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Vulnerable Families to receive Food Support for Christmas

Port of Spain---A total of 8,200 households began to receive food support from the Government of Trinidad and Tobago via the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services from today, December 11, 2020. Earlier today, some Members of Parliament were presented with their quota of two hundred (200) cards each, for distribution, by Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator, The Honourable Donna Cox, at her Office on St Vincent Street, Port of Spain.

As is customary, cards will be distributed to deserving households via the forty-one (41) Members of Parliament, in an effort to ensure that vulnerable families who are experiencing hardship and are unable to fully provide for the nutritional needs of their respective families, are provided with the necessary support.

According to the Minister, “This exercise is in keeping with the spirit of caring and giving that the season of Christmas represents, and also given the socioeconomic challenges posed by COVID-19 restrictions. The Minister also indicated that the food support cards are valued at **Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$550.00)**.

Recipients are reminded that the cards are redeemable only at merchants approved under the Food Support Programme of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services. All recipients will be contacted by their respective MP Offices with information on distribution dates and times. These cards will be valid until January 31st, 2021.

Members of Parliament are responsible for distributing the Christmas Food cards to those in need within their communities. It is the Ministry’s hope that this support will bring some cheer to the families. The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services is pleased to be able to provide this support to those most in need as it continues to meet its mandate of helping, empowering, and transforming lives.



Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox presents the Honourable Terrence Deyalsingh, Member of Parliament for St. Joseph with a batch of Christmas Food Support Cards to be distributed to vulnerable families.



Minister Cox presents Ms. Vandana Mohit, Member of Parliament for Chaguanas East with a batch of Christmas Food Support Cards at the Ministry's Head office today.



Minister Cox also presents the Honourable Foster Cummings, MP for La Horquetta/Talparo, with his quota of Christmas Food Support Cards to be distributed to vulnerable families in his constituency.

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