

### **An exceptional event: Hollywood Stars Discover Beautiful Neighbours by Beachcomber**

This August 12th, Trou aux Biches Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa was at the heart of an exceptional event. Prestigious guests joined Beautiful Neighbours, a monthly ritual, as we call it, between the children of the community and those of the Kids Club. A plethora of Hollywood stars - Anne Hathaway, Matthew McConaughey, Djimon Hounsou and Jason Clark – who were residing at Trou aux Biches Beachcomber for the shooting of Serenity, participated in the ritual. Young and old loved it!

« The clients were flabbergasted when the stars showed up at the Kids Club! », recalls Fatima Chuttoo, Executive Assistant Manager of the hotel.

For Queensly Periatamby, Rooms Division Manager, « The actors were extremely pleased with the Art of Beautiful during their stay at Trou aux Biches Beachcomber. They were particularly impressed with the discretion of the artisans. »

In recognition of the welcome they received, Anne Hathaway, Matthew McConaughey, Djimon Hounsou, Jason Clarke, the director of the movie Steven Knight and the producer Guy Heeley, kindly accepted to participate in this ritual with their own children – a ritual whose sole aim is to bring together children of the community and the children of the Kids Club in a spirit of sharing and friendship.

On the morning of August 12th, about fifteen children of Cité Mère Teresa had the opportunity to bond with children of the Kids Club and the children of the celebrities.

The entertainment crew of Trou aux Biches put together fun activities for them: Face Painting, balloon release, babyfoot for the older ones and a show which delighted the young guests. After a delicious lunch, skilfully prepared by the brigades of Trou aux Biches, the children leapt into an autographs and selfies spree!

« The actors played the game! They signed the painting booklets. Parents and their children immortalized the moment by posing next to the stars!, » says Fatima Chuttoo.

Magical !

For Queensly, « The actors were deeply touched by the kindness of Mauritians. They were pleasantly surprised to discover, through this ritual, how the hotel and Beachcomber were committed to the community »

To top it off, the actors' children distributed gifts. Children and parents went home starry-eyed !

Part of the shooting of Serenity was also hosted at Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury. The release of this upcoming blockbuster is scheduled for next year !

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About Beachcomber

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is the pioneer and leader of the Mauritian tourism industry. Since the creation of Park Hotel in 1952, a collection of 11 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical Royal Palm Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

Beachcomber has exported the tradition of Mauritian hospitality beyond the shores of the island, with the launching of Sainte Anne Resort & Spa in Seychelles, in 2002.

The Group is presently expanding its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera Resort & Spa, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.

The collection of 10 resorts affords a choice of accommodation options ranging from rooms and apartments to suites and villas. Each hotel is imbued with a particular history and cachet, embodying an image of discrete luxury.

*Social responsibility – Fondation Espoir Développement (FED), by Beachcomber*

Set up and financed by Beachcomber since 1999, with the participation of hotels and employees, this foundation takes care of these main projects:

- Projet Employabilité Jeunes (PEJ): professional insertion of school drop-outs through a training programme and industrial attachments.
- Collaboration with NGOs, schools and associations
- Regional projects – youth mentoring: the “Amour et Espoir” NGO; IT initiation; youth monitoring via the “Duke of Edinburgh International Award” programme, participation of regional sports clubs in the organisation of the Beachcomber UTRB Trail 2015

*Social responsibility – Local Hands*

Programme launched in 2006 to support small local artisans by providing them with training and guidance as they embark upon the process of creation, production, marketing and sales.

*Sustainable development – our environmental actions – EarthCheck label*

Sustainable development and environmental protection constitute real considerations within the Group, which has set up, amongst other initiatives, practices that ensure energy savings and favour renewable energy sources. These initiatives in favour of sustainable development have been recognised and rewarded, with two of our hotels recently obtaining the EarthCheck Benchmarked Bronze accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.