



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE CONNECT88 FOUNDATION**

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services assures the public that it is in no way affiliated with, nor does it endorse, the organization known as the Connect88 Foundation. Recent reports have suggested a link between the Ministry and this entity, which claims to be able to provide social services to citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. The Ministry seeks to correct these inaccuracies and clarifies that social services can only be legitimately offered through offices of the Ministry located across the country. It should also be noted that members of the public are not required to pay for services offered by this Ministry.

The Ministry maintains a strict policy of transparency, and any partnerships or collaborations are officially communicated through appropriate channels. At this time, there is no formal connection or association between the Ministry and the Connect88 Foundation. Any claims to the contrary are false.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services is committed to upholding its mandate with integrity and accountability and will continue to serve the public through legitimate means as we work towards helping, empowering and transforming the lives of citizens.

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