



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Black River Hospital Receives Major Donation Valued at US\$350,000**

The Black River Hospital (BRH) in St. Elizabeth has received a donation of medical equipment and supplies valued at US\$350,000, made possible through a partnership between Javion Blake, founder of Jus Chill International and Project C.U.R.E., a non-profit organization with focus on global health aid. This donation marks the beginning of a four-year partnership with the hospital.

The donation includes: a laparoscopic machine and supplies; an anaesthetic machine and monitor, a colposcope, a defibrillator and supplies, an autoclave machine, a pulse oximeter, nebulizers, sphygmomanometers, stethoscopes, thermometers, patient beds, a stretcher, an adult scale, examination tables, wheelchairs, gloves, goggles, gowns, N-95 masks, dental supplies and instruments, dressing supplies, syringes, respiratory and nebulizer supplies, diapers, endoscopy supplies, fetal monitor and supplies, monitors, crutches, office chairs, a small refrigerator and other items.

The items were officially handed over on March 20, 2023 on the grounds of the hospital and will be distributed to the BRH, the Santa Cruz Health Centre and the Black River Health Centre in St. Elizabeth.

The allocation of the donations was coordinated by Dr. Conway Gordon, who, as a locum medical student from China, completed a year observing at the BRH some time ago and had promised to give back to the hospital.

“While at the Black River Hospital, I realized how the staff did so much with little resources and with great passion. This passion was not only evident in how they care for the patients that they serve but for the people of the community as well as the students who observed there. It inspired me both professionally and personally and drove me to find a way give back to the hospital. So, I reached out to my friend Javion Blake, an

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entrepreneur and innovator who I know has a penchant for philanthropy. He made some contacts and that is how Project C.U.R.E was able to respond so promptly to collaborate with us and make the donation, which we are really grateful for" Dr. Gordon said.

"The aim is to use this as a pilot project to try and launch even bigger donation innovations across the island. If not by Javion and myself then by others who can be inspired by what we are trying to do. We need more efforts like this and I am happy that I was able to assist in giving back to the hospital and the people of St. Elizabeth in this way" Dr. Gordon added.

Consultant Paediatrician for the BRH, Dr Aggrey Sajabi who was on hand to accept the donation expressed gratitude to Project C.U.R.E for contributing in such a meaningful way.

He explained that a team of physicians, electricians and medical technologists from Project C.U.R.E assessed the facilities which will receive the items and matched the types of equipment needed with the equipment that they had.

Picture 1



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Junior Resident at the Black River Hospital (BRH), Dr. Richard Johnson (3<sup>rd</sup> left) accepts the donation from Project C.U.R.E from Senior Medical Officer at the BRH, Dr. Sheriff Imoru (right). Participating in the picture also are: Consultant Paediatrician for the BRH, Dr Aggrey Sajabi (left); BRH Director of Nursing Services, Maria Stamp (2<sup>nd</sup> left); Parish Manager for the St. Elizabeth Health Services; Sean Brissett (3<sup>rd</sup> right) and CEO for the BRH, Diana Brown-Miller.

Picture 2



A team from the Black River Hospital is pictured here with some of the items, including a laparoscopic tower from Project C.U.R.E. Pictured are: (left to right) Junior Resident Dr. Richard Johnson, Consultant Paediatrician Dr Aggrey Sajabi, Senior Medical Officer Dr. Sheriff Imoru and Director of Nursing Services Maria Stamp.

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