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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## November 17, 2016 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

# More Comfort for Visitors as Mandeville Regional Hospital Receives 125 Visitor Chairs

The Mandeville Regional Hospital (MRH) has received 125 visitor chairs which Regional Director of the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), Mr. Michael Bent said is timely and in line with the mandate of the Authority to make customers, patients and visitors as comfortable as possible.

The chairs valued at \$480,500.00 were donated by voluntary group, Friends of the Mandeville Regional Hospital which have been supporting the hospital for 35 years. The chairs were handed over on Tuesday, November 15 on the hospital's compound.

The Regional Director pointed out that given that the public health sector faces financial constraints coupled with the competing demands of the Government, some things which are the desire of the Authority cannot be done. This, he said requires the support of others such as the Friends of the Hospital.

Mr. Bent noted that despite the limited resources, the managers and staff within the Authority are motivated to ensure that all systems are compatible while finding ways to be creative.

"We must ensure that we find ways and means to optimize the resources we are allocated and seek to form and maintain relationships with benefactors like the Friends of the MRH. We have to make the process easier for charitable donations as we are aware that there is much goodwill both locally and within the Diaspora. That is why we within the Southern Regional Health Authority are taking steps to have a person within the region who will coordinate these resources. We believe that this will go a far way in making the process smoother," Mr. Bent added.

In his remarks, CEO of the MRH, Mr. Alwyn Miller expressed gratitude to the group for its unwavering support over the years noting that the simplest of gifts to a hospital should not be underestimated because it can make a significant difference in the life of a patient.

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## Picture 1



**More Comfort for Visitors:** Some of the 125 chairs donated by the Friends of the Mandeville Regional Hospital.

#### Picture 2



**More Comfort for Visitors:** Senior Friends of the Hospital cut the ribbon placed on some of the 125 chairs.

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**Unwavering Friends:** Mr. Michael Bent thanks the Friends of the Hospital.

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