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The Full List of Grants Presented During the 2019-2020 Grant Cycle

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• We Care Falmouth Public General Hospital
• White River Marine Association
• Women’s Center Jamaica Foundation
Purpose Of Our Grants

- **Bloom-Caribbean Child Development Centre-UWI Mona**: Support the acquisition of developmentally appropriate furniture, books and materials for the children. It supports in-person training and mentorship opportunities for trainers, teachers and parents.
- **Breds Treasure Beach Foundation**: Supporting the activities of Breds including the Edu-sport program.
- **Chapelton Hospital**: Renovation and expansion of the Chapelton Hospital.
- **Child Resilience**: A 3 year Afterschool Intervention Program.
- **Cornerstone Jamaica**: “See Better, Learn Better” Optical Mission.
- **Creative Language Based Learning**: Contribute to the teacher training program for learning disabled, specifically to support coaching and summer school training.
- **Downtown Kingston Musical Theatre**: Expose students to international best practices in musical theater.
- **Early Childhood Commission**: Brain Builder Centres at: First Steps ECI, St. Elizabeth; Rural Hill Infant, Portland & Cornwall Mountain Infant, Westmoreland.
- **Fighting Words**: Hone literacy skills among young people enrolled in the Unity & Peace (UP) program.
- **International University of Caribbean**: Fund scholarships awarded to students.
- **Jamaica College Foundation**: The funds were presented to the R. Danny Williams scholarship at Jamaica College.
- **Jamaica Conservation Partners**: Support environmental conservation programs across Jamaica.
- **Jamaica Environmental Trust**: Advancing the protection of Jamaica’s Cockpit Country.
- **JASY Camp 2019/Jamaica Advantage thru Sports for Youth**: Rental cost for the sports facility at UTech to host a summer camp for inner city youth.
- **Mt. Alvernia High School**: Funded a computer lab to increase computer literacy in the school district.
- **Montego Bay Marine Park**: Support attendance of 30 children from orphanages at the summer camp program.
- **Open Arms Development Centre**: Funding for a textile and apparel enterprise training program to train residents.
- **Peace Management Initiative**: Funding sports programs and life skill sessions for youth.
- **RISE Life Management Services**: Support training for approximately 50 youth in entrepreneurship.
- **Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church**: Donations to provide for the community of St. James.
- **Sanmerna Foundation**: Support a transport incubator for use in the neonatal unit of selected hospitals.
- **Seaward Primary & Junior High School**: Parenting program in inner-city Kingston.
- **SEE International**: Purchase a new microscope at the St. Ann’s Bay Regional Hospital.
- **Southern Basketball Conference**: The project supports extracurricular activities and field trips for at risk youth.
- **Spring Garden Primary School**: Create an outdoor learning environment.
- **St. Ann’s Bay Hospital**: Refurbished the male surgical ward which accommodates 40 patients.
- **St. Ann’s Bay Parish Library**: To refurbish the children’s area and reading corner.
- **St. Andrew Settlement**: Provides healthcare, dental and educational services to residents Majesty Gardens.
- **United Way of Jamaica**: Mobilizes resources for the private voluntary sector.
- **Usain Bolt Foundation**: To fund computer equipment programs in rural schools across Jamaica.
- **UWI**: To purchase laparoscopic training equipment for CASse at the Chase-Carnegie Skill Laboratory.
- **UWI Bursaries (Cobb, Holden, Cooper, Ralph & Ricky Lauren Bursaries)**: Yearly scholarships awarded to students.
- **Violence Prevention Alliance**: To support community-based events to foster social behaviors and relationships.
- **We Care Falmouth Public General Hospital**: Purchase of a Konica Mini PACS system at the Falmouth Hospital.
- **Women’s Center Jamaica Foundation**: Support adolescent mothers 17 years and under to complete tertiary level education.
Dear Friends of Jamaica:

We hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. The uncertainty of these times has produced challenges in navigating the future, but we are all strengthened by our community of support. Thank you for being there for us and the people of Jamaica.

The health and economic impact of COVID-19 has been dramatic and deep across the world, in Jamaica and at the organization level. Consequently, this has been a very different year for the AFJ.

As it became clear that COVID-19 would become a global pandemic, we quickly responded, shipping critically needed medical supplies. We raised funds to purchase additional medical equipment: an x-ray machine, critical care monitors and a ventilator; we shifted much of our grant giving to food relief and partnered with numerous organizations who share our mission: the PSOJ, CVSS, United Way of Jamaica, Food for the Poor, Issa Trust Foundation, LASCO Foundation and more. What is now clear is that these needs will continue in the months ahead and we so appreciate your continued support.

One of our major projects, the renovation of Chapelton Hospital in Clarendon is approaching the completion of Phase I of construction and we look forward to the reopening of the Hospital early next year. In addition, we have updates on our grant program for the year which have supported violence intervention programs for at risk youth, vocational training for the unemployed, inner city reading programs and more.

We miss the connection with our supporters and volunteers that has been the experience of our Galas and we look forward to the time when we will once more be together. We have joined you in moving our work increasingly to a digital platform and “held” our first virtual Benefit Concert #FriendsUniteForJA with support from an outstanding line up of Jamaican artists and many of our longstanding sponsors. You will see more of this in the months ahead and we invite you to join us.

I cannot thank our Executive Director, Caron Chung and team at the AFJ enough for their tireless work in rising to this challenge; and for our committed Board of Directors who have provided guidance and support for the organization and for the causes that are our mission.

Thank you for being a Friend.

One Love,

Wendy Hart
AFJ President
Dear Friends of the AFJ:

On behalf of everyone here at the AFJ, we hope you and your loved one are staying healthy and safe during these difficult times. As we face the challenges of COVID19 together, it is highly inspirational to witness the unity and solidarity among our donors, partners and sponsors.

Over the years, we have strived to make our organization as adaptable as possible, especially considering that the change of worldly conditions can directly influence the work we do. The AFJ is unique because of our network of like-minded friends of Jamaica who share our passion for serving those in need. The partnerships we have made with sponsors and other groups in Jamaica and here in the US has allowed us to carry through with our work, despite the many obstacles prompted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

The economic downturn has caused far-reaching hardship. The AFJ has worked with partner organizations, (i.e., the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica (PSOJ), United Way, CVSS) to have a presence in vulnerable communities by providing food relief to those directly in need.

Early on, we quickly provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) valued at over U$100K. We pivoted to the digital platform to raise awareness and funds to help provide devices for distance learning. The annual Grant Award Ceremony where we announced U$1,025,791 (J$138,481,785 million) dollars in grants in April also took a virtual format.

For nearly 40 years, the AFJ has provided support to underserved individuals in Jamaica. We will continue to innovate, find options to seek support amidst all the adversity surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak.

None of the lasting impact we have achieved would be possible without the help of our volunteers, partners and supporters, like you.

We are immensely grateful for your commitment to help advance our mission for Jamaica. Let us continue to make a difference during a time when Jamaica needs it most.

With gratitude,

Caron S. Chung
Executive Director
Construction at Chapelton Community Hospital of the new Beverly Nichols Pavilion is progressing. The AFJ has been working closely with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the South Regional Health Authority (SRHA). Work on the project has continued steadily in spite of COVID-19. When completed, the new ward will accommodate 30 beds. This doubles the bed capacity that was previously at 15 beds. The project will also expand the waiting area, construction of a new operating theatre and laboratory, improvement to the water storage facility, among other improvements.

Over 50,000 residents in several nearby northern Clarendon communities and beyond, will benefit from improved health services through the upgrading and expansion of the Chapelton Community Hospital.

"The vision of our donor who saw the desperate need at this aged facility is being realized. The project is focused on expansion, improving services and will become a dedicated center of excellence once completed."

- Caron Chung, ED of the AFJ -
The AFJ and Orbis International joined forces with Dr. Norman Saffra, Ophthalmologist/Retina Specialist in New York and Dr. Lizette Mowatt, Ophthalmologist at the University Hospital of the West Indies to execute a joint surgical mission and teaching program focused on retina disease.

Through this collaboration, 19 procedures were completed over the 5 day period including 15 major surgeries, intravitreal injections and lasers. Ten residents participated in hands on training and lectures. The goals of the mission were achieved, that is, to provide quality eye care and restore vision where possible.

Alcon, the global leader in eye care provided the necessary technology and consumables to support this sight-saving mission.

Dr. Saffra stated, “Jewish tradition dictates that we participate in tikun olam—making the world a better place; what better way to do that, than by helping to restore vision to people who may not have access to the latest sight saving technologies. Partnering with the AFJ and Orbis in this important mission to Kingston and UWI was a natural fit, and allows me to follow in this tradition.”
AFJ Bursaries fund several scholarships each year at the University of the West Indies, supporting those who demonstrate a combination of academic merit, community participation and financial need. This year we announced the Kevin Paul Akindele Wright Memorial Bursary to support students pursuing a degree in the Engineering Program. In addition, scholarships are awarded from the bursaries of Ambassador Glen Holden, Ambassador Sue Cobb, Ambassador J. Gary Cooper and the Ralph & Ricky Lauren Family Foundation. Two of the seven students who received scholarships this year are highlighted below.

Kodi-Anne Mikayla Brown was awarded the Ralph & Ricky Lauren Bursary for the 2019-2020 academic year. The scholarship was granted for the Faculty of Humanities & Education at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies for studies leading to the B.A (Literatures in English) degree. The value of the award was J$100,000.00. She noted how the AFJ propelled her to stay motivated and said “I’ve always had the support of my family and loved ones. Now, I will also have the additional patronage of your organisation to shore up the foundation of support I will stand on on graduation day.”

Ronaldo Trey Blake was awarded the Ambassador Glen A. Holden Bursary for the 2019-2020 academic year. This scholarship was granted for the Faculty of Science & Technology at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies for studies leading to a B.S. (Geography and Economics) degree. The value of the award was J$120,000.00. “Receipt of the Glen A. Holden bursary has undoubtedly lifted a significant burden from my relatives and myself. It has validated my hard work and will definitely encourage me to work harder to get what I want.” Ronaldo Trey Blake has continuously been motivated to work hard in order to ensure that university tuition would not be a burden on his family.
COVID-19 has affected some of the most vulnerable communities around the globe. While Jamaica has managed to contain the transmission of the virus, there are far reaching economic obstacles. This creates a ripple effect as people are out of work and are facing economic hardship. Students are unable to attend traditional learning as school closures and distance learning has now been implemented.

In March, the AFJ donated PPE healthcare supplies to the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI) valued at US$100,000 (J$13.5M). The donation included over 18,000 N95 masks, nearly 40,000 sterile gloves, 1,140 surgical gowns and nebulizers. In addition to healthcare workers, there’s a need for the public to protect themselves, as masks are now required to stop transmission of the virus.

To increase support, the AFJ staged a virtual concert supported by the most iconic names in entertainment, #FriendsUniteForJA raised net US$40,000 which will be used to provide digital learning devices to facilitate distance learning.
In addition to the donation of PPE equipment to the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI), the AFJ provided grants to purchase high priority equipment and a portable x-ray system model.

A partnership with Issa Trust Foundation/Food For the Poor and the Chalifour and Sharp families provided critical health care monitors to hospitals across the island. The donation included personal protective equipment, 50 critical care monitors; 7 were funded by the AFJ US$10,143 or approximately J$1,420,000. The cumulative partnership donation was US$72,000.

The AFJ has also aided in providing an X-ray machine through a donor directed gift from Ralph & Ricky Lauren Family Foundation for Cornwall Regional Hospital. The machine is due to arrive on the island in September.

Together with We Care for Cornwall, a ventilator was purchased for Cornwall Regional Hospital which should arrive in September. The total value of the PB 980 ventilators is US$48,399.11. President Wendy Hart’s comment resonates with the AFJ’s overarching goal for relief in Jamaica as she mentions “COVID-19 is one of the greatest challenges of our time. The AFJ joins in committing its efforts to help address the highest priority needs of the nation and the people of Jamaica”.

Finally, a collaboration with the PSOJ, UnitedWay, and CVSS to support a country wide food security initiative has been positive and productive. Beneficiaries included people who are deaf, children living in extreme poverty, people living with disabilities and people living with HIV. Food relief was provided in 50 communities across the island with over 71,500 beneficiaries. In the end, the program raised over US$1.4M and in-kind donations valued at US$440K.

AFJ Director Emeritus: Ambassador J. Gary Cooper

The Alabama Academy of Honor is a prestigious membership that recognizes one hundred living Alabamians for outstanding accomplishments and services to Alabama and the United States. By act of the Alabama Legislature, only one hundred living people may be members at any time. We congratulate Ambassador J. Gary Cooper (ret) who was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor for the Class of 2020.
The Fighting Words Project helps to improve reading levels and literacy among young people enrolled in the Unity & Peace (UP) program. The book club provides a community resource for young people to engage in social time with their peers through reading, writing and self-expression. Participants develop positive attitudes toward reading and improvement in word recognition and comprehension skills. This grant meets four objectives: promotes positive attitudes to reading and writing, increases access to books, increases engagement between Jamaican authors and young people, and promotes the work of young writers in participating communities. Students participate from communities such as Denham Town and Trench Town.

Several patterns were revealed in the 2019 program evaluation results which have important implications regarding literacy practices; 88% of participants demonstrated greater confidence in their reading ability, 83% believed that reading had become easier for them, 75% of participants found reading more enjoyable. The book club reached over 200 participants between January to August 2019. We look forward to building on this community resource through exposure to books and other literary material.

Sport participation has been associated with improved life prospects such as academic, social, cognitive and personal development. Majesty Gardens Youth Basketball and Life Skills Program aims to improve the lives of Jamaican youth particularly in behavior and social skills.

As with all sectors of Jamaica, the Majesty Gardens program is affected by the Coronavirus which has severely reduced all group social and sport activities. Grant funds from the AFJ helped with distribution of groceries and personal care items, masks, public education campaigns in the community and assisting with a welfare project. Twenty five (25) members between the ages 9-13 years old have benefited from this program.

This conference helps the children to picture life outside their communities and provides opportunities for basketball scholarships and the chance for some players to travel to tournaments outside Jamaica. In adhering to protocol, team training sessions resumed with groups of ten per day where ten teams from the community participated in the league, i.e., 4 under 13 teams and 6 under 15 teams.
One in every five students, or 15–20% of the Jamaican population, has a language-based learning disability that may include problems with listening, speaking, reading, writing, math calculations, reasoning and problem solving. Dyslexia is the most common of these, accounting for 70–80% of people with poor reading skills. In a survey done in Jamaica in collaboration with the World Bank, Dr. Barbara Matalon noted that roughly 17% of the island’s population had some sort of learning disability. Dyslexia is a neurobiological condition, genetic in origin and as such can be inherited. Fortunately, research shows that when teachers are trained in early dyslexia identification and subsequent intervention, 90% of children with dyslexia can be educated in regular classrooms.

The AFJ took matters into our own hands realizing that without direct intervention, language-based learning disabilities can be significant and long lasting on the individual and society at large. We helped fund programs to allow children to harness the proper tools to still flourish with their disabilities.
Traditionally, the AFJ presents annual grants in April during an official ceremony at US Embassy Kingston. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we pivoted to a virtual format when we announced 20 grants valued at U$1,025,791 (J$138,481,785 million) dollars. The grantees joined members of the AFJ Board of Directors on the virtual grant ceremony.

The AFJ hosted the first in a series of A Conversation With ... Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater and Hon. Douglas Orane with moderator Calibe Thompson discussed "Mother Nature is Boss! COVID-19 Exposes Inequality & Racism". The guests discussed the topic from their unique lens, offering insights and solutions into how we can each play a role in combating inherent bias. The full conversation is available on the American Friends of Jamaica Youtube Channel.

The AFJ’s Operations Officer, Tsiry Endor Rakoto hosted a webinar on “How To Complete the Grantee Report”. The online grantee report was launched and general guidelines for the new online report were imparted. The topics covered were (1) Organizational Information and Contact (2) Narrative Report (3) Beneficiary Stories (4) Financial Report. To view the webinar, please visit the American Friends of Jamaica Youtube Channel.
The AFJ awarded the 2019 International Humanitarian Award in New York to Usain Bolt, 8 Times Olympic Gold Medalist & World Record Holder and Dr. The Honorable Glenford Christian, Founder & Chairman of Cari-Med Group of Companies. The event showcased the AFJ’s work in Jamaica and was a time to celebrate the achievements of these two extraordinary philanthropists.

The Usain Bolt Foundation is dedicated to a legacy for happy children; its goal is to enhance the character of children through educational and cultural development as they live their dreams. The Usain Bolt Foundation supports the Jamaica Special Olympics, hosts an annual Christmas Treat in Sherwood Content, and has funded The Walkers Place of Safety and other worthwhile projects.

CariMed Group is the industry leader in pharmaceutical manufacturing and distribution and fast moving consumer goods. Mr. Christian established the Union Gardens Foundation which constructed state of the art early childhood facilities in low income communities across Jamaica based on the model of the Evelyn Mitchell Infant School in rural Clarendon.
Realizing the organization had to forgo the usual Spring Gala in Miami due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The American Friends of Jamaica hosted its first virtual concert #FriendsUniteForJA. The concert was an innovative celebration of solidarity in an era where the pandemic has the world physically distanced. Despite the strong efforts by the government, courageous healthcare workers and resilient citizens, Jamaica remains in need of external support for the population, especially vulnerable groups.

DJ Khaled and Busta Rhymes co-hosted the event with performances by Beenie Man, Rodney Pryce, Skip Marley, Christopher Martin, Sister Nancy, notable cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Dre Island, Busy Signal and Lila Ike. An exciting afterparty was hosted by Max Glazer Federation Sound. The AFJ raised net U$40,000 which will be allocated to provide devices for students constrained by distance learning across the island, and provided food relief for communities struck hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.
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