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AMERICAN FRIENDS OF JAMAICA TO PRESENT PHARMACEUTICALS TO ELDERLY

The non-profit presented donated pharmaceuticals to St. Patrick's Foundation in Jamaica.

NEW YORK (July 20, 2011) – The American Friends of Jamaica, Inc. (AFJ) distributed pharmaceuticals, generously donated by Americare Pharmacy, in Kingston, Jamaica on Thursday, July 21, 2011. Her Excellency, Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater, presented Americare's contribution of multi-vitamins, aspirin, and diphenhydramine to Monsignor Richard Albert and Nurse Hermine Bascoe of St. Patrick's Foundation to benefit the elderly at St. Monica's Home. AFJ Director, Mark Jones and representatives from St. Patrick's Foundation, Hermine Medcalf and Suzanne Smith were in attendance. Corporate supporter Wisynco, generously provided an array of Ocean Spray beverages and WATA for attendees and residents of the home.

Americare, located in Boynton Beach, Florida donated cartons of pharmaceuticals to the American Friends of Jamaica because of their aligned philanthropic goals, namely to improve the healthcare of Jamaicans in need. The AFJ works with a broad coalition of Jamaican organizations and stakeholders to bring about change in the lives of Jamaicans in need in the areas of education, healthcare and economic development.

Caron Chung, Executive Director of the AFJ remarks, "Social responsibility is a core belief of the AFJ. Donations are an effective way of expressing this responsibility. We are honored to be trusted stewards for partners like Americare to handle this distribution."

The pharmaceutical donation presented by the AFJ to the St. Patrick's Foundation – a Kingston, Jamaica charity dedicated to alleviating human suffering through skills, training and support. It both seeks to empower people of poor communities to live independently, and supports the elderly. St. Monica's Home for the Elderly is one of St. Patrick's three centers in Jamaica. The aim at St. Monica's Home is to provide effective residential geriatric care for persons who are without the resources to provide for themselves. The home offers comprehensive treatment to the elderly, as well as persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The AFJ and the St. Patrick's Foundation have a history of partnership helping Jamaicans in need. Thanks to Americare, these charities are now one step closer to improving the lives of Jamaican citizens.

About American Friends of Jamaica, Inc.

Founded in 1982, the [American Friends of Jamaica](http://www.theafj.org) is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization built on the principles of service and philanthropy; and is established to render assistance in the areas of Education, Healthcare, and Economic Development. The [AFJ](http://www.theafj.org) works with a broad coalition of Jamaican organizations and stakeholders to bring about change in the lives of Jamaicans in need. Amongst other initiatives, our partners assist us to provide shelter to the homeless, or to send inner-city youth to camps where they learn life skills. For more information, visit www.theafj.org.