

Ministry of Social Development and Family Services



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Members of Parliament receive 200 Christmas Food Cards

Port of Spain---A total of 8200 food support cards were distributed to Members of Parliament, as the Ministry seeks 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. The Christmas Food Card Distribution is an annual activity undertaken by the Ministry, in keeping with the spirit of caring and giving that the season of Christmas represents.

Members of Parliament were given approximately two hundred (200) cards each, for distribution, by Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, at the Ministry's Head Office on St Vincent Street, Port of Spain. 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 food support cards are valued \$550.00. Persons 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. Persons should also note that these cards will be valid until January 31st, 2023.

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

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Minister Cox presents 200 Christmas food cards to Member of Parliament for D'abadie O'meara, Lisa Morris-Julian



Minister Cox presents 200 Christmas food cards to Member of Parliament for Chaguanas East, Vandana Mohit



Minister Cox presents 200 Christmas food cards to Member of Parliament for Lopinot /Bon Air West Marvin Gonzales



Minister Cox presents 200 Christmas food cards to Member of Parliament for Cumuto/Manzanilla , Dr Rai Ragbir



Minister Cox presents 200 Christmas food cards to Member of Parliament for St Joseph, Terrence Deyalsingh