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AFJ Presents over J\$119 million (US\$766,000) in Grant Awards

New York, NY, May 10, 2024 – The American Friends of Jamaica, Inc. (AFJ) strives to positively impact lives through supporting reputable charities while stewarding donations from our supporters in the United States of America to Jamaica.

In February this year, the annual AFJ grant cycle closed with 81 discretionary grant application submissions. Subsequently, following a rigorous evaluation process by the AFJ Grants Committee; 26 discretionary grants were approved. A total of 47 grants were presented at the Grant Award Ceremony on May 7, 2024. Grant awards were presented at the official ceremony hosted by The Honorable N. Nick Perry, U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica at the United States Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica. The event was for grantees and invited guests only.

Combined with Donor Advised Grants, a total of 44 grants will be presented. The full list of grants to be presented during the ceremony are **A New Jamaica of Peace, Alpha School of Music, Bethel Baptist Church, Busy Bee Educational Enrichment, Inc., Child Resiliency Program, VPA, Christel House Jamaica, Church Teachers College, Cornwall Regional Hospital/WRHA, Creative Language-Based Learning (CLBL), Fight for Peace International, Half Way Tree Primary School, Institute of Jamaica, Jamaica Conservation & Development Trust, Jamaica Musical Theatre Company, Journey 2 Free, Lara Otonla Counseling Center, Lupus Foundation of Jamaica, Mission of Sight, Musson Foundation, National Education Trust- Level Up, National STEM Centre, Rose Town Foundation, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Sagicor Foundation, Seprod Foundation, ProjectSTAR, Southern Basketball Conference, St. Mary's Preparatory School, St. Patrick's Foundation/Riverton Meadows, Early Childhood Education HR Centre, Stand Up for Jamaica, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Trench Town Primary, UWI - Amb. Glen Holden Scholarship, UWI - Amb. J. Gary Cooper Scholarship, UWI - Amb. Sue M. Cobb Scholarship, UWI Kathleen Newman Scholarship, UWI - Kevin Akindede Wright Scholarship, UWI - Margaret "Peggy" Steuart Scholarship, UWI - Ralph & Ricky Lauren Scholarship, UWI - Sydney A Phillips Scholarship, Violence Prevention Alliance, VM Foundation Limited.**

"The AFJ believes in reducing education inequity, investing in skills-building opportunities and improving patient-care. This year's grants are an inclusive representation of our mission to impact Education, Healthcare and Economic Development in Jamaica," states Caron Chung, Executive Director.

The AFJ's grantmaking cycle begins in November, grantees are selected once per year. The



AFJ is able to award grants from proceeds raised from annual fundraisers in New York and Miami, private foundations, corporate partnerships, donor direct contributions and the AFJ online giving platform.

About the AFJ

The AFJ is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit built on the principles of service and philanthropy. For over 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. Contributions to the AFJ are tax deductible. For more information, email info@theafj.org or visit www.theafj.org.