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Minister Cox receives Hampers from Silverspoon Foundation for distribution to vulnerable families

In support of the many individuals and families who are experiencing various levels of hardship during the Christmas season, Senator The Honourable Donna Cox, Minister of Social Development and Family Services, received a total of one hundred (100) hampers from the Silverspoon Foundation. Fifty (50) of the hampers included food items and the other fifty (50) hampers included feminine care products. The Minister received this generous donation earlier today, December 19, at the Ministry's Head Office on St. Vincent Street, Port-of-Spain from the Director of Silverspoon Foundation, Wazir Ali and Coordinator, Lisa Ramlogan-Ali. Joining her to receive the hampers was Permanent Secretary of the MSDFS, Sheila Seecharan.

Aimed at developing strong, healthy and productive individuals in society, Silverspoon Foundation functions as a support organization for positive change. The NGO teaches courses on social issues and health issues, and provides psychosocial support and counselling to families in need.

In her brief remarks of appreciation, Minister Cox indicated that she was pleased by the noble gesture of the Silverspoon Foundation. She indicated that the hampers will be given to vulnerable families who are unable to fully provide for the nutritional needs of their respective families. She also noted that this gesture aligns with the Ministry's mandate of ensuring that no one is left behind.

Director, Mr. Ali stated that the organization's greatest joy is knowing that underprivileged persons will have food in their home on Christmas Day. "Every year, the Silverspoon Foundation provides support to families but this is the first year that we're doing it on a large scale. We are extremely happy to assist families during this time, as this is something that we always wanted to do" said Mr. Ali.

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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Director of Silverspoon Foundation, Wazir Ali presents one of the food hampers to Minister Cox



Director of Silverspoon Foundation, Wazir Ali shows Minister Cox the various items in the feminine care package



(l-r) Coordinator of the Silverspoon Foundation, Lisa Ramlogan-Ali; Permanent Secretary Sheila Seecharan, Minister Cox, Director of Silverspoon Foundation, Wazir Ali and Shelley-Ann Hart, Programme Development Specialist of the National Family Services Division