



Jamaica Awareness  
Association of California

# President's Message

Greetings and a Warm Jamaican Welcome!

Please accept my deepest appreciation for your attendance at this, our 36th Annual Fundraising Gala, under the theme adopted from Jamaica's 62nd year of Independence, "One Love... To The World."

As a representative of the Executive Board and esteemed Membership of the Jamaica Awareness Association of California (JAAC), we gather to celebrate, support, and advance the inspiring work of JAAC, strengthening communities in Los Angeles and Jamaica. This evening is a joyous occasion to connect, reflect, and embrace the spirit of giving.

We honor the unity and excellence that fuels our organization. For over 37 years, JAAC has remained committed to "Improving Lives Today for a Better Tomorrow." Tonight, we recognize the unwavering dedication of our founding members, past members, and the future leaders who all share this vision.

**Here is a glimpse of some of JAAC's highlights & remarkable work this past year:**

**Local Projects:** We continued to make a difference, impacting many lives in Los Angeles in partnership with various local groups. These include the Los Angeles Family Housing and various churches Food Banks. We are most humbled to have had the opportunity to collaborate with the Downtown Los Angeles Women's Center on Skid Row. During our visits we prepared and served hot nutritious meals for about 200 homeless women, offering comfort and dignity to those in need.

**Annual Mission:** Our 24th mission to Jamaica engaged over 80 volunteers, including doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, educators, and general support teams, who served communities across the parishes of Mandeville, St. Elizabeth, Westmoreland, Hanover, St. James, Trelawny and Portland.

**Medical:** This year's mission provided care to more than 1,600 patients and dispensed medications valued at over \$15,000. They also dispensed 100 blood pressure and 200 glucose monitors to patients at each clinic. Essential medical supplies and equipment were also donated to support hospitals, clinics, and infirmaries in critical need.

**Dental:** This year, our Dental Team, in addition to routine examinations and extractions, offered dental cleaning for the first time to over 600 patients. Our Pediatric Dental team visited seven primary schools, serving over 380 students with dental cleanings, extractions, fillings, and sealants.

**Surgical Team:** During the mission week, our surgical team collaborated with local hospital staff to complete 18 vital laparoscopic procedures. Our team offered quality care, collaborating with Jamaican surgical teams to bring hope and healing to underserved communities.

**Educational Support:** JAAC donated over 2,000 backpacks with school supplies, along with 24 computers, 200 tablets, 36 laptops, 10 PA systems, 40 projectors, 20 smart TV monitors, and 8 printers to students and schools across Jamaica. We also awarded 4 - 5 years' academic scholarships and one one-year academic scholarship to students starting their high school careers. These were at a value of \$55,000.00.

I would like to commend the team members of the National Healthcare Enhancement Foundation Limited and the Health Promotion & Education Dept., within the Ministry of Health, National Education Trust within the Ministry of Education, and Jamaica Customs. Their dedication and partnership have been invaluable in helping us expand our reach and impact, ensuring effective service delivery for the communities we serve.

This dedication led to the tremendous success of our 24th Annual Mission Trip, with services and equipment disbursed valued at an estimated USD 650,000. All of this would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers and your financial support.

Tonight, we proudly recognize Hermin Hussen, recipient of the President's Award, and Marcia McBean, recipient of the Community Service Award, for their outstanding contributions to JAAC. I also extend heartfelt thanks to Lisa Hayles and Jacqueline Williams for their vital roles by providing well needed support and coordination for JAAC on the ground in Jamaica, sustaining our outreach programs.

An organization like JAAC thrives because of the generosity of people like you. Proceeds from tonight's event will help fund our 2025 medical and education mission to Jamaica and support our local outreach in Los Angeles. Your presence here tonight makes a powerful statement, and we invite you to continue this journey with us as a scholarship donor, sponsor, member, or mission volunteer.

**As we celebrate, let us embrace the spirit of excellence and unity that drives JAAC forward. Together, we are "Improving Lives Today for a Better Tomorrow!"**

Thank you for being here, and for your unwavering support. Enjoy this festive evening!

With gratitude,  
**Patrick Williams**, President



*Patrick Williams*



# MENU

## STARTERS

### ASSORTED ROLLS WITH BUTTER

### CALIFORNIA CITRUS SALAD

hydroponic lettuce, shaved raddichio, candied pecans, blue cheese,  
orange segments, dried cranberries, cherry tomatoes, red wine  
vinaigrette and mimosa vinaigrette on the side

## MAINS

### JERK MARINATED CHICKEN

pomegranate mushroom ragout with jerk seasoning  
jasmine rice with kidney beans, coconut milk, pimento, thyme  
fresh seasonal vegetables

### PAN ROASTED SALMON

balsamic reduction & red wine beurre blanc  
jasmine rice with kidney beans, coconut milk, pimento, thyme  
fresh seasonal vegetables

### ROASTED CAULIFLOWER MAC + CHEESE

served with fava beans, tomato, herbs, and yellow pea puree  
*to accommodate vegetarian and vegan guests*

## DESSERTS

### LEMON TART

raspberry drizzle

### RED BERRY MARQUIS CAKE

kiwi drizzle



Special Appearance by Julie Mango



# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

COCKTAIL HOUR (NO HOST BAR) 6:00 PM – 7:30 P.M.

STEEL DRUM ENTERTAINMENT – MR. CECIL “CENSI” FRANCIS

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**  
DR. RYAN WIGGAN & DR. SHAUNA CHIN

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MR. ORLAND BAILEY

DINNER SERVED 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & MESSAGE**  
MR. PATRICK WILLIAMS

**2024 JAAC RECOGNITION AWARDS**  
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – MS. MARCIA MCBEAN  
PRESIDENT'S AWARD – MS. HERMIN HUSSEN

**ENTERTAINMENT**  
ISLAND PASSION BAND FEATURING MR. ORLAND BAILEY  
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**DANCING**

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DJ Nigel



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Orland Bailey



**MESSAGE FROM  
THE MOST HON. ANDREW HOLNESS, ON, PC, MP, DLP  
PRIME MINISTER**

**Jamaica Awareness Association of California (JAAC)**

**36th Annual Fundraising Banquet**

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On behalf of the Government and people of Jamaica, I extend my heartiest congratulations to the Jamaica Awareness Association of California (JAAC) on the occasion of your 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Banquet. The JAAC has an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of Jamaicans and serving communities both here in Jamaica and in Los Angeles. Since its inception in 1987, JAAC has been a beacon of hope and compassion, positively impacting countless individuals through your medical, dental, educational, and outreach programmes.

The recent success of the annual JAAC mission trip to Jamaica in June 2024, where dedicated medical and dental teams attended to over 1,600 patients across the parishes of Trelawny, Westmoreland, Hanover, St. Elizabeth, and St. James, is a testament to the enduring commitment of the organization. In addition, the completion of 18 free surgical procedures, along with the provision of much-needed medication and vitamins, demonstrates JAAC's vital role in advancing healthcare in rural Jamaica. Indeed, the organization's dedication to education is equally inspiring, with the distribution of tablets, backpacks, school supplies, and scholarships, which will undoubtedly transform the lives of many young Jamaicans and empower the next generation of leaders.

The Government of Jamaica remains deeply appreciative of the continued efforts of the JAAC to provide opportunities for the underprivileged, promote Jamaican culture, and foster cross-cultural relationships within the broader international community. The contributions of the organization to the development of computer labs in schools, as well as outreach to basic and elementary schools, reflect the depth of the JAAC's commitment to ensuring that our youth are equipped for the challenges of the 21st century.

As the Jamaica Awareness Association of California celebrates this important milestone at your Annual Fundraising Banquet, may you continue to be blessed with the resources, partnerships, and goodwill to advance your mission. Jamaica is stronger because of organizations like JAAC, whose legacy of service, generosity, and compassion will undoubtedly continue to inspire generations to come.

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful event and continued impact.

**The Most Hon. Andrew Holness, ON, PC, MP, DLP  
Prime Minister**

# Her Excellency the Honourable Audrey Marks, OJ

*Ambassador of Jamaica to the United States of America  
Jamaica Awareness Association of California, Inc.  
36th Annual Fundraising Banquet ~ 16th November 2024*

It is with great pride that I extend greetings on the occasion of the Jamaica Awareness Association of California (JAAC), Inc.'s 36th Annual Fundraising Banquet.

With more than three decades rooted in purpose, the JAAC has consistently made a positive difference in the lives of the underprivileged, championed brand Jamaica, and nurtured lasting people-to-people connections, both at home and abroad.

Health equates to wealth and knowledge translates to power and the JAAC's firm commitment to both health and educational systems in Jamaica is truly commendable.



The JAAC's efforts not only provide critical resources and support to those in need but serve as a clear example of the strength of our diaspora.

Your work reminds us that, no matter where we are in the world, we can still effect change and contribute to the betterment of our beloved island.

I applaud President Williams and his team for their stewardship of this noble group, the fruits of your labour sweeten the lives of many and are a testament to what can be achieved when vision and dedication collide.

As you continue your mission, please know that you have the appreciation of the people and Government of Jamaica. We thank you for your unbroken connection to our gem, Jamrock, and wish you everlasting success as you pursue future endeavors.

One love.

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# MEET OUR HOSTS FOR THE EVENING



DR. RYAN  
WIGGAN

VP, Fundraising &  
Development of JAAC



Hailing from humble beginnings in Kingston, Jamaica, Dr. Wiggan's journey from adversity to achievement is nothing short of inspiring. Driven by the values instilled in him by his beloved mother, affectionately known as "sunshine," he has dedicated his life to education, empowerment, and philanthropy. Dr. Wiggan is a proud alumnus of Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica and La Sierra University in Riverside, California. His greatest intellectual treasures are found in the pages of books, reflecting his belief that "learning never ends." This dedication to continuous learning underscores his commitment to personal and professional growth. A strong advocate for financial literacy, social development, and economic stability, Dr. Wiggan actively works to empower individuals and communities through education. His philanthropic efforts are guided by a deep sense of compassion, often putting the needs of others before his own. In his current roles as the VP of Fundraising & Development of the Jamaica Awareness Association of California and the President of the Northern Caribbean University Alumni Association Pacific Coast Chapter, Dr. Wiggan tirelessly gives back to both his birth country and his alma mater. Through these positions, he supports educational and economic initiatives and fosters connections, contributing to the development and well-being of his communities. Dr. Wiggan's mother's influence remains a powerful force in his life. Despite not having a high school diploma, her sacrifices and moral strength laid the foundation for his success. Dr. Wiggan views himself as the seed planted by his mother's legacy, striving to honor her by making a positive impact on the world. Renowned as an outstanding and sought-after motivational speaker and master of ceremonies, Dr. Wiggan's message of aiming for "Something Better" resonates deeply. His journey from humble beginnings to becoming a beacon of inspiration reminds us that with determination, compassion, and a commitment to lifelong learning, we can overcome any obstacle and create lasting positive change.



Dr. Shauna Chin is the Vice Chair for the Global Jamaica Diaspora Council and the Representative of the USA West and Mid-West. Shauna uses her skills as a US Army-trained Nurse and her notoriety as an actress to augment her humanitarian efforts and raise awareness of various causes. The Gulf War veteran served 8 years in the United States Army and achieved two baccalaureate degrees: one in Business Administration and a second in Nursing which she utilized to teach nursing students before transitioning to an acting career. She later went on to complete a doctorate degree in nursing, specializing as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Thus, affording her the unique circumstance of bringing not just one, but multiple areas of expertise to the Global Jamaica Diaspora Council in the key subject areas: citizen security, education, health and wellness, arts sports and culture, commerce, and development issues. She is a long-standing champion for diaspora matters, previously serving as Goodwill Ambassador for the National Association of Jamaican and Supportive Organizations (NAJASO) and is the current United Nations Association of Jamaica (UNAJ) Ambassador. For the period 2014-2018, she volunteered at the Consulate of Jamaica-Los Angeles where she implemented a successful immigration and deportation plan with the goal for every Jamaican national in her region to have: a valid government-issued ID; an immigration and deportation plan and increased access to their nearest Consulate to ease doing business with Jamaica. In 2024, Dr. Chin was appointed as the Honorary Consul Designate for Jamaica to Los Angeles and is pending accreditation.



DR. SHAUNA  
CHIN

Actress and Activist

## 2024 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

# Marcia McBean

Marcia grew up in Stewart Town, Trelawny, Jamaica. After several years of having relocated to California she was made aware of JAAC and became a member in 2012. She knew it was important to her to give back to her beloved Jamaica. She held the position of Recording Secretary in 2015 & 2018 and was JAAC Executive Vice President in 2016 while holding the Recording Secretary position concurrently.

In 2016 Marcia participated in her first mission trip with Jamaica Awareness. "I found it quite enlightening! You never know what it is to serve until you participate in one of these mission trips." She thinks everyone should do this at least once in their lifetime. "If you are from Jamaica, that's a great place to start. I guarantee that you'll come away realizing how impactful it has been."

On the professional front, Marcia is currently the AVP/Business Development Officer at Chino Commercial Bank. She has spent the last 32 years honing her skills in the banking industry. When Marcia is not networking in her professional career, she enjoys serving and volunteering, partying and cooking. JAAC members and guests have had the good fortune to enjoy her culinary skills at our annual brunches and social gatherings.

What do you miss most about not living in Jamaica? "I miss the people of Jamaica most of all. They are so genuine and warm and I miss the friendly and caring spirit."



*JAAC Executive Board and members applaud Marcia for the initiative she has taken over the years to plan and execute Jamaica Independence Celebration fundraisers. Her efforts to propel the organization forward are commendable and we find it fitting that she is being recognized to show our gratitude for her contribution over the years.*  
**Congratulations Marcia!**



*"A part of my heart lies in giving back. So much of what we take for granted here goes such a long way in assisting those in Jamaica."*

*The President of JAAC has chosen to give this award to Hermin, in recognition of her diligence in executing her role as treasurer and in particular, on the monumental task of mission coordination. Sincere gratitude as well, for the tremendous contributions that she has made to JAAC fundraising over the years.*

**Congratulations Hermin!**

## 2024 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

# Hermin Hussen



Hermin hails from Westmoreland, Jamaica. She was no stranger to the hard work involved in being an active JAAC member, as Hermin has been involved in charity work for over 30 years. Giving back was ingrained in her DNA and she attributes this to the major influence and example set by her parents. This has been her guiding principle and has always fueled her passion for doing good for the less fortunate.

When she relocated to California, she began looking around for a Jamaican organization so that she could give back to Jamaica. She joined JAAC in 2001 and almost immediately was drafted onto the Executive Board as an Appointed Board Member. The next year, she was elected as the Education Chairperson. From 2003 – 2004, she served on the board as the organization's treasurer. She continued to serve on the board either as an appointed member or as the Fundraising/Ways and Means Chair until 2010.

Hermin participated in her first JAAC mission to Jamaica in 2002 and found it to be extremely fulfilling. She was taken aback by the level of need in some of the communities in which JAAC served. She continues to participate in these yearly missions and as the current JAAC treasurer, she has the monumental task of coordinating accommodations, transportation, and registration fees for our very large volunteer team.

Being that Hermin loves working with numbers, she has been an accounting professional for over 25+ years. She does find the time, however, to enjoy traveling, cooking, baking, gardening, and yes...riding rollercoasters!

What does she miss most about not living in Jamaica: "I miss the beautiful beaches and the variety of fresh fruits."



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### RASHAUN STEWART: FROM JAAC SCHOLAR TO MEDICAL DOCTOR



Dr. Rashaun Stewart's inspiring journey with the Jamaica Awareness Association of California (JAAC) began in 2012, when he received the prestigious Enid Davis Scholarship. As a final-year student at Catherine Hall Primary, he earned a place at Cornwall College through the Grade Six Achievement Test (GSAT). With JAAC's support, Dr. Stewart was able to focus on his studies in the natural sciences at Cornwall College, with the scholarship fund covering his educational expenses, easing financial burdens, and allowing him to pursue his dreams.

After graduating from Cornwall College, Dr. Stewart began his undergraduate studies at the University of the West Indies, Mona, pursuing both a Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc) and a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS). In 2022, he completed his BMSc, and in 2024, he proudly earned his MBBS, officially becoming a medical doctor.

Now serving as a medical intern at Cornwall Regional Hospital under the Western Regional Health Authority, Dr. Stewart has his sights set on advanced studies in Cardiovascular Science and aspires to specialize in Interventional Cardiology.

Reflecting on his journey, Dr. Stewart shared, "I'm sincerely appreciative of all that the JAAC has done for me. They've been more than just scholarship donors; they've become family. Their support extended beyond financial help, touching my life in lasting ways. I hope JAAC continues to impact many more lives."

We congratulate Dr. Stewart on his achievements and look forward to his bright future in medicine.

## Congratulations to...

Jamaica Awareness Association of California and our nephew,  
**President Patrick Williams**

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# SURGICAL REPORT



During the 2024 JAAC medical mission, our surgical team collaborated with local surgical staff to complete 18 operative procedures at 2 hospitals. Our surgical team worked tirelessly to help a select group of patients identified by our local partners to be the highest priority for intervention. The operative procedures included laparoscopic cholecystectomies, hernia repairs, and a twin delivery by cesarean section.

Challenges such as power outages, and supply chain issues with equipment, were overcome by working collaboratively, thinking out of the box to successfully complete the planned procedures. This outreach was impactful with respect to supporting the local surgical teams in providing state of the art care to an underserved population.

We are grateful for the opportunity to help serve these communities and look forward to ongoing collaboration to further this effort.

## Mandeville Hospital

Five laparoscopic cholecystectomies for patients with symptomatic gallstone disease

## Falmouth Hospital

Eight laparoscopic cholecystectomies

Three inguinal hernia repairs

One tubal ligation

One cesarean section-twin delivery



*Thank You*

Sinai Hospital of Baltimore – for donating 3 sets of general laparoscopic instruments

Medtronic – for providing supplies for both laparoscopic and open procedures

SOTA (State of the Art) Surgical – for providing reusable surgical tools and the lamp light source

*“Helping one person might not change the whole world, but it could change the world for one person.”*

# *Medical and Dental Mission Report*

From June 10 to June 14, 2024, a multidisciplinary team of Physicians, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners, a Dietitian, a Pharmacist, Nurses, and Dental Students successfully completed a medical mission across six parishes in Jamaica. The mission, organized by the Jamaica Awareness Association of California (JAAC), focused on providing critical medical and dental care to underserved communities in **St. Elizabeth, Trelawny, Mandeville, St. James, Westmoreland, and Hanover**.

Over 100 boxes of medical supplies and equipment were shipped to support the mission, distributed to hospitals and infirmaries throughout the region.

## **Medical and Dental Services Overview**

The mission provided essential medical, dental, and optical services at various clinics. Four teams were deployed across the parishes:

Team 1 served 561 patients across Trelawny, Westmoreland, Hanover, St. James, and St. Elizabeth.

Team 2 treated 565 patients in St. James, Westmoreland, Hanover, and St. Elizabeth.

Team 3 focused on school-based clinics, treating 178 students.

Team 4 supported additional school clinics, providing vital services to students at various primary schools.

## **Diagnoses and Follow-Up**

Common conditions treated included hypertension, diabetes, asthma, skin disorders, dental issues, and gastrointestinal problems. Medications and educational materials were provided, and over 80 patients received blood pressure monitors with instructions for self-management. Patients were encouraged to follow up with their personal physicians, with intake sheets left at local clinics to support ongoing care.

## **Conclusion**

The 2024 JAAC medical mission made a significant impact, reaching hundreds of patients across six parishes. Through the collaborative efforts of medical professionals, volunteers, and local institutions, the mission improved access to essential healthcare for underserved populations. We look forward to continuing these efforts in the years to come.



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# *Scholarship Recipients 2024*

## *Celebrating Excellence and Potential*



**Aldane Salmon**  
**David Haughton Scholarship**  
**Munro College**



**Jaydan Edwards**  
**Shernette Wedderburn Memorial Scholarship**  
**Frome Technical High School**



**Enyameikie Daley**  
**JAAC Grange Hill Scholarship**  
**Mannings High School**



**Jehshawn Williams**  
**Enid Davis Scholarship**  
**Titchfield High School**



**Sueanna Dwyer**  
**Verona Hall Scholarship**  
**St. James High School**

**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” –**  
**Nelson Mandela**

## *Schools visited during the 2024 Mission:*



Buff Bay Primary Grange Hill Primary

St. Margaret's Bay Primary Mt. Airy Primary & Infant School

Duncans Primary Mt. Ward Primary

Beaufort Primary Pondside Primary

St. Grace Primary Brownsville Primary

Mr. Hannah Infant & Primary Chetwood Primary

Mt. Salem Primary Catadupa Primary

Whitehill Primary Glen Stuart Primary

Santa Cruz Primary



*"When you learn, teach. When you get, give."*  
— Maya Angelou



### Items Donated:

Desktops

Laptops

Projectors

Projector screens

PA systems

Printers

Smart TVs

School bells

Bullhorn

Mixing board

Bluetooth speakers

Science kits

Wireless mics

Tablets

Library books

WiFi boosters

Math and science manipulatives and teaching aides

Backpacks filled with school supplies (pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, sharpeners, crayons, and composition books)

# ***“EMPOWERING MINDS AND ENRICHING FUTURES”***

The 24th annual Education mission trip to Jamaica was a tremendous success, achieving our goals of service, connection, and impact. Through the collective efforts of our volunteers and the generosity of our supporters, we were able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we served, leaving lasting memories and building stronger bonds within the community.

This year, the education team made visits to 17 schools across the parishes of Portland, St. James, St. Elizabeth, Hanover and Westmoreland. During these visits, they donated nearly 2,000 backpacks filled with school supplies, along with essential education tools such as desktop computers, laptops, PA systems, tablets, microphones, projectors, printers and library books. Additionally, the team provided sensory aides specifically designed to support children with special needs, ensuring every student has the resource to thrive.

JAAC also continued to expand its scholarship program, awarding five new scholarships to deserving students. Congratulations to our 2024 scholarship recipients: Aldane Salmon, Jehshawn Williams, Enyameika Daley, Jaydan Edwards and Sueanna Dwyer. We look forward to seeing the bright futures they will create.

Thank you to our volunteers and sponsors. Your invaluable contributions were essential to the success of our mission, and we deeply appreciate your dedication and support.

## ***MEET THE TEAM:***

MR. PATRICK WILLIAMS  
MS. JOSEPHINE ROBINSON  
MS. JUNE ROYES  
MS. HEATHER WRIGHT  
MS. SHELLY CLARKE  
DR. SHARON SIMMONDS  
MS. VERONA HALL  
MS. RENEE BRUFF  
MR. MATTHEW OXFORD  
MR. NIGEL SMITH  
MR. JACOB SMITH  
DR. AUDIE BLACK  
MS. NICOLE NUGENT



# Messsages of Gratitude and Media Highlights



Thank you again to your team for your generosity. We truly appreciate it and look forward to a healthy working relationship going forward.

6:17 PM



Chairman: Mr. Damean Jones  
Heather Spence

Principal: Mrs.

July 15, 2023

Jamaica Awareness Association of California  
C/O Mr. Williams, President

Dear Mr. Williams,

The Board of Management of the Beaufort Primary School would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your visit on June 11, 2024 and generous donation of a television, laptops, a football, school bags, projector and screen, printer and other school supplies to our school.

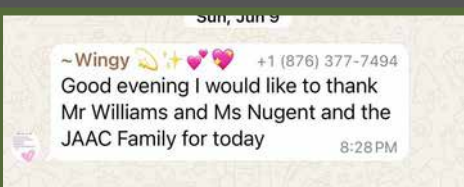
Your contributions have significantly enhanced the learning environment for our students. The television and laptops are already being utilized to support digital learning, making our lessons more interactive and engaging. The football has brought joy to our students during playtime, encouraging teamwork and physical activity, while the printer is helping streamline our daily administrative tasks.

Your support means a great deal to us and has a profound impact on the quality of education and experiences we are able to provide our students. We are truly grateful for your kindness and commitment to making a positive difference in our school community.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and continued support. We look forward to the possibility of future collaborations.

With sincere appreciation,

Heather Spence (Mrs)

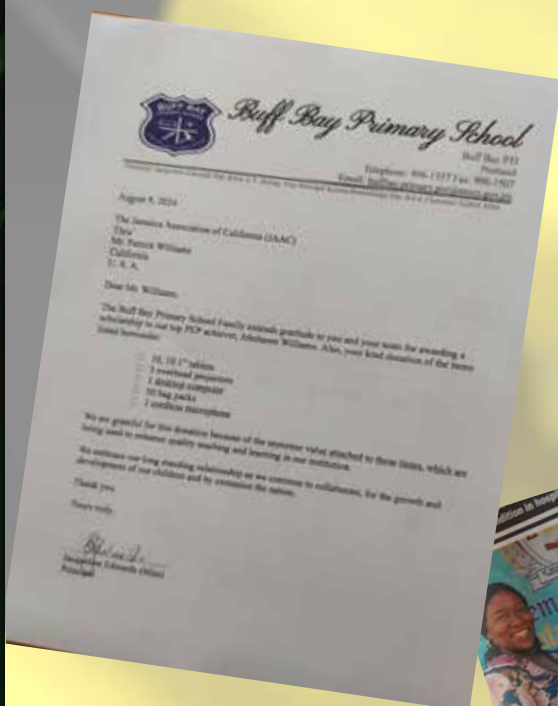


8:28 PM



Ok thanks for all you assistance towards making me into the young lady that I am today. Your help is deeply appreciated. I will update you on my Journey on becoming a future attorney at law. Thanks again

12:31 PM





## **MARJORIE R. GRANT-FULLER**

### **Ambassador/Special Envoy**

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THE GOVERNMENT of Jamaica appointed Marjorie Grant Fuller as ambassador/special envoy to four African states, namely Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa and Togo in 2021.

In making the announcement, Senator Kamina Johnson Smith, minister of foreign affairs and foreign trade, said, "This appointment is another step by the Government to deepen its outreach to the continent and to identify specific opportunities for enhancing trade and investment to support Jamaica's economic development. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, in collaboration with JAMPRO, launched the Economic Diplomacy Programme last year. Both these initiatives, and the work being undertaken by diplomatic missions, are geared at expanding and driving the momentum for trade and investment promotion."

Jamaica has strong and historically important relations with Ghana, South Africa and Nigeria, and hopes to translate these into meaningful economic opportunities.

A Certified Public Accountant by profession, with over 30 years in the field, Grant Fuller has worked for both the public and private sectors in the USA, including within the oil and petroleum industry. A graduate of the Roosevelt University, with a master of science in accounting and a bachelor (of business administration), Grant Fuller has also served as a visiting professor in accounting and auditing.

Grant Fuller, a Jamaica-born member of the diaspora in the United States of America, was appointed on March 1, 2021 and will serve for a period of two years.

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# Making an Impact

## JAAC'S ANNUAL LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT



### Overview

The Jamaica Awareness Association of California (JAAC) is dedicated to providing medical and educational aid to underserved communities in Jamaica. While our primary focus is on Jamaica, we recognize the importance of being active participants in our local communities. This dual commitment drives our outreach efforts, ensuring that we support those in need both abroad and at home.

### Local Outreach Partnership

In 2024, JAAC partnered with the Downtown Women Center (DWC) in Los Angeles to enhance our local outreach initiatives. The DWC is the only organization in Los Angeles dedicated exclusively to serving and empowering women and gender-diverse individuals experiencing homelessness. Their comprehensive services include:

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On March 20 and October 12, a dedicated group of JAAC members participated in the DWC Cooking Club. During these events, our volunteers assisted the kitchen staff in preparing meals for over 100 women. This hands-on experience not only allowed us to contribute to the nutritional needs of vulnerable individuals but also fostered a sense of community and connection between our members and the women served by DWC.

### Impact and Future Goals

Our partnership with the Downtown Women Center has been a fulfilling experience that highlights the importance of local outreach in our mission. By engaging with DWC, we have extended our impact beyond Jamaica and directly supporting marginalized Los Angeles individuals. Looking forward, we aim to continue our collaboration with DWC, exploring additional ways to support their initiatives and increase our volunteer involvement. Additionally, we will strive to raise awareness of the challenges faced by women experiencing homelessness, fostering community support and engagement.

### Conclusion

The Jamaica Awareness Association of California remains committed to providing aid and support to underserved communities in Jamaica and locally. Our partnership with the Downtown Women Center exemplifies our dedication to uplifting those in need and creating a more equitable society. We look forward to expanding our outreach efforts in the coming year and making a meaningful difference in the lives of many. Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers who make this work possible.



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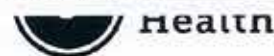
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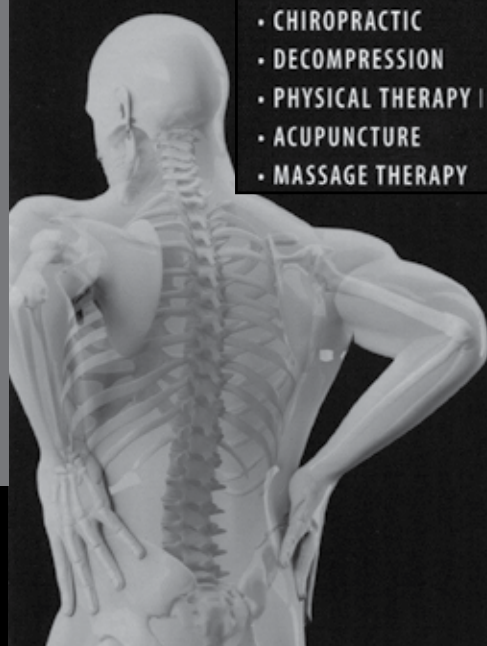
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Proceeds from the event will support JAAC's ongoing charitable work, including its Annual Health and Education Mission to Jamaica. The brunch concluded with raffle draws, giveaways, and dancing, reflecting JAAC's dedication to culture, community, and philanthropy.



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## *In Memory of Pat Perry*

**The Executive Board and Members of Jamaica Awareness Association of California, (JAAC), offer sincere condolences to the family of Viretta "Pat" Perry.**

Pat joined JAAC initially in 1992 in the early years of the organization. She was always supportive and generous when it came to giving back. In 2002 she returned as an active member and joined the Education Team on a mission trip to Jamaica. By 2003 she was elected to be the Education Chair for JAAC, a role she took seriously as she clearly had a passion for children and felt strongly about equipping them with the necessary tools to thrive.

Pat was a member of the JAAC Executive board from 2003-2010. She will also be remembered for her down-to-earth personality, her culinary skills and her hilarious use of the Jamaican vernacular.

She had a strong passion for giving back to the underserved and continued to demonstrate this as a Board Member of AOJAH. This is her legacy and how she will be remembered by her friends at Jamaica Awareness Association of California. She was truly blessed and she has certainly blessed many others.

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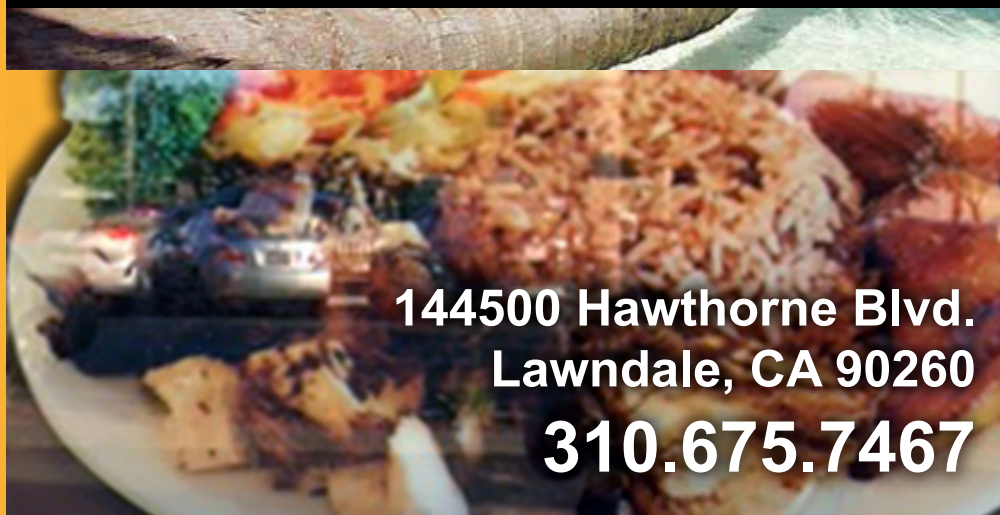
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## JAAC Receives Warm Welcome and Support from Local Officials



Mission Week 2024 launched with an orientation meeting that quickly transformed into a celebratory event. JAAC was honored to have Dr. Michelle Walden-Pinnock, Director of Regional Education Services for Region IV at the Ministry of Education, join us for our festive kickoff reception. Also in attendance were Ms. Princess Wedderburn, CEO of Falmouth Hospital, and The Bishop Conrad Pitkin, Custos of St. James.

We had the pleasure of welcoming new volunteers into our JAAC family, while also extending a warm welcome back to our dedicated returning volunteers. The evening was filled with joy and anticipation as local officials celebrated JAAC's return to Jamaica, offering their heartfelt wishes for a successful mission and expressing their ongoing support.



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