



## Education . Healthcare . Human and Economic Development



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OF JAMAICA

In 2008, the American Friends of Jamaica (AFJ), a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Jamaican charitable and social initiatives provided cash grants totaling close to US\$450,000 to some 40 Jamaican organizations in the areas of Education, Healthcare and Economic Development. Thank you to our many donors.

### 2007-2008 Grantee organizations and projects supported:

The AFJ supports two types of grants on an annual basis:

1. **Discretionary grants** are awarded after a rigorous application process and selected from a pool of applicants by the AFJ Grants Committee
2. **Earmarked grants** are awards for which the donors have requested their gifts be designated for a specific organization.

### 2008 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

#### EDUCATION

#### Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH)

**Title:** Block Play – Teaching Numeracy the Hands-On Way

EEH assists the Jamaican Ministry of Education in increasing literacy and numeracy levels in 71 low performing schools across Jamaica.

EEH utilizes creative teaching tools to benefit approximately 30,000 primary school students and 3000 out-of- school youth in NGOs across Jamaica.

### St. Patrick's Foundation

**Title:** Operating Support

The mission is to impart relevant skills, offer opportunities and care to residents of selected low income communities, thereby making possible their social and economic advancements.

The AFJ grant will be used to provide textbooks, stationary, and meals to approximately 700 children and youth on a daily basis. In addition, funds will also be used to provide medical and professional care to 35 residents of St Monica's Home as well as the elderly in the community.

### Friends of Hopewell

**Title:** Remedial Reading Program

The mission is to contribute to the educational growth and development of children, the upgrading of the primary and junior high schools, sustainable community development and the promotion of environmental best practices.

The grant is to support the Remedial Reading Program operational in two schools - Bethel & Success Primary & Junior High Schools.



The program pays the salaries of two teachers and provides educational development. The grant is also used to upgrade and maintain the Library at Bethel Primary. During the summer holidays, reading competitions and computer classes are held and participants are given back-to-school supplies. The program also helps to provide a book grant to a needy student in the community that performed well in the GSAT examination.

### Jamaican Advantage thru Sports for Youth ("JASY")

**Title:** Jamaican Advantage thru Sports for Youth (JASY)



JASY's primary activities include planning and conducting a week-long sports training camp for underprivileged children from the greater Kingston area of Jamaica.

The purpose of the camp is two-fold:

1. to build the self-esteem and character of the Jamaican Youth Campers who participate in the program, and
2. to provide a meaningful Youth Mission Outreach / Service Project experience for the youth from the United States who serve as volunteers at Camp JASY

Jamaican youth are selected to participate in Camp JASY, by their

teachers, as a reward for good behavior and on the basis of who could benefit most from the week long experience. The children who participate in Camp JASY come from schools run by the St. Patrick's Foundation in Riverton City and the surrounding communities, some of the most impoverished sections of Kingston.

### Diaspora Education Campaign

**Title:** Jamaican Diaspora Partnership Project: Intervention to improve Student Achievement

To grant will be used to identify, develop and promote long-term strategies to achieve educational excellence in Jamaica's school system and assure that teachers, students and the Diaspora become great stakeholders in the process.



### Tennis Jamaica

**Title:** Tennis Jamaica School Program for the Parish of Hanover

The grant will support the use of tennis as a vehicle for education in the parish of Hanover. Tennis Jamaica will conduct tennis training in four schools – Bethel All Age, Lucea Prep, Hopewell High School and Ruseas High with a view to providing employment opportunities for students as tennis coaches in hotels in the parish and academic opportunities of tennis scholarships to local and U.S. universities.



## HEALTHCARE

### BREDS Treasure Beach Foundation

**Title:** Treasure Beach Emergency Response Unit (TBERU)

BREDS focuses on improving education, healthcare, sports, cultural heritage, and environmental awareness in Treasure Beach, St Elizabeth.

BREDS helped to establish the first volunteer ambulance corps in Jamaica, known as TBERU. The AFJ grant will support the costs of maintaining the response unit and its equipment needs, as well as providing ongoing training for the response unit volunteers and new training for future volunteers working to provide emergency care for the acutely ill and injured.

### Foundation for International Self-Help (FISH)

**Title:** Patient Aid Fund

FISH's mission is to enhance the health of the nation by providing quality, affordable, preventative and curative healthcare to individuals.

The grant is to support the Patients Aid Fund used to cover the fees for patients who cannot afford the costs of the Eye Specialist, Optometrist or Ophthalmologist, medication, and glasses.

### Issa Trust Foundation

**Title:** 2008 Medical Mission

The mission of the Foundation is to provide a system of prevention, health promotion and education, community health improvement and other services to promote well-being and development for the people of Jamaica.

The grant is to support the 4th Annual Pediatric Medical Mission. Clinics aimed at treating up to 1,400 children, ages birth – 18 years, will be scheduled in Ocho Rios and Negril. Patients will also be taken to the United States for life saving surgeries.

### Medicine in Action

**Title:** November 2008 Medical Mission

Medicine in Action missions in Kingston and St. Mary provide medical and surgical outreach to

the poor in Jamaica, with an emphasis on women's health. Services are provided by volunteer medical professionals and paraprofessionals.

The grant will be used to support the mission, pap smears, as well as supply medications to patients who suffer from chronic medical conditions.

### Organization for Strategic Development in Jamaica (OSDJ)

**Title:** Mandeville Hospital Dialysis Center

OSDJ is committed to leading healthcare initiatives, community development projects and educational programs.

The Mandeville Dialysis Center is a joint project between the OSDJ, the Ministry of Health, the University of the West Indies, Department of Medicine and the Mandeville Hospital. The grant will be used to purchase material and cover labor costs to refurbish a building at the hospital to house the Dialysis Center. When completed the center will provide treatment to over 40 patients in rural Jamaica annually, who would otherwise be left untreated and result in an untimely death.

### Portland Rehabilitation Management

**Title:** Homeless Shelter

This project involves the adaptation of two freight containers into a shelter for homeless people.

The grant will be used to provide humane and quality care for homeless persons in Portland as well as to assist with food, medication, and salaries for workers of the shelter.

### Women's Resource and Outreach Centre (WROC)

**Title:** Promoting Mental Health



WROC's mission is to build and sustain an organization which promotes gender equality and the empowerment of women and youth through social, economic, and advocacy programs.

The purpose of the grant is to provide counseling to persons in the community who need, but could not afford the services. Many in the community are exposed to unemployment, domestic violence and crime, to name a few. The program includes individual and group counseling, seminars and workshops on mental health issues, and life skills training. The benefits will include improved functioning, behavior and well-being of persons in the community who utilize the services, and their families.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI)

**Title:** Engaging Caribbean Citizens in the Policymaking Process

CaPRI is a Caribbean evidence-based think tank. Its mission is to improve policymaking and policy development in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean through the means of evidenced-based research and national dialogue. A more informed citizenry will result in better governance. The grant is to support CaPRI's administrative costs.

#### Jamaica Society for the Blind

**Title:** Work Opportunities through Work Experience

The project aims to assist 20 persons who are blind and visually impaired to obtain work experience. The participants will be supported and monitored by JSB and provided a stipend, appropriate adaptive aids, counseling and additional training.

#### Jamaica Association for Mental Retardation (JAMR)

**Title:** Pre-vocational Skills training for children with Intellectual Disabilities

JAMR through its island wide network of 28 schools uses education, advocacy and research to improve the quality of life of children and adults with mental disabilities and their families and work to prevent the causes and the effects of intellectual disabilities.

The grant will be used to support pre-vocational skills training through horticulture/landscaping at the Windsor School of Special Education in Spanish Town, St. Catherine.



Skills development is crucial to the survival and integration of persons with intellectual disabilities in their communities as their ability to succeed by academic achievement is limited. Emphasis is placed on the acquisition of skills for employment and meaningful integration into the society.

#### Kingston & St. Andrew Action Forum (Ksaaf)

**Title:** Community Capacity Building

Ksaaf ActionForum's mission is to build and restore communities for a better life.

The purpose of the grant is to expand the Secretariat which will include the launch of a Business and Information Center. The aim of the project is to facilitate opportunities, partnerships, and community generated initiatives for transformational community development. The expected outcome will include creating permanent employment for five individuals from the inner-city, provide information technology training for 200 inner-city members and offering internet/ technology services and a tour guide facility at a reduced cost. A facility will also be put in place to assist tertiary level students from inner-city communities with their studies.

**Sir Howard Cooke's Thursday Group's Character Development Centre**

**Title:** Character Development

Our Mission is to educate and to develop good character in citizens of all ages in the Nannyville Community, Kingston. This includes counseling in Early Childhood Education, Good Parenting, Family Values, Health, Spiritual Guidance, Good Neighborhood and Environment.



The aim is to develop good character and actualize the total potential of a person. The grant will be used to equip the library, reading room and offices to facilitate the program.

**Teen Challenge Jamaica (TCJ)**

**Title:** Teen Challenge Jamaica Drug Rehabilitation Program

Teen Challenge aims to help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well and spiritually alive.

The grant is to support the operating expenses of TCJ's one-year residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation program facilitating life-transformation for people with life controlling problems; bringing men to the point where they can once again function as productive citizens of society.



**2008 DESIGNATED GRANTS**

**EDUCATION**

**Campion College Alumni Association**

To support the Campion Alumni Scholarship.

*Made possible by Mr. Jason Abrahams*

**Coronaldi Preparatory School**

To buy software to support a new computer lab that will benefit 2800 children between the ages of 3 to 12 years old.

*Made possible by Sydney and Sunny Engel*

**Hanover Charities**

Book Donation consisting of a variety of educational materials for children.

*Made possible by Ralph and Ricky Lauren, the Grodzins Fund, Gloria Atkins, Phillip Gore, Peter Cameron, the Sabre Foundation and Vanessa Noel*

**Capital Community College – Hartford, CT**

University Tuition Fees for Jamaican student studying at the college

*Made possible by Manuela and Jimmy Goren*

**Friends of Hopewell**

Book Donation consisting of a variety of educational materials for children as well as funds to support the Remedial Reading Program.



*Made possible by Ralph and Ricky Lauren, the Sabre Foundation and Vanessa Noel.*

**St. James High School**

To support the school's tutoring program.

*Made possible by members of the Jamaican Diaspora Northeast Education Sector*

**St. Thomas Aquinas Church/Center in Papine**

To support the Education Fund providing scholarships for students.

*Made possible by Mr. Andrew Gray*

**University of the West Indies - Faculty of Medical Sciences**  
Medical books donation

*Made possible by the Sabre Foundation and Vanessa Noel*

**University of the West Indies Bursaries**

*Made possible by Ralph and Ricky Lauren, Holden Family Foundation, Amb. J. Gary Cooper, Cobb Family Foundation*

**University of the West Indies - Amb. Sue Cobb Scholarship**

*Made possible by the Cobb Family Foundation*

**University of the West Indies Alumni Association**

In honor of the University of the West Indies' 60th Anniversary Celebration

*Made possible by the Cobb Family Foundation*

**HEALTHCARE**

**The Jamaica Association for Mental Retardation (JAMR)**  
To support JAMR's operations.

*Made possible by Mr. Andrew Gray*

**Jamaica Children's Heart Fund Inc. (JCHF)**

To support open heart surgical missions.

*Made possible by JCHF auction donation*

**MoBay Hope Medical Center**

To purchase medical equipment for the hospital in honor of its tenth anniversary

*Made possible by Sunny and Sydney Engel and Friends, Louis Slesin and Lezli Rice, Ralph and Ricky Lauren, Amb. Glen and Gloria Holden, Ambassadors Sue and Chuck Cobb*

**Mustard Seed Charities**

To support two children living with HIV/AIDS for a year



*Made possible by Louis Slesin, Lesli Rice and Helena Rubenstein Foundation*

**HUMAN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Charlotte Children's Home**

To support the operations of the home.

*Made possible by Ms. Marjorie Lynch Fletcher*

**Jamaica Golf Association**

To support Tournament Fees

*Made possible by the Tiger Woods Foundation*

**Jamaica Environment Trust**

To promote conservation and preservation of the Cockpit Country and the Coastline

*Made possible by Louis Slesin and Lezli Rice*

**Oracabessa Foundation**

To support the organizations operations

*Made possibly by Island Outpost donation to the AFJ South Florida Auction*

**RISE Life Management Services**

To support the General Fund

*Made possible by Mr. Ricard Ohrstrom, Jr.*

**UWI - AFJ/Cobb Family Lecture Series**

*Made possible by the Cobb Family Foundation*

**SPORTS**

**Tennis Jamaica**

To support Tennis programs in the parish of Hanover.

*Made possible by Christine and Phillip Gore, Mr. Lydon Dunn*

**Tryall Fund**

To support the organizations general fund.

*Contributions made in honor of Edgar and Louise Cullman.*

**SPECIAL AFJ PROJECTS**  
**Missionaries of the Poor**

To support A Thousand Roofs of Love, A Hurricane Dean relief and recovery initiative.



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**St. Patrick's Foundation / St. Catherine Vicariate**

To support building repairs after Hurricane Dean

*Made possible by Amb. Glen Holden*

**United Way of Jamaica**

Matching grants to promote individual major gifts in Jamaica.

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