



Bermuda Hospitals Board

Paget Primary students make Christmas Cards for Hospital patients

(Hamilton, Bermuda – Wednesday 18 December 2013): Over 90 holiday greeting cards were created by Paget Primary School students for patients at King Edward VII Memorial Hospital. Students in the school’s afterschool programme took part in the project with BHB’s Public Relations Department.

Since King Edward VII Memorial Hospital is in the parish of Paget, the PR department asked Paget Primary to create the cards as part of an in-house effort. As the children made cards for patients, the idea was to exhibit them for all to see and then hand them to in-patients on Christmas Day.

“I’m certain our patients will be uplifted when they receive their hand-made cards on Christmas day,” said BHB CEO & President Venetta Symonds.

“Partnering with the school brought the feeling of community to our effort,” said Anna Nowak BHB VP Public Relations. “We were heartened by the sentiments expressed by the children who talked about everything from the joys of NASCAR to coaxes to return to work to reassurances to patients that they were being well cared for in KEMH.”

All the cards were wonderful. Here are a few examples: Student Sarah Francis wrote: “If I had my way, I’d make health catching instead of diseases.”; student Tiye wrote: “We wish you a road to recovery.”; an anonymous student wrote: “I very well know the reason why you are taking too long to recover – you really like being nursed there.”; “Time is the best doctor”, “Whatever you do you will always shine” and “Hope you feel better you are always in our prayers – Happy Holidays.”

Paget Primary Afterschool Supervisor Mia Butterfield said: “We were happy to be able to help BHB’s PR Department with their in-house project and the students thoroughly enjoyed designing and making their cards. They are very caring and thoughtful and projects like this help them to recognise the importance of cultivating those attributes.

It was a very healthy and happy exercise for them.”

Notes to Editors:

Bermuda Hospitals Board is a quango (quasi autonomous non-governmental organisation) established under the Bermuda Hospitals Board Act, 1970. It has a Bermuda Government-approved Board and a Chief Executive Officer, responsible for King Edward VII Memorial Hospital and Mid-Atlantic Wellness Institute. At the heart of both organisations is high quality care to all patients. With approximately 1,700 employees, the Bermuda Hospitals Board is Bermuda’s second largest employer. King Edward VII Memorial Hospital and Mid-Atlantic Wellness Institute are the only healthcare organisations in Bermuda accredited by the Accreditation Canada, an independent organisation whose role is to help hospitals examine and improve the quality of care and service they provide to their clients. In addition to providing an extensive list of services for the community, the Bermuda Hospitals Board is part of a referral network that includes some of the world’s leading specialist hospitals.

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