



## Jamalco Presents \$9.2 Million in Grants



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Some \$9.2 million in grants were presented to 54 institutions that benefitted from the services of Jamalco team volunteers through the various volunteer programmes executed during 2019. Of that amount, some \$3.5 million was presented recently to NGOs through the company's Good Deeds Programme.

Good Deeds is a voluntary programme, which aims to foster a culture of service among Jamalco employees. Through Good Deeds, workers are challenged to use their skills and talent to aid in the development of their communities, making them better places to live and work.

Jamalco employees who give at least 50 hours of service to a community project (school, church, infirmary, etc.), are recognized for their efforts with a grant valued at J\$25,000 each, that is subsequently donated to the respective institutions. Group Projects with five team members, benefit from a maximum donation of J\$250,000.

Speaking at the Presentation of Good Deeds cheques and 2020 Volunteerism Launch, Managing Director, Austin Mooney, while commending the volunteers, charged them to make a difference by supporting impactful and sustainable projects.

Guest Speaker at the launch, Sagicor Group Financial Advisor, Wendy Williams, used her personal experience to motivate the volunteers to go the extra mile to give back of their time and resources to institutions and the less fortunate. According to Ms. Williams, “Volunteerism changes not only the lives of the beneficiaries, but also of the giver, as it can serve as a springboard to achieving greater fulfilment in life.”

Corporate Services Manager, Donna Marie Brooks-Gordon outlined plans to strengthen the volunteer programmes, as she outlined significant incentives that will be awarded to Jamalco team members who are outstanding in the voluntary activities that will be undertaken this year.



Executive Director of United Way, Winsome Wilkins, thanked Jamalco for its investment in the corporate good, spanning health, education, community and sport. This, she notes, has impacted many lives. “For 2020, Jamalco has committed to participating in a big way in the United Way’s Corporate Giving Programme, where employees will have the opportunity to donate financially through salary deduction.”

Manchester High School Vice Principal, Hillary Morgan, expressed gratitude to Jamalco on behalf of all the beneficiaries. Manchester High School received J\$250,000 for the restoration of a garden area, improvement to the staff room as well as repainting of their boundary wall. Clarendon College, Wood Hall Basic, Faith Basic School, Prattville Primary and Infant School and Church of the Glad Tidings, also received J\$250,000 each, towards a variety of institutional strengthening projects.

Last year, some 150 Jamalco employees volunteered for various Good Deeds projects across Jamaica, which accounts for over 7500 hours of service to their selected charity. In all, Jamalco through the Good Deeds programme has donated to community institutions including 17 schools, 12 churches, a youth group, a citizens’ association and an Infirmary.

The Jamalco 2020 Good Deeds Project is now launched, and employees are encouraged to submit applications by May 31, 2020, for assistance to their selected charities.

## Caption Photos

1. Christopher Buckmaster, Director of Security, Corporate Services and Human Resources, Jamalco, presents a cheque valued at J\$225,000 to the Adventist Basic School, Manchester, for construction and rehabilitation works at the school, to Moisha Johnson, teacher, while Kadeon Kelly, EHS professional, Jamalco, who recommended the school and volunteered with them, looks on.
2. Winsome Wilkins, CEO of United Way, speaking at the Launch of Jamalco's 2020 Volunteer programme and presentation of Good Deeds Cheques.

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