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## ***GoFundMe Campaign Launched to Support Widespread Vaccine Distribution***

**New York, NY July 9, 2021-** The American Friends of Jamaica (AFJ) is announcing the launch of a GoFundMe campaign for its COVID-19 Vaccine Fund. The campaign is aimed to encourage donors to support our efforts in keeping Jamaicans safe through increased vaccine distribution. The target amount for the GoFundMe campaign is US\$30,000.

On April 7, 2021, the AFJ launched its COVID-19 Vaccine Fund with US\$200,000 through initial major donors. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) and the National Vaccine Commission of Jamaica, a COVID-19 Vaccine Blitz Site was executed on April 12th and 13th in Hanover, Jamaica. A total of 831 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine were administered until the supply was finished. On July 6th, 2021 phase 2 of the Blitz Site was implemented. Anyone due to get their second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine was welcome at Hopewell Sports Complex in Hanover. Across two blitz sites, over 1,200 vaccines were administered.

The AFJ continues to support the MOHW during this global pandemic, recognizing that reducing vaccination hesitancy and increasing vaccine equity are of great importance. The AFJ prioritizes both public health and economic development as key elements of its mission and is seeking to support the Government's efforts to end this pandemic in Jamaica. The GoFundMe Campaign can be found at <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/afj-covid-19-vaccine-fund>.

### **About the AFJ**

The AFJ is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit built on the principles of service and philanthropy. For nearly 40 years, the organization has been rendering assistance in the areas of Education, Healthcare, and Economic Development. The AFJ Grant Cycle begins at the end of each year and grants are disbursed in April of the following year. For information on how to support our mission for Jamaica, email [info@theafj.org](mailto:info@theafj.org) or visit [www.theafj.org](http://www.theafj.org).

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