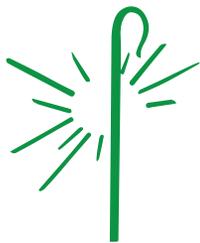


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MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY AUDREY P. MARKS, AMBASSADOR OF JAMAICA TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 6TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER OF THE PARTNERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD, JAMAICA INC.

“It is particularly noteworthy, that this young organization has been able to make such a profound and lasting impact on the lives of the poor and the needy in various communities across Jamaica”



The United Nations estimates that one in five people in the developing world still live on less than \$1.90 a day. Even so, there are millions more who make little more than this daily amount and the gap between the rich and the poor continues to widen. Following the adoption of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015, there is now a renewed commitment among all countries to mobilize efforts to, inter alia, end all forms of poverty and fight inequalities, while ensuring that no person or no country is left behind.

Jamaica has been at the forefront of this global movement, commencing with the alignment of its National Development Goals enshrined in Vision 20/30 Jamaica, with the seventeen (17) United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Central to the achievement of these goals, is partnership among countries at the international and regional levels, as well as among all stakeholders at the national level.

It is within this context that I wish, on behalf of the people and Government of Jamaica, to commend Partners of Good Shepherd for its continued commitment, partnership and its sustained contribution and invaluable support to the most vulnerable in Jamaica, which include the poor, the infirmed and children with disabilities.

It is particularly noteworthy, that this young organization has been able to make such a profound and lasting impact on the lives of the poor and the needy in various communities across Jamaica. Here, I make special reference to the US\$54,000 which has been donated to charities in Jamaica since the organization's inception in 2014 and the establishment of the state-of-the- art Good Shepherd Medical Center, which is expected to be officially opened in June 2018.

This would not have been possible without God's Grace, the Most Rev. Charles Dufour's passion and dedication, and generous contributions from individuals and businesses like you.

I, therefore, encourage you to continue to support this righteous cause and to spread the word and invite others to support this initiative. In closing, I invite you to reflect on Acts 20:35 which states:

“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Blessings.



MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP
THE MOST REV. & HON. CHARLES H. DUFOUR, DD, OJ, CD
ARCHBISHOP OF KINGSTON



“Today, as we gather in God’s name to help the least of our brothers and sisters, we can truly be grateful for the opportunity to be the hands and feet of God to those in need.”

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am so pleased to welcome you to our sixth annual Fundraiser of Partners of Good Shepherd Jamaica, as we continue striving to make a difference in health and education in Jamaica.

Today, as we gather in God’s name to help the least of our brothers and sisters, we can truly be grateful for the opportunity to be the hands and feet of God to those in need. Every day, people are struggling to raise themselves out of poverty and hopelessness, and by your generosity, you are reaching out your hand to them and inspiring them with hope for the future. Indeed, hope may be the greatest gift that you give.

I therefore call upon you once again to continue to be generous. And I thank God for each one of you who have answered God’s call to share of your blessings.

May you and your loved ones continue to be showered with God’s wonderful blessings in your own lives.

Yours sincerely,

Most Rev. & Hon Charles H. Dufour, D.D,
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**MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR CURTIS A. WARD,
FORMER AMBASSADOR OF JAMAICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF POGS**



“Success of any organization is measured by results, and POGS, in six short years, is among leading Jamaican Diaspora charitable organization.”

Once again we come together for one of the most laudable purposes – making a collective contribution to improving the lives of our fellow Jamaicans who are less fortunate. We have chosen Partners of Good Shepherd Jamaica (POGS) under the leadership of Ms. Joy Dufour, who works tirelessly year round to provide us with an organization driven by humanitarian concerns, and which operates at the highest level of integrity and trust. Success of any organization is measured by results, and POGS, in six short years, is among leading Jamaican Diaspora charitable organizations. As many supporters of this organization are aware, while it depends heavily on your generous financial support, its true success lies on how the funds that are raised positively affect people’s lives. In order for a Diaspora-based organization to effect meaningful and lasting changes in Jamaican society, an effective and trusted Jamaican-based partner is an important imperative.

Inspiration for POGS comes from its partner organizations in Jamaica and the work they do for the marginalized and less fortunate of Jamaican society. In particular, POGS’s partnership with one of the most trusted, leading charitable organizations in Jamaica – Good Shepherd Foundation – has created a space for all of us who support this organization to do collectively what we cannot do effectively as individuals. The founder, and inspirational leader of Good Shepherd Jamaica, Archbishop Emeritus Charles Dufour, has been recognized by the Government of Jamaica for his services to the people, and by the Pope for his work across a very broad spectrum of society.

While each of us wished we could do more, the needs far outstrip our individual resources. In some cases, with limited resources, individually we make a difference, no matter how big or small, in the short-term, and in some cases we are able to change lives forever. However, due to the magnitude of the problem we can change the overall prevailing conditions only incrementally, and in most cases our contributions cannot bring about lasting relief, or change lives for the better in the long-term. POGS provide us with a vehicle through which we can work collectively through trusted and proven partnerships in Jamaica to achieve what we cannot do on our own.

Additionally, Ms. Dufour has inspired strong support from members of her church community, St. Andrew Parish, under the leadership of Father Dan Leary. They have supported POGS financially and in-kind, thus making it possible for this organization to maximize its contributions to Jamaica. Also, St. Andrew Parish’s ongoing missions to Jamaica support the work of Jacob’s Ladder in Moneague, including by building homes for the residents there. We are grateful to Father Leary and the members of his Parish, and we are pleased that their work was recognized last year by Jamaica’s Prime Minister.

Supporters of this annual event each year leave with a sense of satisfaction for contributing to making people’s lives better; that we are not giving a handout, but offering a hand that lifts up. POGS operate year round and look forward to your continued support. As a member of the Jamaican Diaspora and a member of the Board, I am proud to be associated with POGS and its commitment to advancing the well-being of the people of Jamaica where I come from, and to which I remain attached. Jamaica’s National Hero Marcus Mosiah Garvey rightly taught us that we must acknowledge our origins – *“A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”* POGS help us remain rooted in the Homeland.





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The Honorable
Shirley Nathan- Pulliam

"The need for health equity is so great it takes many more dedicated organizations such as Partners of Good Shepherd Jamaica to make a difference."

May 5, 2018

To: Partners of Good shepherd
Jamaica

Dear members and friends,

Bring you greetings on behalf of myself and my colleagues in the Maryland General Assembly.

I take this opportunity to applaud Partners of Good Shepherd for their continued commitment to give back to the most vulnerable in Jamaica. The effort of Partners of Good Shepherd is a worthy and needed one and the result of their effort has been remarkable in the short time they have been in operation. I believe improving the physical and mental well-being of people in disadvantaged communities in Jamaica is commendable. Therefore,

I wish you a very successful and enjoyable event.

The need for health equity is so great it takes many more dedicated organizations such as Partners of Good Shepherd Jamaica to make a difference. Addressing healthcare especially for the sick who are not educationally or financially viable is the most important step in creating a positive change in the world.

Again, congratulations on all that you are doing for the least of us and continued success.

Sincerely,

Shirley Nathan-Pulliam



MESSAGE FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE ISIAH LEGGETT



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Isiah Leggett
County Executive

"On behalf of the residents of Montgomery County, I wish POGS continued success and you have my best wishes for a successful event."



May 5, 2018

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to extend greetings to everyone attending the Sixth Annual Fundraiser for Partners of Good Shepard Jamaica, Inc. (POGS).

Since its inception in 2013, POGS assists the poor and infirm in Jamaica through its mission of maximizing contributions of money, time, effort, and other resources to help those in unfavourable circumstances with social, educational, financial and healthcare opportunities. Just last year, POGS donated \$21,000 US dollars to assist with the educational needs supported by the Good Shepherd Foundation of

Jamaica; supported the upcoming state-of-the-art health facility in Montego Bay, and the Mustard Seed Communities dedicated to providing care for abandoned children with mental and physical disabilities.

On behalf of the residents of Montgomery County, I wish POGS continued success and you have my best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

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MESSAGE FROM VERY REV. MONSIGNOR GREGORY RAMKISSOON



"The tremendous support that Mustard Seed Communities has received from the Partners of Good Shepherd over the past five years has made an impact on the lives of hundreds of children and adults with disabilities."

Greetings from Mustard Seed Communities! The tremendous support that Mustard Seed Communities has received from the Partners of Good Shepherd over the past five years has made an impact on the lives of hundreds of children and adults with disabilities. Our mission to care for the vulnerable and marginalized of society can only be met with the support that you continue to give Mustard Seed Communities year after year.

You have helped us to care for over four hundred and fifty children and adults throughout Jamaica who are physically and developmentally challenged. These individuals will remain in the care of Mustard Seed for the full duration of their lives. Mustard Seed not only provides them with food, clothing, medicine and shelter; but also strives to meet each person's educational, therapeutic, recreational, social and spiritual needs. It is this focus on the

whole person that brings each resident joy, respect and dignity.

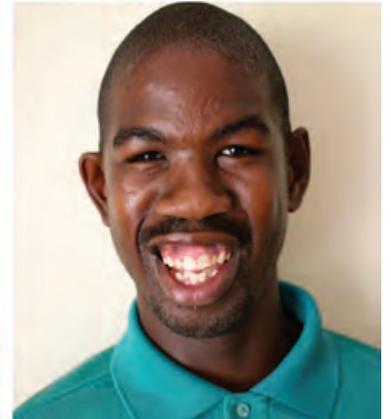
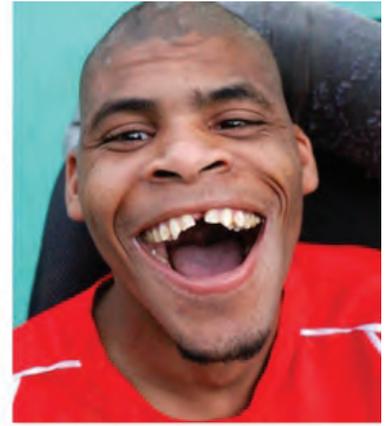
On behalf of the entire Mustard Seed Communities family, I thank you for your continued efforts to promote awareness of the needs of those less fortunate and to raise much needed funds to support the programs of Mustard Seed.

May God continue to guide and bless your team of volunteers and supporters, and may He grant much success to the Sixth annual event of the Partners of Good Shepherd.

Yours in Christ,

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MESSAGE FROM JEANNE P. ROBINSON-FOSTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION, JAMAICA

“Together we started a good worklet’s complete it together for the benefit of the sick, poor and downtrodden who might otherwise not have medical care.”

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Bishop Burchell McPherson, Patron of The Good Shepherd Foundation, the members of the Board, the Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, the volunteers and the working poor community of Montego Bay and indeed the Parish of St. James, I bid you a warm Christian welcome to this fund raising event of the Partners of Good Shepherd Jamaica.

Your presence here is a strong outward gesture of your commitment to help those less fortunate than you are and as a beneficiary of gestures such as yours please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity and goodwill. Tonight we have a lot to celebrate! The relocation of the Hope Clinic which has been an outreach project of the Diocese of Montego Bay for over forty years to a location on the Cathedral grounds is now a reality and to God be the glory! Those of you who are acquainted with the story can attest to the fact that when we broke ground in 2011 our assets were faith, hope and a strong belief that we could rely on persons like you for charity as you partnered with us in God’s ministry. And what a journey it has been.

Professionals provided their services with gracious financial accommodation, suppliers were generous with discounts and fundraising functions like these with magnanimous persons such as you gave us the financial impetus, sometimes when the need was so great and we had no idea where the next penny was coming from. Even the patients implicit in their belief that “one one cocoa full basket” collectively through their own small creative efforts have to date contributed over US\$10,000.00. We applaud these efforts in cash coupled with the giant contribution in kind from Food for the Poor, our major donor without whom we could not have experienced the miracle of this clinic. Other donors such as the Tourism Enhancement Fund of the government of Jamaica and the American Friends of Jamaica were instrumental in the timely completion of the building and the equipping of the dental clinic with well needed modern equipment. The

construction of this clinic has truly been a partnership *in par* and a testimony to what God’s people can do when He gives them a vision and they articulate it in faith.



So now seven years later we are in our new location and our formal opening to which you all are invited will be Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 3 p.m. Our beloved Governor General will be the Guest Speaker. Come see our modern Dental wing, our Optical wing, our medical facility and charming chapel and come to meet our three doctors who have been serving our people with sacrificial service for many years, our nursing sisters and our volunteers; and come bask in the restful ambiance of the residential suites and guest accommodation which is on the upstairs section of the building and which will provide accommodation for our visiting volunteer medical groups like VITAS.

There is still much to be done. We have a sterilization and mini surgery room that has to be equipped, as well as a rehabilitation room. An elevator shaft is presently empty and frankly the building is a work in progress. The truth be told there are outstanding bills and although our few creditors have exhibited great patience we would be pleased to extinguish our debts as soon as possible.

We therefore implore you to give magnanimously. Together we started a good worklet’s complete it together for the benefit of the sick, poor and downtrodden who might otherwise not have medical care.

I wish you and your family all God’s richest blessings as we work together in His vineyard. See you in Mo Bay!!!!

Jeanne Robinson-Foster
Chair, Good Shepherd Foundation



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MESSAGE FROM JOY MARIE DUFOUR
PRESIDENT, PARTNERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD JAMAICA INC.



“Thank you so much for your spirit of generosity.”

I am pleased to welcome each of you once again, as we gather for Partners of Good Shepherd (POGS) Jamaica Sixth Annual Fundraiser.

Thank you so much for your spirit of generosity. Your support is important to us. Your support makes it possible for us to help Mustard Seeds Communities (MSC) in serving the most vulnerable groups in Jamaican society. As you know, the residents of MSC are abandoned children and young adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Your support also makes it possible for us to help students to continue their education through the tuition assistance program; and thank you for your financial support towards the building-fund for the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Montego Bay. The Medical Center will officially be opened on June 6, 2018, and will provide medical, dental, orthopedic, physical rehabilitation units, an x-ray room, pharmacy, and more. The very poor and the working poor will benefit greatly, as this will give them access to healthcare and an overall better quality of life.

My special thanks to POGS's Board and committee members for their time and dedication. Without their help and support POGS would not be able to achieve its goals.

My sincere thanks to my parish church family, St. Andrew Apostle, and my pastor, Fr. Dan Leary for their unending devotion in supporting POGS and the Mustard Seeds Communities, in particular Jacob's Ladder, in Moneague, Jamaica.

We are grateful to our sponsors, advertisers, and donors – a special thank you, well done!

Your continued support and attendance at POGS 6th Annual Fundraiser help us to improve the lives of our fellow Jamaicans who are disenfranchised. The financial sacrifice you make to help the poor is from the heart, and reflects the struggles each have overcome and the opportunities we now have.

Be Blessed always, and a *'whole heap ah love'* to you all.

I conclude with a special quote from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: “An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity. And, as Dr. King also said, “You only need a heart full of grace; a soul generated by love,” to serve.



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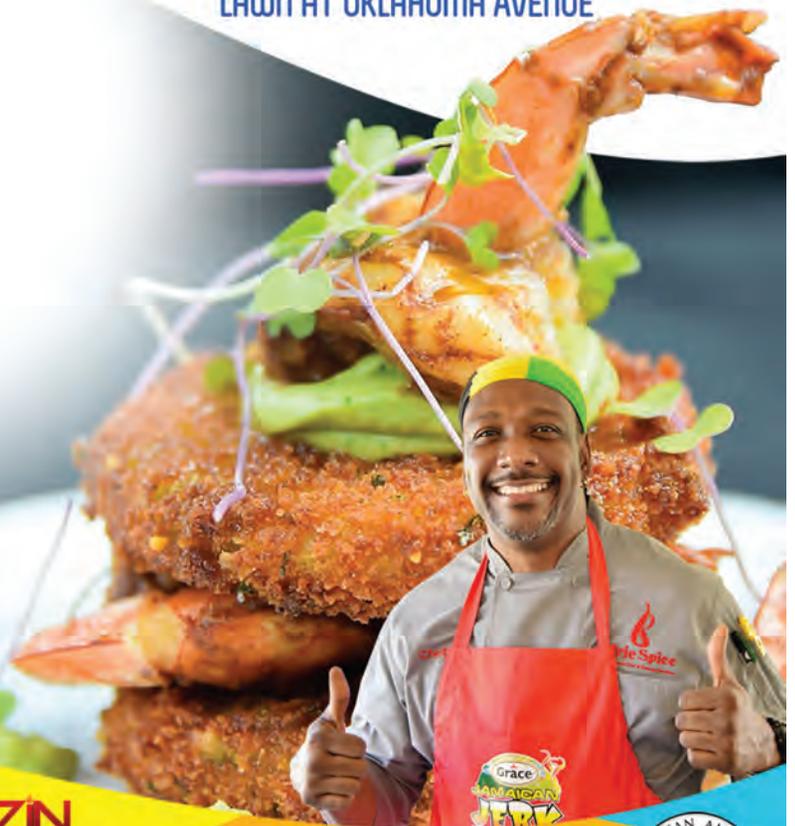
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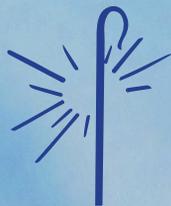
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PARTNERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD JAMAICA

MEMBER PLEDGE

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Communities, the Archbishop Charities of Kingston, Mandeville and other communities, and strive for unity in our endeavors. We seek no praise or glory for our work, but will defend the mission of reaching out to the poor and disadvantaged with all our intellect, strength and financial resources. May God grant us the courage to be true to our pledge.

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Steve sang with David Reid and Cecil Cooper as a group called Dem 3 Jamaican Tenors; their splendid performances wowed many audiences.

Steve has toured in Europe, the Americas, and the Caribbean for over 25 years, and produced the annual Steve Higgins & Friends show for the past 15 years. He has performed favorites from Classical and Jazz to popular musical genres infused with Island music from his native Jamaica. Steve has sung at the New York Mets Games and was the headliner at the Birmingham (UK) Commonwealth Association’s Tribute to Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

In 2012, the Jamaican Consulate in Miami presented Steve Higgins with the Honor Roll Certificate as a change Maker in the South Florida community. In 2013, Jamaica’s Ministry of Culture awarded him a Certificate of Appreciation.



MEET OUR MASTERS OF CEREMONY

Colonel Jacqueline Payne-Borden, PhD, RN



Colonel (ret) Payne-Borden served in the United States Air Force for 29 years and is a nurse Veteran. She hails from Clarendon, Jamaica. Her unending love for her homeland, has led her to give selflessly to the Jamaican and Caribbean community locally and in Jamaica. She has served as Public Relations officer for Jamaican Nationals Association (JNA); and is the Immediate Past President of JNA. During her tenure, JNA has hosted, Prime Minister Patterson, Hon. K. D. Knight, arranged video recorded greeting from Hon. Louise Bennett-Coverley, worked extensively with Jamaica AIDS Support in securing funds, goods and created an educational video on HIV/AIDS, facilitated fundraisers for homeless female U.S. veterans and homeless citizens in Jamaica among other activities. She was the court appointed Patios Interpreter for a high-profile court case in Chesapeake, Virginia. At present Jackie is full time faculty at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, and Adjunct faculty, Washington Adventist University, Tacoma Park, Maryland. She is a surveyor of health care facilities for the Joint Commission which provides accreditation. Dr. Payne-Borden was a fellow of the American Nurses Association and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. She is on several boards including the Maryland Board of Nursing.

Jackie is a staunch advocate for persons afflicted with mental health disorders or emotional issues. She delights in cultural activities, loves dancing and theater. It is an honor and pleasure for her to participate in the Partners of Good Shepherd Jamaica 6th Annual Fundraiser and Dinner Dance.

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MICHAEL CAMPBELL, Commissioner

District of Columbia Mayor's Advisory Commission
on Caribbean Community Affairs.



A premier entertainer, Michael Campbell is a popular comedian and host for Caribbean events throughout the United States. His unique brand of humor keeps Caribbean audiences captivated and laughing out loud with a good West Indian belly laugh. Throw in his laid back style, wit, and ability to find “the funny” in everyday life ...you have the ingredients for a Comedy genius.

Michael has hosted many Caribbean events, and has appeared alongside lead co-anchor at WJLA-TV, Maureen Bunyan and actor, Keith “Shebada” Ramsay. Michael has been dubbed Washington DC’s own “Oliver Samuels” and actually shared the stage with Oliver Samuels, one of the Caribbean’s most popular and entertaining comedians.

His favorite motto is “Out of Many, One People”. Mr. Campbell is a proud Caribbean man of Jamaican heritage. True to his comedic nature, he aspires to become a renowned comedian and to one day host the Oscars. Watch out Chris Rock the completion is fierce!

As a public servant, he partners with his church serving homeless persons. Michael currently serves as a Commissioner on the DC Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Caribbean Community Affairs, and recently shared his skills as MC for the inaugural Grace Jerk Festival, Washington, DC.





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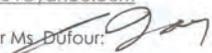
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Ms. Joy Marie Dufour
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Dear Ms. Dufour: 

Greetings from Mustard Seed Communities!

We write to express our deepest thanks for the recent donation of **eight thousand dollars (US\$8000.00)** towards our programs for the disenfranchised adults and children in our care. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission.

Mustard Seed Communities is inspired by your Organization's support and commitment to improving the physical and mental well-being of the disadvantaged. Please know that your contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of those among us. We appreciate the spirit of kindness in these challenging times and are grateful for the fulfilling impact of your gift.

Thank you for your generosity and may you be blessed as you continue to enhance the welfare of the least of our brothers.

In Christ,

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Ms. Joy Marie Dufour
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Dear Joy,

We have received your donation of US\$3000.00 through the Roman Catholic Bishop of Mandeville in August 2017 for the Good Shepherd Foundation Medical Centre Building.

We would like to thank you for your unwavering effort in assisting us with the completion of this Medical Centre, which will enhance the lives of those who we serve.

May the Lord lavish His choicest blessings on your endeavours.

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Most Rev. & Hon. Charles H. Dufour
Good Shepherd Foundation

Your Grace,

It is with utmost gratitude that I write this letter to thank you and the foundation immensely for the financial assistance granted to me in this school year (2017-2018). It has assisted me greatly in finishing the school semester overall in good standing, and to maintain this such streak to remain on the Honors' Scholar's Awards List.

With this, I am forever grateful for each and every individual who has contributed both financially and emotionally to my tertiary education. By giving me this opportunity, I plan to give right back, by using the tools and skills gathered within my tenure at Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, to assist schools within the Diocese and community, where needed. My prayers are with the foundation to continue such works to students who are in need of financial help who will in turn assist the church community in some way or another.

Yours truly,



Christabelle Brown

Recipient of the Good Shepherd Foundation Scholarship.

Dear Donors

I am Rojive Smith, a first year student currently studying Electrical Engineering at the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTECH) a privilege given to me so I could to expand my skills, knowledge and experience further through your generosity. With your sponsorship I was able achieve a lot during my first year, and I would love to thank you for assisting me to elaborate my knowledge and skills in order to reach my fullest potential. Without you none of these things will be given onto me.

I am writing to thank you for taking part in fulfilling my goals of becoming an electrical engineer. This sponsorship has helped me to stay on this path by allowing me to complete the modules needed in my first year. Being a student is very difficult with raising tuition fees and having few job prospects that are willing to accommodate me as a student. It has become even more challenging since the death of my father who was the main source of earnings for my mom and I. It would have been a very tedious journey for me and my mom who is now a single parent, to gain enough funds to cover expenses and my school fee.

This sponsorship gave me the opportunity to fully focus my attention on the main objective of achieving the best I can wholeheartedly without any exception. I will continue strive to do the best I can and I am very thankful to be able to continue on the path of achieving my degree. Thank you for granting me the this valuable sponsorship and may God continually bless you. You have made a tremendous impact on my life.

Sincerely
Rojive Smith

April 13, 2018

Dear Archbishop Dufour:

I am so grateful to you for the help you have given me to pay my tuition towards my Bachelor's degree at the Catholic College of Mandeville. I am a single mother with four children.

My two older boys received training at St. John Bosco Boys Home because I was unable to care for them adequately. When they were with me, we did not always know where the next meal would come from. At Bosco, they were well fed and educated. They are both working in the food industry and are now able to take care of themselves. I am so grateful for that.

I have a daughter is high school and a son in primary school, and I am working as a teacher's assistant. The pay is very small because I don't have the necessary qualifications. I started taking classes part-time at the Catholic College, three years ago, with the aim of getting my Bachelor's Degree in Teaching and Learning. It is a struggle, but I am determined to complete my degree.

Your help in paying part of my tuition fee for the last two years has helped me to get further along in my studies, and closer to my goal. Once I complete my degree, I will be able to earn a better wage that will allow me to better care for my children.

I want to thank you for your kindness and everything that you have done for me.

Yours truly,

Peta Gaye Givans

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22-Aug-17	A. SMITH	EXCELSIOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE	801.28
		TOTAL PAYMENTS	8,523.27



PM Andrew Holness lauds U.S. Priest for his contribution to Jamaica

By Derrick Scott

Washington, DC – Father Dan Leary, of St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church in Silver Spring, Maryland, is the latest recipient of a citation from Prime Minister Andrew Holness, who has hailed the priest’s contribution to the building of Jamaica.

The Prime Minister said Father Leary’s philanthropy has significantly transformed the lives of the mentally- and physically-challenged.

In the citation delivered on his behalf by Jamaica’s Ambassador to the United States, Her Excellency Audrey Marks, the Prime Minister detailed Fr. Leary’s efforts that resulted in six new homes built on the Jacob’s Ladder property in Moneague, St. Ann. It houses mentally-challenged individuals aged 18 and older.

Father Leary has provided adequate and suitable accommodations for some forty-eight mentally-challenged persons, the Prime Minister noted.

“Father Leary’s benevolence knows no bounds as he continues to solicit international and local support for those who are less fortunate. His contribution through the Mustard Seed Community has played a pivotal and life-changing role in the lives of many Jamaicans.” Prime Minister Holness thanked the Pastor for his resolve to improve the lives of the needy and vulnerable in Jamaica and for his commitment and dedication to serving the people of Jamaica.

Father Dan Leary, who is from Ireland, pastors a church of over 1700 members. For the past four years his congregation has partnered with the Good Shepherd Foundation to assist the needy in Jamaica.

One of the main beneficiaries is the Jacob’s Ladder Community Project in Moneague. Sitting on 100 acres of land, the facility houses about 110 residents but according to Father Leary the vision is to accommodate about 500 adults and to develop the land into a hub for sustainable agricultural projects.

Ambassador Marks offered her own high praises for Father Leary and his congregation for their mission to serve the poor and needy in Jamaica. She said the Embassy of Jamaica stood ready to facilitate any endeavour to benefit Jamaica and her citizens, and assistance from friends of Jamaica is very special.

Fr. Leary called it “an honour to accept this citation on behalf of the people of St. Andrew, and I am elated that the Prime Minister of Jamaica has seen it fit to recognize us with this citation.” He said he and his congregation felt called to the mission of helping the poor and needy in Jamaica. “It is a blessing to receive this honour, and we will continue to work for the people of Jamaica especially the vulnerable and the poor, the abandoned and the orphaned.”





Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States, Her Excellency Audrey Marks, presents Prime Minister Andrew Holness' citation to Father Dan Leary of St Andrew Apostle Catholic Church in Silver Spring, Maryland. The ceremony was held at the Embassy of Jamaica in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

Father Dan Leary, of St Andrew Apostle Catholic Church in Silver Spring, Maryland, accepts a citation from Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States, Her Excellency Audrey Marks, who made the presentation on behalf Prime Minister Andrew Holness.

Photo Derrick Scott



The citation was presented during a brief ceremony at the Embassy of Jamaica. Those on hand included Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy, Mrs. Marsha Coore-Lobban; lawyer and former Ambassador to the UN, Curtis Ward; and Ms. Joy Dufour, sister of former Roman Catholic Bishop of Jamaica, the Most Reverend Charles Dufour; as well as members of the St. Andrew Mission team and Partners of Good Shepherd committee members.

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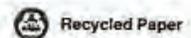
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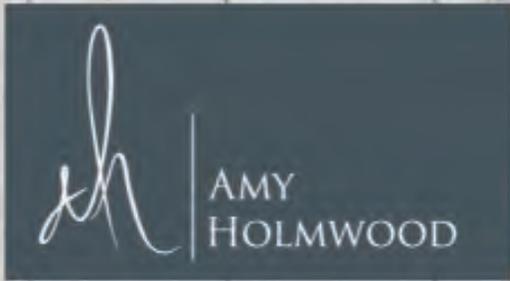
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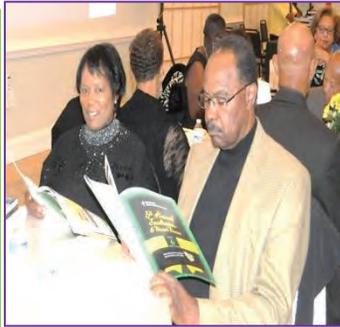
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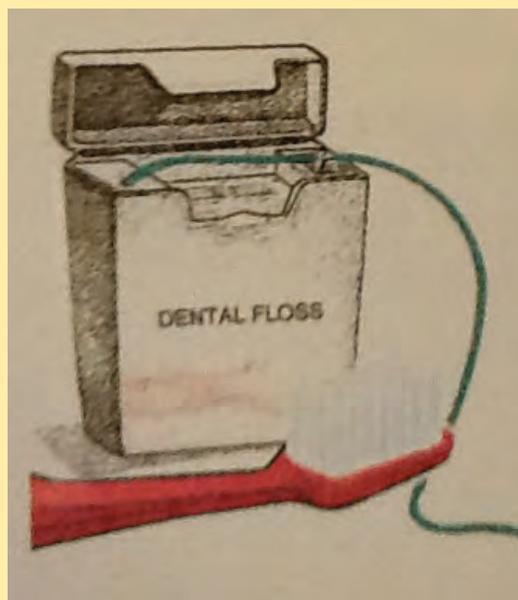
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