



Roman Catholic Diocese of Belize Donates Third Shipment of Medical Supplies to Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital

Belize City, Belize, September 25, 2023: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Belize City and Belmopan in collaboration with the Food for the Poor organization based in Coconut Creek, FL, USA. donated a 40' container of medical supplies worth approximately \$115,000.00 BZ to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital of Belize on Monday, September 25, 2023.

The donation which will help in improving the quality of care offered to the hospital's patients include :

- hospital mattresses
- sheets
- pillows
- linen cabinet
- lab coats, medical gowns, and other medical clothing
- surface wipes
- KN95 face masks
- and Clorox bleach



Left to right: Sharine Reyes, Ruben Wong, Lanny Leiva.

Mr. Ruben Wong, liaison, and Belize representative with Food for the Poor handed over the supplies to Mrs. Sharine Reyes, Financial Controller and Lanny Leiva, Stores Manager of Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KHHM) who graciously accepted the donation on behalf of CEO, Mrs. Chandra Nisbet-Cansino. Mrs. Cansino expressed gratitude for the donation.

“On behalf of the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority, I would like to thank The Roman Catholic Church and by extension Food for the Poor, for your continued generosity. We are extremely grateful for this donation, it includes items that are much needed by the hospital and will help to alleviate some immediate expense, which in turn allows us to invest more into patient care and staff welfare.

We are blessed to have partners like you, thank you again for your generous support and we look forward to continue working with you.”

This is the third donation made to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital by the Catholic Diocese of Belize City and Belmopan and Food for the Poor since 2022. The first two donations included medical clothing and linens, patient chairs, exam tables, nebulizers, wheelchairs, hospital beds with mattresses, anti-bacterial hand wash, incontinence products, oxygen supplies, exams gloves, IV supplies, catheters, needles, blood pressure monitors, etc.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Belize City and Belmopan has been an in-country partner with Food for the Poor since October 2020 when the diocese received its first monetary donation to assist those with basic food items during the COVID pandemic. Since then, Gift in Kind donations have been sent on a regular basis and distributed to the poor and needy of Belize through the various parishes, schools and other non-profit organizations.

Food for the Poor is one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the United States. Their work is motivated by faith in God, spreading His unconditional love, regardless of race, wealth, or creed as they minister to those in desperate need in primarily 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. By providing lifesaving food, secure housing, clean water, healthcare, emergency relief, micro-enterprise projects and education opportunities, they give those in extreme poverty a chance at a better future and showing them God’s love.