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MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY WELCOMES THE LAUNCH OF VISION ON MISSION'S TRIANGLE OF HOPE PROGRAMME

Port of Spain: On Wednesday May 04, 2022, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. joined Vision on Mission (VOM), as the organization launched its Triangle of Hope Programme, which will provide support for children of persons serving prison sentences.

Delivering the feature address at the launch held at Vision on Mission's Head Office, #10 Austin Street, St. Augustine, Minister Hinds stated that the stakeholders present hold the same vision and goal; that is, the reduction, if not outright prevention of recidivism or the revolving-door syndrome. He affirmed the Ministry of National Security's support to the initiative, aimed at creating an environment that enables and ensures public safety and security.

The Minister underscored that *"addressing crime and criminality continues to be Government's priority"* and gave the assurance that *"the focused efforts at the Ministry of National Security remain upon crime reduction; a reduction in the rate of offending and reoffending, and ultimately, in reducing the prison population."*

Minister Hinds reiterated that the Government remains committed to administering progressive programmes, aimed at providing guidance, support and skills to our vulnerable youth, and steering them towards a promising future, as contributors to national development. As such, the Ministry of National Security continues to invest in youth programmes such as the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force; and pledges continued support for Youth Clubs established within the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service and the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service.

The Minister took the opportunity to recognize VOM's Chief Executive Officer Ms. Giselle Chance for the work the organization does in the reintegration, resettlement and rehabilitation of ex-offenders, deportees, troubled youth and the socially displaced. He also paid homage to the founder of VOM, the late Mr. Wayne Chance, for his pioneering work in the rehabilitation of offenders.

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Also speaking at the event were Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox; Minister of Sport and Community Development, the Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe M.P.; Acting Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar; Chief Executive Officer, Vision on Mission, Ms. Giselle Chance; and Chairman, VOM Board of Directors, Mr. Fitzroy Frederick.

Deputy Permanent Secretary (Ag.) in the Ministry of National Security Ms. Deokie Sintra Maharaj and Acting Commissioner of Police Mr. Mc Donald Jacob were also in attendance to support the launch of the Programme.

The Triangle of Hope Programme aims to create a better future for the families and children of offenders, with a view to decrease the probability of future criminal behaviour by; and incarceration of, the children of offenders currently serving prison sentences.

VOM will provide a systems accessibility framework for agencies to work with families, children and offenders, in an attempt to reduce delinquency amongst their children. For the first intake, an estimated fifty (50) inmates and their children are to be involved in what is described as an action research project, over a three (3) year span; with access to services and support, to ensure their positive well-being during and after the project.

Photos and captions:



1. Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. delivers the Feature Address at the Vision on Mission's Triangle of Hope Programme Launch on Wednesday May 04, 2022 at the Vision on Mission's Head Office, #10 Austin Street, St. Augustine.



2. Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. (left); Chairman, Vision on Mission Board of Directors, Mr. Fitzroy Frederick; and Chief Executive Officer, Vision on Mission, Ms. Giselle Chance unveil the logo for VOM's Triangle of Hope Programme.



3. Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox (fifth from left); Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. (6th from left); and Minister of Sport and Community Development, the Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe M.P. (7th from left) accompanied by Chairman, Vision on Mission Board of Directors, Mr. Fitzroy Frederick; and Chief Executive Officer, Vision on Mission, Ms. Giselle Chance; and other members of VOM stand alongside the logo for VOM's Triangle of Hope Programme.



4. From left to right: Minister of Sport and Community Development, the Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe M.P.; Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P; Chief Executive Officer, Vision on Mission, Ms. Giselle Chance; Chairman, Vision on Mission Board of Directors, Mr. Fitzroy Frederick and Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox at the launch of Triangle of Hope Programme.

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