

Hard Manufacturing donates 35 cribs and beds to hospital in Jamaica



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Pictured above are members of the ISSA Trust Foundation with new Hard Manufacturing equipment.

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If your baby is sleeping in a pediatric crib or youth bed in a U.S. hospital somewhere, there's a good chance that product was built on Grider Street in Buffalo.

Now babies in Jamaica have that capability as well.

Buffalo-based Hard Manufacturing recently delivered 35 pediatric cribs and beds to St. Ann's Bay Hospital in Jamaica, "significantly" upgrading the care provided to children in the region. The hospital serves about 360,000 patients each year.

Hard's overall contribution to the project totaled about \$50,000. It partnered with the Issa Trust Foundation. The new products include:

- 10 Hard Manufacturing Stockton Beds, used for patients that are not at risk to get up over the side rail.
- 20 Hard Manufacturing Springfield Cribs, used for active patients up to three years of age.
- 5 Hard Manufacturing Cribettes, used for newborns).

"We were happy to donate new cribs as part of this initiative to upgrade the hospital's pediatric unit," said Marjorie Bryen, HARD president. "In our business, we strive to improve the health of babies and children throughout the world, and this project is a terrific example of that coming to life."

About 42 people work at the privately owned company, which has long held a dominant position in the U.S. market but is now seeking to branch out into international markets and develop new products.