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Minister Cox lauds Janouras Custom Design Ltd for Act of Kindness at Wheelchair Distribution ceremony

Port of Spain – Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox has commended Hannah Janoura, the stalwart behind Janouras Custom Design Ltd, for her recent act of kindness in donating two hundred (200) wheelchairs to individuals with disabilities. Minister Cox expressed her appreciation during a Wheelchair Distribution ceremony held earlier today, Sunday 14th April 2024, at the organisation's Head Office on Sackville Street, Port of Spain. Janouras Custom Design Ltd has distributed approximately one thousand (1000) wheelchairs to deserving individuals, greatly enhancing their mobility and independence.

Delivering brief remarks, Minister Cox conveyed that the event not only exemplifies the spirit of generosity but also highlights the importance of public-private partnerships in providing essential support to the vulnerable in Trinidad and Tobago. She also reaffirmed the Ministry's dedication to delivering effective social services for persons with disabilities. According to the Minister, *“in keeping with the United Nations’ Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the government has an obligation to ensure the active participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society.”*

Minister Cox also underscored the Ministry’s progress with the draft legislation for Persons with Disabilities, noting that it is advancing steadily towards completion for submission to Parliament with the overall aim of enhancing the quality of life of persons with disabilities.

Minister of Rural Development and Local Government and Member of Parliament for San Fernando West, the Honourable Faris Al-Rawi also addressed the audience. Former Minister Joan Yuille-Williams, Epidemiologist Dr Avery Hinds, Miss Universe 1998 Wendy Fitzwilliam, designer Meiling and Jerome “Rome” Precilla were also in attendance.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services once again commends Janouras Custom Design Ltd on their benevolence, in an effort to ensure that the most vulnerable are supported in their most critical time of need.

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Minister Cox brings greetings at the Wheelchair Distribution hosted by Janouras Custom Design Ltd on Sunday 14th April 2024 in Port of Spain.



Minister Cox and Ms Hannah Janoura greet recipients at the Wheelchair Distribution ceremony on Sunday 14th April 2024.



Minister Cox warmly greets Ms. Nagena Khan, one of the wheelchair recipients at the distribution ceremony organized by Janouras Custom Design Ltd.



Minister Cox listens to a recipient of a wheelchair at the distribution ceremony organized by Janouras Custom Design Ltd.



Minister Cox hears the concerns of a recipient of a wheelchair at the distribution ceremony hosted by Janouras Custom Design Ltd on Sunday 14th April 2024.