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Grand Opening of Hope House Trinidad

Hope House Trinidad's grand opening will be held on July 16, 2022 at 1:00pm AST in Sangre Grande, Trinidad

Trinidad — July 14, 2022 — The Ladies of Hope Ministries (The LOHM), is launching its first international Hope House in Trinidad. This in-person grand opening will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 1:00pm AST, in Sangre Grande, Trinidad. Hope House is The LOHM's independent living space designed to provide a holistic environment of support services, guidance, and safe housing for women impacted by incarceration and trauma.

Hope House was founded by Dr. Topeka K. Sam, Founder and CEO of The LOHM. Since 2017, Hope House has been dedicated to helping women find meaningful employment, educational opportunities, daily reunification, and healing through trauma-informed care services. “We started the organization in New York and scaled it to New Orleans. We looked at this past year and through some of our partners like Google, we asked ourselves where do we want to make the greatest impact?”

86% percent of women in jail and prison are sexual-violence survivors and there currently are no housing programs in place for impacted women in Trinidad. “We wanted to do something in the Caribbean. It's a part of the world that is often overlooked. There are limited resources and there are sisters there who need support,” says Dr. Sam. The goal of Hope House Trinidad is to ensure women have the space and support to build the skills necessary to become self-sustainable and thrive in their community.

“Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service is always eager to collaborate with organizations that seek to cater to the needs of individuals impacted by the criminal justice system and their families and look forward to a cordial and productive relationship with The Ladies of Hope Ministries,” said Commissioner of Prisons, Deopersad Ramoutar.

As a Google partner, The LOHM will support justice-impacted women in Trinidad who have experienced incarceration by helping them access and build digital skills to prepare them for job searches and work, share the best of Google's tools and training materials, develop scalable resources and amplify their voices.

Commissioner Deopersad Ramoutar will be in attendance along with The LOHM Founder and CEO, Dr. Topeka K. Sam and other special guests. To register for this event please visit: [Hope House Trinidad Grand Opening](#)

About the Ladies of Hope Ministries

The Ladies of Hope Ministries (the LOHM) is a New York-based nonprofit organization that works to empower women and girls to create sustainable lives post-incarceration. They drive change in the social justice movement by connecting them to housing, food, healthcare, living wage employment, entrepreneurship opportunities, education, and advocacy that amplifies the voices of those who have been impacted by the criminal legal system. Learn more at thelohm.org.