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Ministry of Social Development and Family Services



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Social Development lauds Janouras' Act of Goodwill for Persons with Disabilities!

Port of Spain--- As part of the Ministry's ongoing thrust to strengthen its relationships with private entities, the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services graciously accepted the opportunity to be involved in a wheelchair donation initiative of one hundred and twenty(120) wheelchairs from Janouras Custom Design Ltd. The initiative was lauded by Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, Minister of Social Development and Family Services, as persons with disabilities form part of the core clientele of the Ministry. This act of goodwill and generosity took place at their Head Office in Sackville St, Port of Spain, earlier today, Sunday May 8th, 2022.

Minister Cox congratulated the Janouras Custom Design Ltd for the commendable work it has been doing for the community of persons with disabilities. According to Minister Cox, "Today's event is evidence of the value of public-private partnership in providing much-needed support to the vulnerable in Trinidad and Tobago. This donation is a significant contribution towards the realization of the necessity to ensure that accessibility for all persons with disabilities becomes a reality."

The Minister further stated that it is noteworthy that public-private partnerships such as these, enable improved accessibility to basic facilities, and social services, as well as providing equal opportunities for an enhanced quality of life. She also took the opportunity to encourage other entities to consider embracing a culture of philanthropy, as has been astutely demonstrated this morning by Janouras.

In closing, Minister Cox reassured the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services' commitment to developing and maintaining partnerships in an effort to ensure that the most vulnerable are supported in their most critical time of need and certainly attempt to leave no one behind.

In the past few years, Janouras Custom Design Ltd has donated over five hundred (500) wheelchairs to various individuals in need. "God keeps me going, whatever I put my mind to, I get it done successfully. I thank God and I thank my friends and family for being supportive" said Mrs

Hannah Janoura as she concluded today's ceremony.

Also in attendance were Ministers including the Honourable Terrence Deyalsingh, Minister of Health and the Honourable Faris Al Rawi, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, and Speaker of the House, Bridgid Annisette-George.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services once again commends Janouras Custom Design Ltd on their benevolence, in an effort to ensure that the most vulnerable are supported in their most critical time of need.

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Minister Cox delivers remarks at the wheelchair distribution, hosted by Janouras Custom Design Ltd



Minister Cox and Mrs Hannah Janoura, owner of Janouras Customs Design Ltd



Minister Cox greets one of the wheelchair recipients from Tobago, Reshma Singh-Baptiste



Minister Cox greets one of the wheelchair recipients, Kadeon Gittens alongside his mother, Sylvia Gittens



Minister Cox wishes a happy birthday to one of the wheelchair recipients, Carl Matthews