



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**Ministry of Social Development and Family Services**



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### **Social Development Ministry hosts “Blessing of Crèche” Event for Staff**

To signal the start of the Christmas season, the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services hosted its first “Blessing of Crèche” event dedicated to fostering a sense of unity and joy among staff members during this festive season. The event occurred at 10:30 AM today, Friday 15th December 2023 at the Ministry’s Head Office in Port of Spain.

Briefly addressing the gathering, Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox urged staff to remember the reason for the season. “Let us think about the life of Jesus Christ and what it means and who He is to us and the mere fact that we are supposed to share love, and also remember that this is what we are supposed to be doing at this time. We know that we are in a challenging Ministry, a people Ministry. Therefore, let us continue to serve our clients to the best of our ability. Let this be our resolve for 2024. To serve people with our best, and of course, with God’s help” said the Minister.

Referencing Matthew 1:18-25, Mr. Selwyn Clarke, Director of the Citizens Engagement and Outreach Unit and Pastor led staff into blessing the beautifully crafted Nativity Scene on display. Mr. Clarke also led scores of staff in attendance in singing some traditional Christmas classics which included “Joy to the World”, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” and “Silent Night.”

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*Minister Cox joins Mr Selwyn Clarke for the Blessing of the Crèche on display at the Ministry's Head Office in Port of Spain.*



*Staff of the Ministry join in singing traditional Christmas classics.*