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“Pablo” celebrates 100th birthday

“100 Not Out” was the theme for the 100th birthday celebration of new centenarian Lloyd Paul. Fondly called “Pablo”, Mr. Paul celebrated his 100th birthday today, December 10, 2023. To mark the occasion his family hosted a thanksgiving service at the St. Margaret’s Anglican Parish Hall in Belmont. Joining the celebration was Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox who asked the centenarian what is the secret to his longevity. According to the father of eight, grandfather of twelve and great-grandfather of eight, the secret is quality time with his family, praying and remaining stress-free.

Delivering brief remarks, Minister Cox told those gathered that the Ministry has approximately one hundred persons listed under its centenarian database. She further thanked sponsors including the Kiss Baking Company, E Style Cash and Cary and NAMDEVCO for partnering with the Ministry to honour the nation’s centenarians. She further added that the Ministry of Health is also a key partner of the Ministry’s National Centenarian Programme and as such Mr. Paul will receive a health check-in from representatives of the Regional Health Authority in his area.

Following her brief remarks, Minister Cox then presented Mr. Paul with his Certificate of Honour and Achievement, a hamper and his 100th birthday cake. Minister Cox then thanked Mr. Paul, a former Senior Clerk at the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for his service to the public and by extension Trinidad and Tobago. Also in attendance was the Member of Parliament for Laventille East/Morvant, Minister in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, the Honourable Adrian Leonce, Junior St. Hillaire Councillor for Morvant and representatives from the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Paul is the fourth person to be celebrated in the 2023 installment of the National Centenarian Programme. Ms. Jane St. Louis celebrated her 100th birthday on January 1, 2023. Ora Hillaire marked her centenary on January 2, 2023 and Epiphany Plaza celebrated her 101st birthday on January 6, 2023.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services encourages persons to join us as we recognise and salute our nation’s centenarians for recognition under the National Centenarian Programme. Persons may visit the Ministry’s website at www.social.gov.tt for more information or contact the Division of Ageing at 623 – 2608; Ext 2001 to 2009 or 800-OPIC (6742).



Minister Cox is joined by Minister Leonce to wish Pablo a happy 100th birthday.



He loves fruits - Mr Paul excitedly examines the hamper presented to him by Minister Cox.



Minister Cox, invitees, loved ones and relatives join Mr Paul for a group photo following the celebration.

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