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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Amazing Gift-Health Minister Lauds Family for Donating Building For Health-Care

Describing the donation of a two-storey building to operate as a health centre as an amazing gift, Minister of Health, Dr. Christopher Tufton has lauded the benevolence of Eric and Dr. Hyacinth Hue. The building, donated by the couple is equipped with medical equipment, electronics and furniture and is valued at more than $40 million.

Named the Eric & Dr. Hyacinth Hue Health Centre, the building includes eight rooms and five bathrooms and was handed over on Friday, February 23. It will serve the community of Tweedside and its surrounding areas in Clarendon and provides easier access for residents who had to travel 13 km or more to access health-care.

Minister Tufton in underscoring the gratitude of the Government, noted that: "This is a fabulous building...the average health centre is nowhere as elaborate as this one. This is a family that has committed their lives to making others better off. They have never lost sight based on the narrative on where they're coming from and how their legacy should be determined because indeed our legacy is really our doing. They have chosen a particular path that many others have benefitted from and we are happy that part of their legacy is a contribution to public health."

The Health Minister pointed out that the donation by the Hue family represents the partnerships that the Government and in particular health needs. He noted that: "last year we had just about 200 missions, some local and some from abroad through the Diaspora. These would have been clinics, donations of equipment, cash and kind. Those 200 missions represent somewhere in the region of five percent of the value of public health and last year's budget was about $63 billion. Five percent of that came through volunteerism and gifts and support."

Minister Tufton added that the Government salutes these important partnerships and support adding that "the reality is we would never have

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enough to do what is required and indeed the growing and global trend around public health is to seek out and forge partnerships in order to satisfy the increasing challenges of public health."

Eric and Dr. Hyacinth Hue who are now serving as missionaries have been giving back to Jamaica for many years. Dr. Hue noted that the building was built in 2002 to enhance social services for the community, as part of her family's vision is supporting the health and educational needs of the community. The building was being utilized as a school and postal agency and will continue to offer those services at the building.

Services including antenatal, dressing, child health, curative (general) and family planning will be offered at the health centre in the initial stages.

Picture 1

Family Committed to Serving: The Eric & Dr. Hyacinth Health Centre sign being unveiled by Minister of Health, Dr. Christopher Tufton (2nd right), SRHA Board Chairman, Wayne Chen (right), Custos of Clarendon, Hon. William Shagoury (5th left), Member of Parliament for North West Clarendon, Richard Azan (4th left), Eric Hue (3rd left), Dr. Hyacinth Hue (2nd left) and Jerez Hue.

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Picture 2

Benevolent Family: Minister of Health, Dr. Christopher Tufton (2nd right) and donor, Dr. Hyacinth Hue cut the ribbon to open the health centre which was donated by the Hue family. Sharing in the moment are Eric Hue (left) and Member of Parliament for North West Clarendon, Richard Azan.

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Picture 3

Amazing Gift: Chairman of the SRHA, Wayne Chen (right) engages Eric & Dr. Hyacinth Hue in conversation following the handing over of a two-storey building to operate as a health centre. In the background is the building.

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