

Johnson's Funeral Home brightens children's ward at Lionel Town Hospital

Peggy Johnson of Johnson's Funeral Home in Four Paths, Clarendon, recently brought much joy to the children's ward at the Lionel Town Hospital in the parish.

During visits by Ms. Johnson last year, to give gifts to the children at the hospital, it was recognised that the children's ward had a drab and lifeless appearance, which was not in keeping with what was expected of a facility catering to the needs of sick, little children who needed to be kept in high spirits.

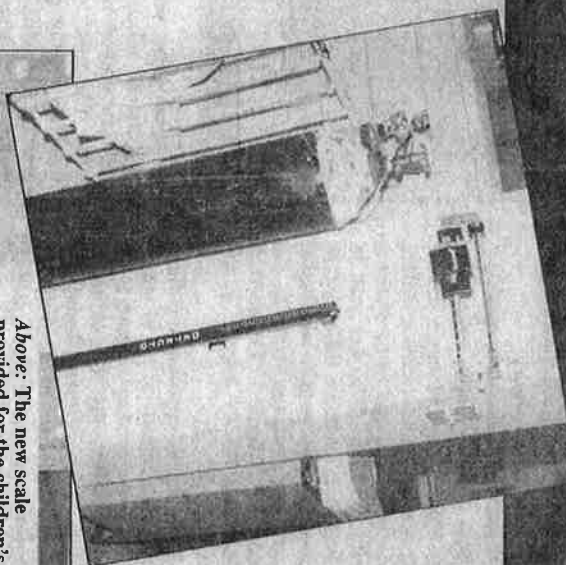
The situation on the ward was then discussed with Beverley Fraser, Ms. Johnson's friend from Hayes, Clarendon, who now resides in the United States. Fraser, in turn, raised the matter with her boss, Gary Fries, the President/CEO of Radio Advertising Bureau in Texas, USA. Mr. Fries donated US\$500, which was used to purchase a Heavy Duty Nebulizer for the treatment of asthmatic patients, along with a new scale, for the children's ward. Additionally, Ms. Johnson, through her company, undertook the task of giving the ward a general facelift.

The installation of new curtains, as well as the cleaning and painting of the walls and furniture inside, helped to brighten up the ward. But perhaps the most welcomed gesture was the painting of a mural by an artist who

was commissioned by Ms. Johnson. This bright and colourful outlay of objects geared towards the young minds, included cartoons, the rainbow and displays like building blocks and other educational symbols.

Members of the hospital staff also assisted in effecting the facelift to the ward. Both staff members and visitors who came in during the time of the exercise, expressed gratitude for the much-needed facelift and material input.

Ms. Johnson expressed thanks for the support of Ms. Frazer and her company overseas and said it was her (Ms. Johnson) close association with the hospitals in the parish over the years which compelled her to render the well-needed assistance.



Above: The new scale provided for the children's ward.

Left: Senior staff members of the hospital pose with the new Nebulizer.

Below: An employee of Johnson's Funeral Home engaged in painting furniture from the children's ward.

