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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## ***EYE CARE EVERYWHERE!***

**Scarborough, Tobago (October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018):** In keeping with the theme of World Sight Day (October 11<sup>th</sup>) - "Eye Care Everywhere" - the Tobago Regional Health Authority (TRHA), in collaboration with the Blind Welfare Association and Tobago Eye Care, is offering free vision screening around the island over a two-week period.

The screenings began at the Gulf City Mall, Lowlands on October 1<sup>st</sup> and continued daily at James Park, at the Scarborough Prison, The Greens at the Port and the Scarborough Library. More than 340 persons were screened throughout Week 1, with several persons being referred to the Eye Clinic at the Scarborough General Hospital (SGH) for further management. This week, the dedicated team of Optometrists will operate from strategic Health Centres and at the Store Bay Facility.

Coordinator of the outreach programme, Mrs. Madelynn Waldron, an Optometrist at the TRHA Eye Clinic, said that the team was very encouraged with the turnout.

"So far our outreach has been a resounding success. We wanted to meet people where they are and to reach as many as possible and we are pleasantly surprised by the response that we have received from the general public as they are quite eager to participate in the screening. It is always encouraging to know that people are interested in their overall health and well-being as sight is very often taken for granted," she stated.

The vision screenings will continue at various locations throughout the island as follows:

**9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

**Monday, 8th Oct.—Mason Hall Health Centre**

**Tuesday, 9th Oct. Scarborough Health Centre**

**Wednesday, 10th Oct. Canaan Health Centre**

**Thursday, 11th Oct.—Store Bay Facility (10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.)**

**Friday, 12th Oct. Roxborough Health Centre**

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