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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

More Than a Blood Drive...Mandeville Regional Hospital Seeks to Change Culture of Blood Donation

With the chronic shortage of blood seriously impeding the ability of the health team to provide timely, effective care, the Mandeville Regional Hospital has embarked on changing the culture of blood donation in Jamaica and is encouraging each citizen to make regular blood donation their responsibility.

Over recent years the amount of blood collected in Jamaica has consistently fallen short of what is required which significantly increases the difficulty of hospitals such as the Mandeville Regional Hospital in obtaining vital supplies of blood from the National Blood Bank.

On Monday, May 30, 2016 the Mandeville Regional Hospital will host the **"One Love, One Blood" Donation Drive** and will facilitate an all day blood collection at two sites, the Mandeville Regional Hospital at 32 Hargreaves Avenue and the Golf View Hotel, 5 ½ Caledonia Road, Mandeville. The Drive will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at the Mandeville Regional Hospital, Dr. Donna-Marie Gray-Henry noted that it is imperative that citizens start to adopt the culture of regular blood donation because in an emergency it may be too late and the constant supply of blood increases the likelihood that supplies will be available when needed.

She added: "The Mandeville Regional Hospital commits to being faithful stewards of the scarce and valuable resource of blood and to continue to work with our partners to promote this issue while providing a comfortable and convenient atmosphere for blood donation."

The Hospital has modified the opening hours and staffing of its Blood Collection Centre to accommodate blood donations beyond traditional work hours and during lunch time. On June 1, 2016 the hours will extend from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from its original hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Chairman: ; **Vice Chairman:**; **Directors: Regional Director and Secretary:** Michael Bent; **Regional Technical Director:** Dr Michael Coombs; **CEO Mandeville Regional Hospital:** Alwyn Miller; **SMO, Mandeville Regional Hospital:** Dr Everton McIntosh



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The Mandeville Regional Hospital is collaborating with service clubs, social groups and agencies in an effort to promote the issue, improve awareness, and encourage regular donation.

The Blood Drive will be followed by the Mandeville Regional Hospital Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Annual Symposium which will focus on 'Pregnancy: Conception to Cradle'.

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