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Community joins celebration of Beetham centenarian Lincoln Braithwaite

“Thanks for all you are doing for me. It is a service, and I am grateful for all you are doing in service for me” said new centenarian Lincoln Braithwaite who marked his centenary on Tuesday 9th January, 2024. When guests arrived, Mr. Braithwaite was clearing his “breakfast wares” to ensure his home was “more invitable” as he was unable to complete this activity since he was busy entertaining various persons who visited his home to congratulate him on achieving the milestone.

Minister of Social Development and Family Services Senator the Honourable Donna Cox visited the new centenarian who was also the first honoree under the National Centenarian Programme for 2024. Minister Cox was astonished by his youthful and vibrant appearance noting that he embodied vitality. Mr. Braithwaite assured the Minister that he was 100, stating “I born 1924, the ninth of January. I can show you my birth paper and then you will believe me. They are here, but they are put away, very safely.”

Minister Cox also asked Mr Braithwaite how he felt about achieving the remarkable milestone. In his response, Mr Braithwaite indicated that he has no secret, however personal contentment, his unwavering faith in God as a devout Catholic, and the enduring support of the community have attributed to his longevity.

His passion for clocks and watches was quite evident as Mr. Braithwaite showed the Minister two clocks that he received recently that required repairs. He also told the Minister that he had repaired many clocks to perfection, including those sent by the Cathedral and the Housing Development Corporation. He also had some advice for the youths of today. “Stick to a constructive decision. Always plan to make yourself better than you were. You might not be perfect at it, but don’t take people's money and not do it properly.”

Minister Cox then presented Mr. Braithwaite with his Certificate of Honour and Achievement where he noted that he never received a certificate before this. The Minister also presented Mr Braithwaite with his centenarian medal and a hamper sponsored by NAMDEVCO. The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services encourages persons to register for the 2024 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-OPIIC (6742).

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Minister Cox and new centenarian Lincoln Brathwaite.



Mr. Brathwaite happily displays his Certificate of Honour and Achievement received from Minister Cox.



Mr. Brathwaite is eager to receive his centenarian medal from Minister Cox.



Minister Cox is joined by some members of the community to celebrate Mr. Brathwaite's 100th birthday.