

Dear friends and supporters of Jamaica YES,

2023 is off to a great start and we are hopeful the momentum continues. Your generosity serves to provide a brighter future for the underserved school children in Jamaica. At current funding levels we are having an impact on 900 children per week.....with your help we would like to make that 1,000. Moving us closer to achieving that goal Jamaica YES was the benefactor of a onetime distribution of funds from another nonprofit, Jamaica Breakfast Program.

We look forward to hosting our upcoming annual Bowl-A-Thon (date TBD) and the third annual 2023 Changing Children's Lives golf tournament on Saturday, September 16.

The privately funded Ruth Graham Memorial scholarship is open for student applications through May 31.

On behalf of the school children in Jamaica that are benefiting from your support of Jamaica YES we want to express our heartfelt appreciation. We could not do this without you.

Jamaica YES Board

## SCHOOL YEAR

## 2023 EVENTS

2022



2023

4,485 # of meals funded per wk (3,045 last school yr)  
 897 # of students supported for breakfast (637 last school yr)  
 27 # of students RT school transportation funded (28 last yr)  
 13 # of schools supported this school yr (10 last school yr)  
 6 # of parishes the schools are located in

School enrollments are increasing and consequently the number of students "in need" is growing. The post-pandemic environment has resulted in lower household incomes coupled with significant inflation.

As you can see from the numbers above, we have increased the number of schools funded and children receiving a meal through the breakfast program.

April 17<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>

[Donate 2 Impact](#) (aka R2S) fundraiser

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Adopt-A-Hwy litter pick up  
 Allen, Texas

[Bowl-A-Thon – Date TBD](#)

Saturday, September 16, 2023

[2023 Changing Children's Lives Golf Tournament](#)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am

[Adopt-A-Hwy litter pick up](#)

Meet at 730 W Exchange Pkwy, Allen, TX  
 Walmart located at Exchange Pkwy and Hwy 75 8:00am  
 Time to complete – 1 ½ hours or less

[Bowl-A-Thon – Date/Location TBD](#)

Collect sponsors/donors to support you for Bowl-A-Thon. Reach out to us for additional information.

Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

[2023 Changing Children's Lives Golf Tournament](#)

[Click here](#) to sign up for volunteer opportunities

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



Donations can be made to [Jamaica YES Donate](#) or scan this QR code or **Checks** can be made payable to:

Jamaica YES  
 4413 Cannock Drive, McKinney, TX 75070



**Thank you to the nonprofit Jamaica Breakfast Program**

In late 2022 Michelle Holman, founder of Jamaica Breakfast Program (JBP), an Oregon based 501(c)(3) nonprofit, contacted Jamaica YES. She had made the difficult decision to discontinue operations and wanted to explore the possibility of transferring their remaining funds to Jamaica YES.

It became clear both organizations had the same specific goal of feeding the underserved school children of Jamaica. In early 2023 Michelle transferred the remaining JBP funds to Jamaica YES. We welcome the supporters and friends of JBP and hope your ongoing commitment to improve the lives of impoverished school children in Jamaica will continue through your support of Jamaica YES.

Interesting parallel is that both Jamaica YES and Jamaica Breakfast Program were founded in 2004 and today, with the help of JBP supporters, we can continue to increase the number of school children impacted.

Thank you Jamaica Breakfast Program

**JAMAICA YES SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY -**

The Ruth Graham Memorial scholarship is a privately funded opportunity offered through Jamaica YES for up to 3 students entering high school. If interested, you will find additional information on our webpage under [Jamaica YES Scholarships](#).

**Apply now, the deadline is May 31 at 5:00pm CST**

**Jamaica YES is devoted to community service –**

Members of Jamaica YES continue to volunteer their time for local causes. We participated in two [Feed The City](#) (Tango Charities) events during the first quarter of 2023. Our efforts resulted in creating almost 7,500 meals for the less fortunate in North Texas.

As part of the “Adopt A Highway” program members and volunteers engaged in two litter pickups to meet the first quarter commitment and ensure the “Adopted By Jamaica YES” signposts remain on our assigned 1 mile stretch of highway. The two events resulted in collecting 120 pounds of trash. If you are interested in participating in any of these community service events, please contact us.

[Donate 2 Impact](#) (D2I) is both community service and a fundraiser for Jamaica YES. D2I is a company dedicated to the environmentally-conscious recycling of donated textile, shoes, and household items. For all items donated on behalf of Jamaica YES during one of our 2-week campaigns, D2I pays us 9 cents per pound. We conducted two campaigns during the first quarter of 2023 resulting in 37,983 pounds of donated articles yielding \$3,420 to Jamaica YES. The benefit is two-fold. The \$3,420 will fund 14,200 meals, or 3 weeks of breakfast, for 900 school children in Jamaica while keeping 19 tons of material out of landfills. If you live in the North Texas area and would like to donate clothing and other items to Donate 2 Impact during one of our two-week campaigns, please check our website or Facebook page for the next opportunity. If you are unable to drop off the donated items you can schedule a pickup at Donate 2 Impact.



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