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Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations (USA) Inc.

Celebration

Sunday, 19 December 2021

Greentree Country Club 538 Davenport Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10805



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THE UJAA STORY

Established in 1990 at the urging of the then Consul General to New York, Ambassador Derrick Heaven, the Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations (USA) Inc. (UJAA) was constituted to bring together the various alumni organizations operating in the tri-state region. Today, the Union boasts over 55 members who are led by a board of 11 volunteers and a 3-member Advisory Committee.

THE UJAA MISSION

* Do - together - those projects and initiatives that benefit our students in Jamaica and the USA – that we cannot do alone.

* Coordinate the activities and fundraisers of the member associations.

* Promote academic excellence at all levels of schools in Jamaica and in particular to improve education in pre-primary and primary schools throughout the Island.

* Partner with the Consulate General of Jamaica and other community organizations in sponsoring informational and educational events.



Current UJAA sponsored programs & initiatives:

- Water Tank Project for Basic Schools
- Industry Cove Basic School in Hanover
- Operation Restoration Christian School, Trench Town, Kingston
- A Graduate Awards Program for "Jamerican" High School Seniors
- Laptop/Tablet Program for Jamaican students
- Robotics Program Jamaica and International-Primary and High School
- Emerging Global Leaders Jamaica (EGLJ)
- Partnerships
- COVID-19 Care Packages
- Penn Relays Bus Trip in support of Jamaican student athletes
- Learnit Tablets Program for Basic and Primary Schools
 - Mathematics Competition with the Math Club

Testimonials from Program Beneficiaries

"I couldn't be anymore thankful for your support that has allowed me to make it this far in life and will forever propel me to greater heights. If there is anything I can do to give back to The Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations, please let me know!"

> William Phillips 2017 UJAA High School Graduate Awardee and Essay Competition Winner

"As a private school in the inner city, we have been able to provide quality education to at-risk teenagers. Every school has a donor base that under-girds its success - at Operation Restoration Christian School, we have the Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations".

> Robert Dixon Principal Operation Restoration Christian School Trench Town, Jamaica

"I left knowing I was a better leader and a great friend and now its my turn to go out in the world to live by what I have learnt and also to teach and encourage others to be a global leader."

> Kereifah McIntosh EGLJ student participant, 2018 (Knox College)

"I am overwhelmed and joyous by the number of devices that had been sent for schools in Jamaica by UJAA. I am excited to receive the gifts, memorabilia, and eager to read the UJAA journal. Thanks to the New Day Alumni Association and thanks to UJAA for making this possible".

> Mr. Garfield McDonald Principal New Day Primary School

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Water Tanks



UJAA Water Tank Program was launched in Dec 2006 in Kingston, Jamaica. The venue selected was the Liberty Hall Center in Kingston where the Marcus Garvey Museum is housed. The first tanks were installed in the roof where they remain today. Since then, over 250 tanks have been given to basic and infant schools across the island. US\$47,000

Industry Cove



UJAA's Basic School and Community Shelter in Cousins Cove, Hanover opened in 2002. It has 3 teachers and 30 students and was certified by Jamaica's Early Childhood Commission in 2019. Cost to Build: US\$60,700 Annual Support: US\$2,500

ORCS



UJAA adopted Operation Restoration Christian School (ORCS) in Trench Town, Kingston over 20 years ago. The one-of-a-kind school provides teenage students with the education and training needed to attend high school. UJAA has contributed over US\$50,000 to ORCS and over US\$10,000 to other schools and programs over the years.

HSGA

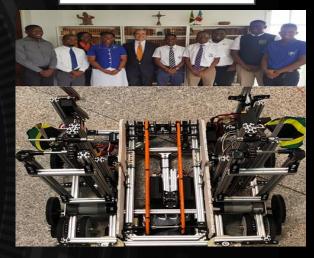




Through the initiative of UJAA's first President George Hill, the Annual HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AWARDS PROGRAM was introduced in 1991. Over 30 years, UJAA has donated over U\$\$500,000 to "Jamerican" students as bursaries, books and trips to Jamaica.



As students worldwide navigate the online learning environment occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic, some 300 students from various Jamaican schools, have benefitted from a donation of laptops and tablets valued at US\$95,000 courtesy of UJAA. This project is expected to continue in times to come. **Robotics**



Since 2010, UJAA has encouraged and supported the establishment of robotics clubs at high schools in Jamaica. UJAA has been the sponsor of Jamaica in the FIRST Global Competition which brings teams from across the globe to a robotics competition, as well as a sponsor of robotics competitions in Jamacia. UJAA is now in the process of expanding our robotics program to include our primary schools.

EGLJ

UJAA offers opportunities for "Jamerican" sophomore and junior high school students to participate in the Emerging Global Leaders Jamaica conference (EGLJ) every summer. Conferees then form and lead "Leadership Clubs" at their schools and have the opportunity to grow their leadership skills as mentors. This is a collaboration with the Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations in Toronto, CA (AJAA)



Partnerships are an important part of UJAAs mission. Over the years, we have collaborated with many organizations – across the globe – to advance our goals and to expand our concept of the fist versus fingers – together we have greater impact! UJAA works closely with other umbrella alumni associations in the USA, Canada and Jamaica.

Covid-19 Care Packages



In 2020, in response to the pandemic, the COVID-19 Care Packages Project was launched. This was a collaboration with the Lasco Chin Foundation and the Jamaica Alumni Associations of High Schools in Jamaica. Over 3 months, Alumni Associations provided 2,526 care packages (valued at US\$63,150) to 47 schools. Since then, our members, with UJAA's assistance, continue to provide much needed Care Packages for their students.

Penn Relays



Learnit Tablets



PINETTM earning Technology

UJAA has supported a bus trip to the Annual Penn Relays Festival in Philadelphia for several years. Many of UJAA's High School members sponsor track and field teams from Jamaica to participate in the competition each year. It has become a favorite annual event for Jamaica's Diaspora as evidenced by Jamaica's "Black-Green-Gold" UJAA has partnered with Caribbean eBook Ltd. to provide Learnit tablets to basic and primary school students. Learnit tablets have almost 200 applications for grades 1 to 6 and do not require the internet to function. Over 125 tablets valued at US16,000 have been secured to date.



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Math Competition provides an opportunity for aspiring mathematicians to develop their mathematical talents while gaining friends. UJAA has partnered with THE MATH CLUB, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, in proctoring the competition and, along with individual member organizations, provide supplemental prizes.

Over 30 Years of Commitment-Dedication-Service

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Education Is Empowerment, Only The Educated Are Free With over three decades of dedicated service to our homeland and community here in the US, UJAA has contributed over US\$6 Mil to all its programs.

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