



Dear friends and supporters of Jamaica YES,

Much to the relief and enjoyment of principals, teachers and students the 2022/2023 school year in Jamaica commenced face-to-face instruction on time with most of the Covid-19 restrictions removed. Unfortunately, the number of schools requesting assistance has never been greater. Funding breakfast programs to feed school children in need is the foundation of what we do. But once they are at school, they face many shortfalls ranging from the lack of basic school supplies, technical support (tablets, projectors and smart TV's), basic sanitary food preparation facilities (functioning refrigerators and stoves), infrastructure improvements to ensure a safe learning environment, physical activity areas (playgrounds) and student vegetable gardens to supplement in-school meals.

END OF YEAR DONATIONS – As you review your year-end tax strategy, please keep in mind that your donation to Jamaica YES will “Change Children’s Lives” and is tax deductible. We are an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization with 100% of the funds raised/donated going directly to supporting the underserved school children of Jamaica. We would like to especially acknowledge Fred and Cynthia Pennekamp for their generous donation this year.

Jamaica YES would not be able to do what we do without your generosity and support: we are very appreciative.

Conrod Goulbourne, President

SCHOOL YEAR

2022 EVENTS

2022



2023

3,985 # of meals funded per wk (3,045 last school yr)
820 # of students supported (637 last school yr)
27 # of students RT school transportation funded (28 last yr)
12 # of schools supported this school yr (10 last school yr)
5 # of parishes the schools are located in

Nov. 7th to Nov 20th

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

Saturday, November 12th

Adopt-A-Hwy litter pick up
Allen, Texas

The 2022/2023 school year started September 5. With the hiatus in attendance due to Covid-19, school administrators are working diligently to encourage all children to return to the classroom. Although current enrollment has not reached pre pandemic levels, the number of children in need has risen sharply in the schools Jamaica YES supports. The increased need for our programs (we added 2 additional schools this year) is further impacted by inflation and supply chain issues. Consequently, every dollar raised this year will provide 4 meals rather than the 5 we were able to fund last year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Donate 2 Impact – drop off clothes, household items, etc. to one of two Donate 2 Support locations (Little Elm and Frisco, TX) during the fundraising dates. Jamaica YES receives 9 cents per pound. Every little bit helps! Spread the word.

Saturday, 12th, 8:00am

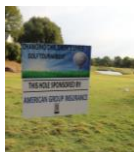
[Adopt-A-Hwy litter pick up](#)

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

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

Our fundraising efforts never end. For the 90-day period running from August through October we hosted our second annual [“Changing Children’s Lives” golf tournament](#) on October 8, which was even more successful than last year. At the same time, we held a nonperishable food drive, which benefitted Plano, TX based nonprofit, [Minnie’s Food Pantry](#) with Jamaica YES delivering 693 pounds of food (577 meals). We also conducted fundraiser campaigns in August and September with [Donate 2 Impact](#) where people donated items (clothing, books, household items, etc.) to Donate 2 Impact on behalf of Jamaica YES (collecting 17,038 pounds and 32,576 pounds, respectively). Donate 2 Impact paid Jamaica YES 9 cents per pound. Members of Jamaica YES were also able to present executives of Globe Life and their subsidiaries with awards for projects at 3 of the schools we support funded solely from employee contributions.



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or
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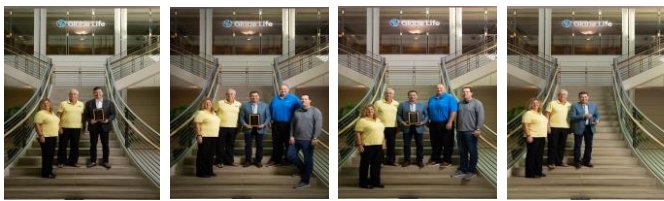
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GLOBE LIFE: Executives of Globe Life Liberty National Division Council of Champions, Globe Life Liberty National Division Agency Owners, along with American Income Life Insurance Company Executive Council were presented awards of appreciation from Jamaica YES and on behalf of each of the three schools for their employee's generosity in funding these school projects – Their corporate motto of 'Make Tomorrow Better' integrates well with the Jamaica YES motto of "Changing Children's Lives".



3. The school and community computer room remains a work in progress in conjunction with the Jamaican Ministry of Education Technology.



From L to R:
Jamaica YES members: Joanne Walker (PR), Marty Walker (School Outreach)
American Income Life: CEO, Steve Greer
Liberty National Division: CEO, Steve DiChiaro, VP Operations, Luke Gilliam and EVP, Mike Sheets

American Income Life (School #1) Liberty National Division & Agency Owners (Schools #2 & #3) CEO, Steve DiChiaro (personal award)

JAMAICA YES SCHOLARSHIPS - Jamaica YES has two privately funded scholarship opportunities for school students in Jamaica. One is the **Viola Roberts Memorial Scholarship** (to qualify, the student must be completing grade 6 at a Primary School in Jamaica or is a current high school student at any institute in Jamaica). There are two scholarships available for this scholarship. The other privately funded scholarship is the **Ruth Graham Memorial scholarship** (restricted to being a resident of Bog Walk, Linstead, Prospect, Riversdale, in the parish of Catherine). There are three recipients for this specific scholarship.

Scholarship applications are accepted every Spring and closes in June of each year. Please find additional information on our webpage under [Jamaica YES Scholarships](#).

2022 Recipients

Viola Roberts Memorial Scholarship recipients



Shaheira Morgan. She is a 2022 graduate of Snowdon Primary and Infant School. She is a first-year student at Manchester High School. Shaheira's goal is to become a doctor. She states that the scholarship funds will help her to achieve her dream, as the funds will assist in paying tuition and textbooks for the upcoming school year.



Keedra Williams. Just graduated from Charlemont high school and will be attending University of the West Indies to study Nursing. Receiving this scholarship will help her with funding tuition and school expenses such as books, laptops and housing as she fulfills her passion to become a Registered Nurse.

Ruth Graham Memorial Scholarship recipients



Rayanna Johnson. Quote from her Mother: Thank you so much for the funds for my daughter. It helped in a large way. More than you will ever know.



Jabari Coote. Quote from his Mother: He was overjoyed, I bought his text-books, writing books, pens, shoes, the rest was used as fare and lunch money for him and his brother and sister because I was a little low on funds, We are very grateful and thankful.



Gabriella McLean. I use it to purchase text-books for her I helps me a lot I really appreciate it.

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