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**Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa – April 1, 2014** - The non-profit organization “My Heart’s Appeal” (MHA) CEO Lovetie Major visited the Liberia Senate Chambers on, Wednesday, March 26, 2014, and met with the Senators of Grand Kru County Dr. Peter S. Coleman, Maryland County John Ballout and Bong County Jewel Howard. She engaged the Senators to the need in society to help a population of its citizenry that have been neglected. She extended the Senators the opportunity to visit the Connie Thrash McGoodwin Vocational Training Hub at My Heart’s Appeal Center (MHAC), Gaye Town, Sinkor Old Road that service individuals with intellectual disabilities.



Mrs. Major has been advocating for the better part of her life and have now reached the legislative branch of government to start the conversation of introducing legislation to provide budgetary

allocation for this targeted group. Her determination was prompted from the fact that she has a sister with Down syndrome, a form of intellectual disability who was not allowed to continue schooling after the first grade in Liberia, because the school system said that she was uneducable. Mrs. Major refused to accept this, and have dedicated her life to not only helping her sister, Titema, but others as well.



The Senators arrived at the Center on Friday, March 28 and toured the facilities with Mrs. Major as they observed

the clients in their development programs of wood carving, tie & dye, tailoring and pastry. Along with Senators Coleman and Ballout that visited, was Lydia Cooper, a Coordinator at the Ministry of Gender and Development.

In their remarks they acknowledged the organization’s effort to start the center without a funding source, and noted that the government of Liberia should be doing more for this targeted group and are not. Both members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee, assured that their visit to the center would have a multiple effect and that they would invite their colleagues to come and visit and also start a process of fundraising. They promised to present MHA Proposal to the Senate to include appropriation for budgetary funding the next budget year.