



# Jamaica Youth Education Support

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SEPT 2020

2020 continues to be challenging for everyone and with increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases in Jamaica, it has resulted in the delay of the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Initially scheduled to begin September 7<sup>th</sup> but now is tentatively set for October 5th with virtual learning. Virtual learning, as it did in the Spring, poses its own set of challenges. One is that some students do not have access to the internet and/or a computer/tablet to attend online class with their classmates nor their teacher. They must find alternate ways to work with their teacher, collect school assignments and to turn them in and take exams. The other challenge for underserved students who rely on receiving a school meal when school is open, will not be getting one during virtual learning. The number of underserved students in need of food has greatly increased since Covid-19 has negatively affected tourism. With tourism (not all resorts are back open at this time) and the businesses supported by it (hotel workers, drivers, attractions, shops, restaurants and even farmers), families have seen their income dramatically diminish or eliminated altogether.

## SCHOOL YEAR

2020



2021

- 1,800 # of meals funded to underserved students per week
- 4,300 # of yearly roundtrip school transportation funded
- 8 # of schools supported for this school year

Jamaica YES Board members challenged each other to secure sponsor donations to support them in walking a self-determined number of miles each day for two weeks. **It was a great success!! We want to thank the generosity of everyone who sponsored a Board member during their two week challenge.**

Board Members successfully completed their first year contract of 'Adopt-A-Hwy' in Allen, Texas for picking up litter along a one mile stretch of Exchange Pkwy.



Socially distanced desks in a Basic School classroom - ready for returning



## 2020 EVENTS

- Due to Covid-19, events for 2020 have been postponed or cancelled. We are currently working on fundraising opportunities for the 2020-2021 school year.
- **Fall Gala Fundraiser** has been rescheduled for next year, May 22, 2021.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Due to Covid-19 and CDC guidelines, we are suspending volunteer opportunities until further notice.

For additional volunteer opportunities, please check out our Facebook page. [/jamaicayes](https://www.facebook.com/jamaicayes)

Previous Newsletters. Please click [here](#).

Donations can be made at <https://jamaicayes.org/donate>

Or, checks can be made payable to:

Jamaica YES

Mailed to:

4413 Cannock Drive, McKinney, TX 75070



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