



PRESS RELEASE

Jamaica Receives 2nd Donation of PPE to Combat COVID19 from the AFJ

New York, NY July 27, 2021- The American Friends of Jamaica (AFJ) is announcing the arrival of critical COVID-19 protective supplies to Jamaica. Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut presented a second donation since the pandemic of 20,000 KN95 masks and 32,825 coveralls, disposable gowns and isolation gowns valued at over US\$90,000. Official handover of the two 40 ft containers will be held at 10amJA time on Tuesday, August 3rd at the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI).

Saint Francis Hospital, a member of Trinity Health Of New England, is an anchor institution in Hartford committed to health and healing through compassionate care, effective technology, and a people-centered approach. The AFJ's partnership with Saint Francis is important in maintaining the health and safety of essential hospital workers in Jamaica.

"We at Saint Francis Hospital are honored to partner with the American Friends of Jamaica and provide much needed supplies to support the Ministry of Health and Wellness to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic," said Thomas Burke, BPharm, MBA, President of Saint Francis Hospital. "It is our Mission to be a compassionate and transforming healing presence, and it is with partnerships such as these that we actively live that Mission both in our local communities and across the globe."

On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Wellness and the Honorable Minister Dr Christopher Tufton, thanks and appreciation was expressed by Courtney Cephas, Executive Director, Health for Life and Wellness Foundation who further stated, "With us now looking at a third-wave of the pandemic, this generous gift of PPEs could not have come at a better time to support the tireless work of our healthcare staff who we are indebted to for the great progress we have made in this war against COVID-19".

The AFJ's efforts to aid Jamaica during the COVID-19 pandemic are ongoing. The AFJ is pleased to collaborate with the Jamaica Poverty Trust in the delivery of the shipment of two 40ft containers. This collaboration is an important milestone in achieving our mutual goals. "To further the mission of the AFJ, partnership provides many benefits. It allows our nonprofit, the private sector and government to join together to make even greater strides for stronger outcomes. The AFJ is grateful for these mutually beneficial opportunities" expressed AFJ Executive Director, Caron Chung.

Donate to our [COVID-19 Vaccine fund](#) to increase widespread vaccination distribution across Jamaica.

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 or visit www.theafj.org.

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