

KPH receives US\$650K in equipment



Lyttleton Shirley, Chairman of the Board of the South East Regional Health Authority, Joylene Griffiths-Irvine, Executive Director of the ScotiaFoundation, Bishop Frank Allen, Director of HOPE Charitable Services and Godfrey Boyd, CEO of the Kingston Public Hospital examine equipment at yesterday's official handover of US\$650K worth of equipment. HOPE sourced the equipment from various hospitals in the US, while ScotiaFoundation covered the expenses of shipping the items to the island at a cost of US\$10K.

[June 5, 2012] Health services at the Kingston Public Hospital have been given a boost with the donation of almost 100 pieces of medical equipment valued at US\$650K from the HOPE Charitable Services Worldwide and the ScotiaFoundation.

Among the equipment are devices such as a nebulizer, endoscope, pulse oximeter, laparoscopic camera and infant warmers.

The equipment was donated today in a brief ceremony in the conference room of the Kingston Public Hospital, following two years of accumulation and co-ordination by the US based charity on behalf of KPH.

The ScotiaFoundation covered the shipping costs of the goods which was almost US\$10K.

KPH is the premier multidisciplinary hospital in Jamaica and sees more than 300,000 patients per year, performs more than 1200 major surgeries per year and 1000 ambulatory surgeries each month. The hospital administration depends on the support of partners and donors to help it respond to high demand for care.

"We would like to extend our appreciation to Hope Charitable Services for the donation of medical equipment, sundries and accessories to the Kingston Public Hospital. Their generosity demonstrates an appreciation for the work we do at KPH to provide quality health care to the people of Jamaica," said Mr. Godfrey Boyd, CEO of KPH.

This is one of several medical assistance projects undertaken by the ScotiaFoundation in partnership with HOPE. In 2009, ScotiaFoundation funded the shipment of supplies and equipment for the Mustard Seed Community's Martha's House

which had been destroyed by fire. HOPE later assisted with equipment to assist with orthopedic and scoliosis surgeries.

Since 2007 HOPE has built 72 simple homes for poor Jamaicans; shipped several forty-foot containers filled with food, clothing, educational, medical other relief supplies; and led hundreds of American and Canadian volunteers on faith-based humanitarian relief mission trips building simple homes for the homeless.

Their other projects have included repairing and remodeling clinics, homes for the aged and orphanages across the island; they also provide practical educational supplemental programs, conduct medical clinics, feeding outreaches. Their focus is on struggling families and especially the children and the elderly.

“This partnership proves the old parable “Many hands make for light work!” If there is anything that we have learned in this global recession it is that by working together we can do more good!” said Bishop Frank Allen, Founder and Director of HOPE.

The charity has already begun to identify its next projects on the island.

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