes with state-of-the-art electronic monitors, enabling seamless tracking of energy consumption. These audits are the beginning of a service offering CUC hopes to launch soon.

Resilience Cayman Chairperson Jan Gupta said: “With the escalating cost of living, and the prohibitive cost of energy upgrades such as energy efficient ACs, the families that could benefit the most from better insulation and new ACs are the ones with the lowest financial means to do so on their own. This is where the CHEER programme comes in. Once we were selected by the Ministry of Sustainability and Climate Resiliency to deliver the programme, we reached out to CUC whom we have worked with previously for other community initiatives. I am grateful for CUC’s support as they have offered to provide complimentary energy audits and energy monitors for this programme. CUC will assist us in identifying the sources of energy wastage in homes, and we can then work with our suppliers and contractors to replace or repair these appliances. CUC will also assist us to monitor the improvement in energy consumption for the months following the energy upgrades and we will be able to capture and share the impact of the CHEER programme with the Ministry.”

Sacha Tibbetts, Vice President Customer Services & Technology: “CUC is fully supportive of the CHEER programme and its efforts to raise awareness for energy monitoring and efficiency. Our Company piloted an energy audit programme and has seen how it can improve the lives of our customers and provide them with the tools to manage their energy consumption and lower

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their energy bills. The Company continues to be a supporter of energy saving tactics and we are committed to finding solutions to lower energy costs and consumption for all of our customers.”

The efforts demonstrated by Resilience Cayman and CUC embody their shared commitment to community well-being and environmental stewardship. Through this joint effort, the programme seeks to address the dual challenges of escalating energy costs and environmental concerns by promoting energy efficiency practices among Caymanian households and the installation of the energy monitors is underway.

For further information about the program and access to the application page, kindly visit:  
[www.resilience.ky/energy](http://www.resilience.ky/energy).

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