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Campbell on two-day GB fact finding tour

- Minister hears concerns of workers
- Pledge to strengthen partnerships

GB Home for the Aged and Nursery celebrates 27 years

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October 19 marked a significant milestone for the Grand Bahama Home and Day Care for the Aged Nursery and Preschool, as it celebrated its 27 years of serving the Grand Bahama community.

The Home, the first of its kind in The Bahamas as an inter-generational center, has provided a safe haven for both the young and the young at heart for nearly three decades, and despite some challenges, continues to do so, all thanks to the strength and guidance of a higher power.

According to Agatha Thompson, Founder and Administrator of the GB Home Daycare for the Aged, Nursery and Preschool, she is indeed grateful to God to have been able to see her vision of opening an inter-generational home become a reality.

The facility, she noted provides reliable, trustworthy service to the aged of the community, while at the same time offering educational service and dedicated commitment to infants and toddlers in their care, during their most formative years.

Thompson acknowledged that the milestone in the Home's existence would not have been possible without the continued help and support from the Grand Bahama community.

"God has blessed me over the years ... on October 19, 1990 we opened the doors here at the Grand Bahama Home and Daycare for the Aged and Children's Center. It has been such a blessing ... we have had our wind, rain and storms, but mostly it has really been sunshine because we have had hundreds of persons pass through these doors.

"As everyone knows the economy and businesses are in distress, it has been rough. Thankfully, we have weathered every storm in the building, safely, until last year with the horrible Hurricane Matthew we sustained substantial damages. Up to today, a year later, we still haven't completed our repairs. However, on

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extensive tour, Campbell shared with media an overall assessment of his visit.

He added that having the opportunity to visit with each of his departments, while on island was indeed productive and eventful.

"The past two days have been very much rewarding and enlightening. As the Minister of Transport and Local Government, I have decided to commence the visitation of all of our Family Island Districts, with the view to liaising directly with the practitioners on the ground.

"We would have just had a Local Government Leadership Conference under the theme, 'Building Communities through Partnership.' My presence here in those partnerships, is to strengthen those partnerships. I know the feeling that Family Island com-

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A TEAM EFFORT – Minister of Transport and Local Government, Frankie Campbell (at mic) not only heard concerns and issues facing departments under his portfolio, but pledged to address those issues and strengthen relationships moving forward. Seated left is Jennifer Johnson, Acting Postmaster General. (PHOTO: BARBARA WALKIN)

Drivers have until Oct. 31 to have new plates affixed

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Drivers have until October 31 to have the new license plates affixed to their vehicles otherwise they will be ticketed.

To that end, Road Traffic Senior Executive Officer GB, Charmaine Fernander, is appealing to drivers who have been waiting for the new license plates to arrive on island to come in and collect their vehicle tags.

She assured that there will not be a long wait, as a special area has been assigned to handle the issuance process.

"All the drivers need to do is come in and bring their Title Certificate to collect their plates," said Fernander.

During a recent visit to the Road Traffic Department, a team from this daily observed boxes stacked high throughout the office with plates ready to be issued.

"We have in stock all of the GRs from 001 to 999, we have the GBs 001 to present, the GAs we have up to 5000.

"Once the 5000 is completed ... we are still asking drivers over that number 5001, to be patient we will have those in shortly.

"But all other plates ... the bonded vehicles are all in stock, so we will be very grateful if drivers would come in and collect all the plates." Fernander lamented, noting the boxes that litter the office need to be emptied so that the workers can have space to work comfortably.

She noted that the office opens promptly at 9:00 a.m. daily. "While we close at 4:00 p.m., if you are working and get off after our closing hours, we will accommodate you."

She reiterated that drivers coming in to collect their plates must have their Title Certificate. "Again, there will be no lines, we have a special area to accommodate those persons."

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