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Phase 2 of Chapelton Hospital to be Completed with J \$112 Million

Work is expected to begin shortly for Phase two of renovation works at the Chapelton Community Hospital in Clarendon, valued at J \$112 million.

The work will involve the completion of the renovation and expansion of the existing hospital to include new ceiling, walls, flooring, four additional doctor offices, improved bathroom facilities for patients and staff, completion works to the new 22 bed ward, expanded waiting area and associated electrical, mechanical and plumbing works.

US \$1 million was donated by United States-based Push Start Foundation head and Clarendon-born businesswoman, Beverley Nichols for the first phase of the developmental project.

Minster of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton, who toured the hospital on Thursday, November 26 said the Government has awarded a J \$112 million contract for the second and final phase of work for the facility.

"It is a good thing as community health is very important. This is a very important institution in northern Clarendon and we are focused on outreach and reaching the people at their level rather than them travelling long distances. A number of critical services including dental services will be improved, inpatient care, more beds, about 40 or so beds and of course more personnel. Very importantly when it is completed you will have a 24 hour a day, seven day a week hospital service here in northern Clarendon" Minister Tufton said.

"This is very important because it means that Jamaicans, citizens, the residents in these parts can get hospital service on call. So we will not only do outreach in the community but people can go to the institution any time, day or night and get service" Minister Tufton added.

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He urged the contractor, Cenitech Engineering Solutions Limited to

Residents have been able to access the hospital services at the

complete the work on time and within budget.

Summerfield Community Centre, also in Clarendon.



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Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (2nd right), Member of Parliament for North Central Clarendon, Hon. Robert Morgan (right), Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) Regional Director, Michael Bent (left) and SRHA Senior Projects Manager, Damion Morgan examine the renovation and upgrade works done in Phase One at the Chapelton Community Hospital.

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Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (left), Member of Parliament for North Central Clarendon, Hon. Robert Morgan (centre), Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) Regional Director, Michael Bent (left) and SRHA Senior Projects Manager, Damion Morgan (partly hidden) toured the renovation works done at the Chapelton Community Hospital in Clarendon. The second and final phase of the project is to begin shortly.

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