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## Ayiti Community Trust Welcomes New Leadership in 2024

Miami, FL – January 2024 – Ayiti Community Trust (ACT), the leading transnational community foundation dedicated to sustainable development in Ayiti (Haiti), announces a new era of leadership with **Dr. Alyssa Jean as the Executive Director**.

Dr. Jean holds a doctoral degree from Nova Southeastern University in educational leadership and administration. She has an outstanding record of service and leadership in the nonprofit sector, including extensive experience with and a deep commitment to the Haitian community.

*"We are thrilled to have such a powerful leader at the helm of our operations as we enter this new chapter,"* said Ghislain Gouraige, Jr, Chair of ACT. The organization's mission is to empower rural communities by funding agricultural, infrastructure, and entrepreneurial projects promoting quality-of-life enhancements and sustainable pathways to economic self-sufficiency.

Joining Dr. Jean in advancing ACT's long-term strategic goals is **Dr. Carole Berotte Joseph, who assumes the role of Vice Chair of the Board**. Dr. Joseph is a trailblazing former educator who holds the distinction of being the first Haitian-born United States college president and the first woman to lead Massachusetts Bay Community College. A native of Port-au-Prince, she brings expertise in community development and advocacy to the launch of ACT's endowment campaign, designed to ensure long-term funding for its goals in Ayiti.

Gouraige also announced that **Mr. James Cadet will take on the critical role of Finance Chair**. Mr. Cadet is a seasoned professional in the financial services industry, currently Market Executive and Director at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management.

"With his robust background in finance, retirement planning, and governance, Mr. Cadet is uniquely equipped to ensure ACT's financial integrity and accountability as we expand our initiatives and partnerships and build our endowment," Gouraige said.

***"With these extraordinary leaders, we are poised to embark on an exciting journey, empowered to make a lasting impact and build a sustainable future for Ayiti,"*** added Dr. Guerda Nicolas, President of Ayiti Community Trust

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### **About Ayiti Community Trust**

Ayiti Community Trust is a transnational community foundation dedicated to fostering sustainable community-driven development in Ayiti. Its mission is to support initiatives that promote self-sufficiency, civic education, and economic development in Haitian rural communities.

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