

“Brother Sonny” celebrates 100 years on African Emancipation Day



Minister Cox hands over a cake to Brother Sonny in celebration of his 100th Birthday on Emancipation Day

Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, Minister of Social Development and Family Services took the opportunity to welcome the country’s newest centenarian on African Emancipation Day, last August 01. Minister Cox joined in the birthday celebrations of Mr Samuel Nero, fondly called “Brother Sonny” who turned 100 years on August 1st.

Scores of family, friends, and well-wishers gathered for the celebration which was held at his Barataria home, which also housed

his business, Unity Furniture. True to his faith, the devout Christian and man of God celebrated the milestone with a Prayer and Thanksgiving Service, further crediting his longevity to going to church. During her brief remarks, Minister Cox expressed her gratitude to the family for their dedication to the care of their older relative, emphasising that this contributed to his longevity.

Minister Cox then presented Mr. Nero with his Certificate of Honour and Achievement, a birthday

cake and two hampers from sponsors the Kiss Baking Company Ltd., National Flour Mills and Vemco. The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services was proud to honour Ms. Nero and encourage persons to register for the National Centenarian Programme (NCP). To register, please visit the Ministry’s website at www.social.gov.tt to complete the online form. For more information, persons may contact the Division of Ageing at 623 – 2608; Ext 2001 to 2009, or 800-OPIC(6742).

Family Services attend training session on Child Protection Information Management System



Officers from the National Family Services Division at the training session

Several officers of the National Family Services Division of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services attended a training session on the CPIMS+ (Child Protection Information Management System) hosted by the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago the 25th of July, 2024.

The officers were very elated to obtain additional knowledge and skills to further enhance their abilities to deal with sensitive matters of the National Family Services Division.



Mrs. Monique Changa-Forde (Left) and Mr. Gabre-Jesu Mc Tair (Right), were appointed to serve as government representatives to the Board of the Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association (TTBWA) by Minister Donna Cox (Center) on July 23rd, 2024. They joined four other government appointees who were appointed on April 19, 2024 to serve on the Board.

Social Development participates in a two-day Community Enhancement Drive in Manzanilla



Staff interacting with citizens on the second day of the Community Enhancement Drive

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services’ participated in the two-day Community Enhancement Drive host-

ed by the Manzanilla SDA Church in Manzanilla. Several persons were in attendance, and eagerly engaged Officials of the So-

cial Welfare Division, the National Social Development Programme (NSDP), the Sowing Empowerment through Entrepreneurial

Development (SEED) Unit, the HIV/AIDS Coordinating Unit, the Disability Affairs Unit, the Division of Ageing and the Citizens Engage-

ment Unit who were present, to share information about the Ministry’s grants, services and programmes available to the public.

National Centenarian Programme continues

Mr. Fitz Brown:
Age - 100

Ms. Lucille Christian:
Age - 100