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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Black River Hospital benefits from a New Neonatal Unit from Cari-Med Foundation

The Paediatric Unit at the Black River Hospital is now better equipped to deliver critical care to term and premature neonates after a donation of neonatal care equipment valued at approximately J\$5M, from the Cari-Med Foundation on Friday, November 20.

Neonatal Incubators, Phototherapy lights, infant warmers and bassinets were among the items given. The Foundation assisted in converting a section of the paediatric ward into a nursery for newborns.

Mr. Sean Brissett, Parish Manager for St. Elizabeth, said the donation has come at the right time as the hospital has been having challenges. The hospital will no longer have to transfer babies to the Bustamante Hospital, Cornwall Regional or the University Hospital of the West Indies.

Senior Medical Officer at the Black River Hospital, Dr. Norman Day, said the hospital aims to improve the calibre and scope of service offered to locals from the St. Elizabeth area and people from adjoining parishes. He added that they will endeavour to ensure that all standards required for infection control and prevention will be put in place.

Mrs. Herschel Ismail, Director of Operations & Maintenance at the Regional Office brought greetings from the SRHA. She said the gift of the fully equipped nursery will help children to make a smooth transition from the womb to the world. She thanked Cari-Med for their donation and also commended the team at the Black River Hospital who recognized the need for the neonatal unit.

Director at the Cari-Med Foundation, Mrs. Marva Christian said it was gratifying for her to hand over the unit to the Black River Hospital as she was born there many years ago. Mrs. Christian said the foundation looks forward to photo updates and progress reports. She added that one day the donation of an entire neonatal care unit may come from one of the babies whose life will be saved by the new unit.

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Mrs. Marva Christian, Director at Cari-Med Foundation snips ribbon to the new neonatal unit

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Plaque from the Cari-Med Foundation to the Black River Hospital

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