



Governor-General's Programme for Excellence

Values Through Volunteerism: Impacting Communities, One Community At A Time.



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Message

2015...Marked by the Influence of Positive Values & Right Actions

Lady Allen and I are especially proud to salute all volunteers and sponsors who through the Governor-General's

Programme for Excellence continue to work assiduously in diverse ways to build this nation, Jamaica, land we love.

As I reflect on the *Programme* and the journey over the past year, I see achievements marked by the influence of positive values and right actions.

More Jamaicans were recognized for their impactful community involvement and contribution in spite of socio-economic challenges. These unsung heroes in and outside of Jamaica (Diaspora) became recipients of the Governor-General's *Achievement Award*.

2015 also saw the largest intake of volunteers installed as I Believe Ambassadors – more and more persons offering themselves to serve. The number of competitors in the Summer Of Service (SOS) Competition grew 100%, with all competitors who finished successfully receiving a prize that would assist them on the path to achieving greater academic success. This means more Jamaican youth experienced the “Value in Volunteerism”.

My favourite recollection of all, is the number of beneficiaries of the programme, who on their own volition, and through creative initiatives, have



The Most Honourable
Sir Patrick Allen ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J
Governor-General of Jamaica

inspired, motivated and empowered their peers and other Jamaicans to believe in themselves.

I am humbled by the stick-to-itiveness also of the persons who worked tirelessly in various capacities and those who contributed financially or otherwise, despite their own challenges, to ensure that the GGPE soldiered on with its mission of positively engaging the youth of this country.

Through various partnerships and teamwork, the Programme was enhanced in many ways – a true example of the influence of positive values and right actions.

The many young people with whom I have interacted throughout 2015 are grateful, as I am, for the support received to give Jamaica's future a chance. It is an investment

which we each must make in the fulfillment of life's purpose.

I thank sincerely each sponsor, partner, IBI Ambassador and all other individuals who touched the programme in one way or another, for helping to create possibilities for our youth.

We welcome others to join us on this journey as we look forward to 2016 and beyond.

I remain firm in my belief that, there is nothing wrong with Jamaica that cannot be fixed by what is right with Jamaica.



Message

Nation Building is a Collective Responsibility



Major (Ret'd) Effiom B. Whyte OD, JP
National Coordinator
Governor-General's Programme for Excellence

Two years have gone by swiftly in my role as National Coordinator for the *Governor-General's Programme For Excellence*. However, not one second of this journey is lost upon me.

We are grateful for the commitment and strength of those who contributed in various ways. You have served your brothers and sisters of this nation well. 2015 also showed the mettle of the GGPE Secretariat including the Parish Committees and Management Teams. To you who serve, your strength is evident in the drive and devotion that you bring to each activity within the programme, ensuring its sustainability.

To our sponsor and donors in particular, you have been the beacons of hope for many Jamaican families, in first making opportunities possible and next helping us to impart to them that 'Excellence' is not simply a word to characterize a few but rather, an attitude that everyone has the capacity to assimilate. It only takes the igniting of an impassioned flame and an unwillingness to settle for mediocrity to make a positive difference wherever you are planted.

As the programme continues to grow, I invite Jamaicans throughout the length and breadth of the island and those living in the Diaspora to join us in our mission to empower and motivate; and to help culture better perspectives through awareness that will build a more progressive nation.

I thank you for standing with us in promoting positive values as we strive to build a national ethos of excellence in 2016 and beyond.

As I recall the events of 2015, they only reinforce that Nation Building is a collective responsibility.

2015 also emphasized the influence of great leadership. On this note I thank Their Excellencies the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen for their impassioned work to keep this programme alive. You are the beacons of excellent leadership!

The Governor-General's Programme for Excellence with its theme "*Values Through Volunteerism: Impacting Communities, One Community at a Time*", has made significant strides. So much was accomplished in 2015 with the help of our sponsors, IBI Ambassadors and team members at King's House.

There were also IBI Friends from afar who contributed to the strength of the Programme in their own way.



Advisory Board



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J
Chairman, Governor-General's Programme for Excellence

PEOPLE

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The Hon. Steadman Fuller CD, JP
Custos Rotulorum - Kingston



The Hon. Norma Walters CD, JP
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Major (Ret'd) Effiom B. Whyte OD, JP
Chairman & National Coordinator



The Hon. Marcia Bennett, CD, JP
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IBI Ambassador



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IBI Ambassador



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IBI Ambassador



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About the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence

The Governor-General's Programme for Excellence (GGPE) evolved in 2014 to give cohesiveness to the programmes that are affiliated to the Office of the Governor-General: the Governor-General's Achievement Awards (GGAA) and the I Believe Initiative (IBI).



The GGAA

The GGPE has its origins in the GGAA which began in 1991. The GGAA recognised individuals (Jamaicans) thirty-five years (35) and older who had achieved greatly despite difficult and challenging socio-economic circumstances. They would also have been making a substantial contribution to the nation, but were not recipients of National Honours and Awards.

This programme was expanded in 2006 to recognize youth ages 18 – 35 years, for excellence in academia and service. It also recognizes individuals in the Diaspora who are making a significant contribution to Jamaica and their host country. In 2015 the Diaspora Award was extended to also include a youth category, which increased the number of recipients from three to six.

While His Excellency the Governor-General makes the final approval, it is the Custos along with his / her Committee who receive the nominations and adjudicate who the three parish recipients should be. Thirty-eight candidates were presented to His Excellency for approval. They were honoured within their county at a specially planned ceremony and pinned by Her Excellency the Governor-General's wife, at King's House in November.



The IBI

In 2011, the I Believe Initiative which is the service-oriented arm of the programme, was launched.

The object is to motivate and inspire youth to believe in themselves, achieve their God-given potential and to give service to their country.

IBI Mission

To create pathways through partnerships and to promote programmes that restore hope, belief, and sound values in Jamaica's families, youth and education.

IBI Vision

Through strategic partnerships, programmes, the belief and support of Jamaicans, the I Believe Initiative of Jamaica will lead a campaign to inspire and motivate Jamaicans to believe in their God-given potential and to contribute to building a prosperous and peaceful nation.

The Initiative seeks to achieve its mission and vision by creating, contributing and endorsing Projects that fall under the IBI pillars of 'Youth', 'Education' and 'Family'.

Thank you GGAA Sponsors.

Recognizing 'Excellence'.



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The GGAA Diaspora...

2015 marked the sixth staging of the *Biennial Diaspora Governor-General's Achievement Awards* (GGAA). It was staged during the week of activities that marked the Sixth Biennial Diaspora Conference held at the Montego Bay Conference Centre in Montego Bay, St. James.

The Head of State, The Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J and The Most Honourable Lady Allen were received by His Worship the Mayor of Montego Bay, Members of Parliament, Custodes and other dignitaries.

The *Governor-General's Achievement Awards* presentation was witnessed by approximately 1000 delegates, all of whom learned more about the GGAA and received the message of the IBI. Immediately following the presentation ceremony, persons from overseas delegations inquired about additional information regarding the Initiative. One of those members, Mr. Andrew Lawrence of Caribbean Trade Council Inc., visited King's House in December 2015 where he met with the GGPE National Coordinator and Project Officer to discuss ideas for closer partnership with members of the Diaspora.

For the first time in the Diaspora, presentation of awards was made in two (2) age group categories: 'Under 35 years' and 'Over 35 years'. The Awardees were from Canada, the United States of America (USA) and the United Kingdom (UK).

The proud recipients of the Diaspora Awards were seated with Their Excellencies for the duration of the ceremony.



The Six 2015 Diaspora Governor-General's Achievement Award Recipients proudly share the stage with Their Excellencies, the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen and Lady Allen.

The recipients dined with Sir Patrick and Lady Allen during which time they shared stories about their philanthropy.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and its Missions were excellent in their support of the efforts of the GGPE in increasing its reach across the countries, ensuring more persons were made aware of the possibility to nominate a deserving Jamaican for the prestigious award.

The Missions carried out the role of liaison for the selection process seamlessly with the guidance of the GGPE Secretariat at King's House.

The GGPE thanks both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Missions for the exceptional level of involvement and the contribution made during the period.

Adjudication of Nominations

A panel of judges including leaders of philanthropic organisations and other social engagements, all from various backgrounds, met at King's House to evaluate all nominations received through the Missions.



Ahead of the start of the GGAA Diaspora Ceremony, Their Excellencies, escorted by His Worship the Mayor of Montego Bay Councillor Glendon Harris, visit booths at the Sixth Diaspora Biennial Conference in Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica.

MEET THE 6 DIASPORA AWARDEES

The adjudication resulted in the following persons being named *Governor-General's Achievement Award* Recipients:

CANADA

Mrs. Brumley gives back to her community in various ways. Included is her time spent volunteering at the Riverside Hospital and General Evening Institute.



Michelle Brumley

AGE GROUP CATEGORY:
UNDER 35 YEARS



When asked what 'Excellence' meant to her, Mrs. Brumley said *"being the best one can be and doing whatever one does to the best of his or her ability, while giving*

back to improve the community."

Mr. Kingsley Gilliam has given over 40 years contribution in the areas of Mental Health-care, Social Services and Community Activism, both in Jamaica and Canada.



Kingsley Gilliam

AGE GROUP CATEGORY:
OVER 35 YEARS



He is also Director, Social Services and Health of the 11-year old Jamaican Diaspora

Canada Foundation, whose mandate includes advancing Jamaica's continued growth and development utilizing the skills and expertise of Jamaicans in the Canadian diaspora.

Mr. Gilliam believes the quest for excellence requires personal sacrifices to go *"above and beyond" in utilizing one's full potential to achieve the goals of community development and nation building."*

Her Excellency Mrs. Janice Miller, Jamaica's High Commissioner to Canada, was present to share the special occasion with the Awardees.

UNITED KINGDOM

Among the many charities that he is involved in, Nathaniel Peat also volunteers with the Ernst & Young Foundation where he serves as Trustee for Child Protection and Safeguarding.



Nathaniel Peat

AGE GROUP CATEGORY:
UNDER 35 YEARS



Mr. Peat is also Chairman for Jamaicans Inspired UK, where he has been successful in developing strategies for mobilising youth toward high achievement.

He views excellence as *“a continual journey of growth, development and learning to improve oneself in all spheres of life, as well as having the mindset to be the very best there is.”*



Gloria Leslie

AGE GROUP CATEGORY:
OVER 35 YEARS



Mrs. Gloria Leslie's contribution as a social activist and community benefactor includes her role as Founder and Chairperson of The Friends of the Noel Holmes Hospital and West Haven Children's Home in Jamaica. In this capacity, she plans and organizes major fundraising events, which facilitates the annual shipping of containers with medical equipment and other urgently needed supplies. Mrs Gloria Leslie believes that excellence is *“the ability to provide consistently high quality service and to exceed expectations.”*

Her Excellency Mrs. Aloun Ndombet Assamba, Jamaica's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, was present for the occasion in support of all three awardees. She also collected the award on behalf of Mrs. Gloria Leslie who was unavoidably absent.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Miss Lisa Soares received the Governor-General's Achievement Award in recognition of her outstanding academic achievements as well as her notable service and contribution to the Jamaican Diaspora in



Lisa Soares

AGE GROUP CATEGORY:
UNDER 35 YEARS



both the US and UK. She views excellence as *“the ability and desire to share your journey, whilst also empowering others along the way to strive to achieve their own mandate of greatness.”*

Mrs. Claudette Powell is a distinguished Home Health Care Consultant with over 30 years of dedicated service in the Nursing Profession. She is deeply involved in volunteering her time to coordinate international partnerships to advance healthcare and education in Jamaica and in New York.

Mrs. Powell believes 'Excellence' *“means going beyond the tendency to be satisfied with mediocre outcomes and using intelligent effort to be the best that one has the potential to become, while helping others to envision and realise their own possibilities.”*



Claudette Powell

AGE GROUP CATEGORY:
OVER 35 YEARS



On hand to witness the presentations on behalf of the United States of America Diaspora was Mrs. Ariel Bowen, Minister Counsellor.

Mrs. Bowen represented His Excellency Professor Stephen Vasciannie, Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States of America, who was unavoidably absent.

In a response on behalf of all the Awardees, Mr. Kingsley Gilliam, GGAA Recipient – Canada, expressed gratitude for being recognized in such an auspicious way.

In congratulating the six recipients, His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen said *“Your life has been ennobled by your chosen path of excellence and of service to your fellowmen. I hope that those you have helped and motivated have been imbued with the positive qualities for which we honour you this afternoon.”*

Mr. Christopher Powell, son of Awardee, Mrs. Claudette Powell, presented a token gift on behalf of the people of Montego Bay and the Diaspora, to Her Excellency the Most Honourable Lady Allen.

In addition to being the 2016 Governor-General Achievement Award recipients, Mrs. Claudette Powell, Mr. Nathaniel Peat and Mr. Kingsley Gilliam

had been invited in their own right as guest speakers during the *Sixth Biennial Diaspora Conference*.

All six awardees have been fully informed about the *I Believe Initiative* and are charged with spreading its mantra within their respective communities that “there is nothing wrong with Jamaica that cannot be fixed by what is right with Jamaica”.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS – GGAA, Diaspora



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen addressing Awardees, their Family and Friends plus Delegates at the 2015 Diaspora GGAA .



Delegates meeting His Excellency the Governor-General.



Mrs. Claudette Powell receives her award from His Excellency. Looking on are the Most Honourable Lady Allen and Mrs. Ariel Bowen, Minister Counsellor at the Jamaican Embassy in Washington.



Mr. Nathaniel Peat receives his award from Her Excellency the Most Honourable Lady Allen. Looking on is Mrs Aloun Assamba, Jamaica's High Commissioner to London.

The GGAA, Jamaica...

Through the hard work and dedication of Custodes and their Parish Committees, thirty-eight Jamaicans were presented to His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J to receive the *Governor-General's Achievement Award*.

Awardees received their Plaque and Citation within their County, witnessed by dignitaries, family and friends.

EVENT PLANNING

The event planning committee comprised sponsors and members of the King's House team.

New corporate sponsor *FLOW Jamaica* integrated easily with the rest of the committee.

New GGAA Banners

For the 2015 Governor-General's Achievement Awards events, sponsors *Jamaica Broilers Group Limited* and *FLOW Jamaica* added a new look - each contributed a new branded banner for the programme. Each banner had the logo of all corporate sponsors surrounding the GGAA logo. The idea for the banner came about during one of the planning committee meetings.

At each event, corporate sponsor representatives were seated with the GGAA Recipients and the Custos of the respective parish with the aim of presenting an opportunity for sponsors to get to know the recipients a bit more. This effort was appreciated by the sponsors.

Each county event was hosted by a Custos and their Parish Committee:

The County of Cornwall

Host Parish: Westmoreland

Venue: Sean Lavery Faith Hall, Savanna-la-mar

Date of Ceremony: July 23, 2015

The County of Middlesex

Host Parish: Clarendon

Venue: Wembley Centre of Excellence

Date of Ceremony: August 27, 2015

The County of Surrey

Host Parish: Kingston

Venue: Jamaica Conference Centre

Date of Ceremony:

September 23, 2015

2015 PINNING CEREMONY & RECEPTION

The thirty-eight Award Recipients, their Family and Friends, Custodes and Sponsors gathered at King's House on November 12, 2015 for the Pinning Ceremony and Reception.

On all occasions the recipients expressed grateful thanks for being recognized in a very special way.

As a further show of their quality commitment, each sponsor contributed to a single gift bag for each of the 38 award recipients. This was symbolic of the type of camaraderie shared among the sponsors of the programme. Even the way in which the handing over of gifts were coordinated at the ceremony signalled good leadership and admirable teamwork.

GGAA *Impacting
Communities:*

38 Jamaicans
Awarded across 14
Parishes.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS – Governor-General's Achievement Awards



Governor-General's Achievement Award recipients from the county of Cornwall with Major (Ret'd) Effiom Whyte (seated left), National Coordinator for the Governor-General's Programme For Excellence; and the Custodes from all 5 parishes of Cornwall. Seated from 2nd left are: The Very Rev. Cannon the Hon. Hartley D. Perrin, the Hon. Ewen Corrodus, the Hon. Beryl Rochester, Dr. the Hon. David Stair and the Hon. Paul Muschett.



Young talent Miss Ashley Holness of Little London Primary School presents a thought-provoking and entertaining speech in tribute to the pride that should accompany being black.



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Their Excellencies Sir Patrick and Lady Allen (seated centre) with GGPE National Coordinator Major (Ret'd) Effiom Whyte (seated 1st left), GGAA Recipients and Custodes for the County of Surrey. Custodes seated from left are the Hon. Steadman Fuller, CD (2nd left) and the Hon. Donna Parchment-Brown, CD (3rd left). Immediate right of Lady Allen is the Hon. Marcia Bennett, CD, then the Hon. Lincoln Thaxter, CD.



Their Excellencies Sir Patrick and Lady Allen (seated centre) with GGPE National Coordinator-Major 'Ret'd' Effiom Whyte (seated 1st left), GGAA Recipients and Custodes for the County of Middlesex. Custodes seated from left are Rev. the Hon. Jeffrey McKenzie, CD (2nd left) and the Hon. Sally Porteous, CD (3rd left). Immediate right of Lady Allen is the Hon. William Shagoury, CD, followed by the Hon. Norma Walters, CD and the Hon. Errol Johnson, CD, BH(M).

Fly Jamaica Rewards GGAA Recipients

Fly Jamaica's Director of Safety, Captain (Ret'd) Robert Gordon, presented 3 special prizes: each a confirmed air travel ticket to New York or Canada. In making the announcement, Master of Ceremony and National Coordinator for the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence, Major (Ret'd) Effiom Whyte explained that so important is the value of being 'On-time' that a GGAA Recipient in each county would be rewarded for it. In agreement, this announcement was met by much applause from the audience. The winners per County were:



- Miss Leneka Rhoden – (The County of Surrey)
- Mr. Ransford Davidson - (The County of Middlesex)
- Miss Patrenia Williams - (The County of Cornwall)



Pictured from left is Captain (Ret'd) Robert Gordon, Director of Safety at Fly Jamaica Airways and GGAA Recipients Miss Patrenia Williams and Mr. Ransford Davidson. Both GGAA Recipients were each rewarded with a confirmed air travel ticket for always being 'Ontime'. The third winner Miss Leneka Rhoden is not pictured here.

Entertainment

It was an emotional moment for the King's House family when its own team members performed as a choir accompanied by a uniformed police officer on



The King's House Choir performs at the GGAA Pinning Ceremony and Reception on November 12, 2016.

piano and a member of the Jamaica Defence Force band. This single performance will be forever etched in the minds of everyone who witnessed it.

Major Whyte advised all recipients before the close of the ceremony that they should:



Always finish what you start.



Always be on time.



Always say please and thank you.



Don't be unwise.

CUSTODES AND PARISH COMMITTEES

Special thanks to the Custodies and their Parish Communities for the hard work put into both selecting the candidates and organizing for the ceremonies.

Extra special thanks to the Host Custodes for exceptional preparations made to receive everyone at the County Ceremonies:

- Cornwall – The Very Reverend the Hon. Canon Hartley D. Perrin, CD, JP
- Middlesex – The Hon. William B. Shagoury, CD, JP
- Surrey – The Hon. Steadman Fuller, CD, JP

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS - GGAA Events



ABOVE: His Excellency greets sponsor representatives in a Courtesey Call before the start of the GGAA Pinning Ceremony. Pictured from left are Ms. Terry Ann Wilson, Assistant Manager, Business Development/Marketing (The Gleaner Company) and Mr. Garfield Sinclair, Managing Director (FLOW).



ABOVE: His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen (left) with Custos of Kingston the Hon. Steadman Fuller, CD (right) and GGAA Recipient (centre) Mr. George Young, JP.



LEFT: From left His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen; GGAA Recipients (Surrey) Leneka Rhoden and Sonia Whyte JP; and Custos of St. Andrew the Hon. Donna Parchment-Brown.



ABOVE: His Excellency (left) with the Hon. Paul Muschett (right) Custos Rotolorum of Trelawny and the three recipients from his parish: Nickolette O. Brown (2nd left), Edna Veronica Thomas (centre) and Kimroy Bailey (2nd right).



LEFT: The very talented Holy Trinity High School students entertaining the audience at the 2015 GGAA Pinning Ceremony with beautiful and unique sounds.

Thank you Parish Secretariat

**With Custodes at the Helm,
Leading Through 'Excellence'.**



The Hon. Marcia Bennett, CD
Custos Rotulorum – St. Thomas



Dr. the Hon. David Stair, CD
Custos Rotulorum – Hanover
Host: YCC (Cornwall)



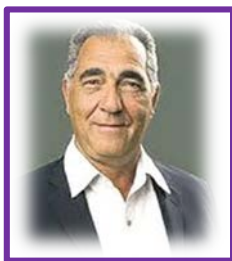
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Custos Rotulorum – St. James



The Hon. Steadman Fuller, CD
Custos Rotulorum – Kingston



The Hon. Paul Muschett, CD
Custos Rotulorum – Trelawny



The Hon. William L. Shagoury, CD
Custos Rotulorum – Clarendon
Host: GGAA (Middlesex)



The Hon. Sally Porteous, CD
Custos Rotulorum – Manchester
Host: YCC (Middlesex)



The Very Reverend Canon
The Hon. Hartley D. Perrin, CD
Custos Rotulorum – Westmoreland
Host: GGAA (Cornwall)



The Hon. Lincoln Thaxter, CD
Custos Rotulorum – Portland
Host: YCC (Surrey)



The Hon. Norma Walters, CD
Custos Rotulorum – St. Ann



The Hon. Beryl Rochester, CD
Custos Rotulorum – St. Elizabeth



The Hon. Donna Parchment Brown, CD
Custos Rotulorum – St. Andrew



The Hon. Errol Johnson, CD, BH(M)
Custos Rotulorum – St. Mary



Reverend
The Hon. Jeffrey McKenzie, CD
Custos Rotulorum – St. Catherine

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The IBI...

By the end of 2015 there were approximately 200 IBI Ambassadors spread across Jamaica with representatives in every Parish.

INCREASED INTEREST TO SERVE

It is customary that at the end of each year IBI Ambassadors meet to present a report on project(s) they completed during the year. These are to be done under the three pillars: 'Youth', 'Education' and 'Family'.

Due to the number of requests to His Excellency from persons wanting to serve in the mission of the IBI a meeting was held to look at redesigning the management structure of the Group. The agreed changes saw:

- Interested persons making their request for consideration through the Parish Custos. This meant that the Custos now became integral in a process that could better serve and help support the Parish should an individual be recommended for approval by His Excellency.
- Interested persons were invited to an interview by the Custos and Parish Committee.
- During the interview the persons' history of volunteerism and their ideas of how to engage fellow Jamaicans with the aim of building stronger communities were looked at more closely with a view to determining those with a genuine desire to serve. Close to 80 persons were selected across parishes.

**IBI Ambassadorship
grows two-fold.**

**IBI Ambassadors
now in every parish
in Jamaica.**

On December 3, 2015 the I Believe Initiative installed its largest group of Ambassadors to date.

AMBASSADOR AGE REQUIREMENT LOWERED

Among the group of newly installed Ambassadors were 16 Junior Ambassadors. It was felt that the 'Juniors' had accomplished so much work in their various projects as any other person with full Ambassador status that the GGPE Advisory Board was asked to give consideration to permit the lowering of the age requirement from 21 years to 18 years. The vote was unanimous.

The Junior Ambassadors installed on December 3 with full ambassadorial status were students from the HEART Academy Runaway Bay and Ferncourt High School - both in St. Ann.

On hand to witness the installation by Their Excellencies were Custodes, leader representatives from HEART and Ferncourt High plus other IBI Ambassadors.

IBI PINNING CEREMONY & RECEPTION

Five Ambassadors had the opportunity to present their project(s) at the *IBI Ambassadors' Pinning & Reception Ceremony*. They were Cordel Williams, Oldane Graham, Thalia Morris, Romario Ricketts and Shanese Watson.

PHOTO Highlights – IBI Pinning Ceremony and Reception, December 3, 2015.



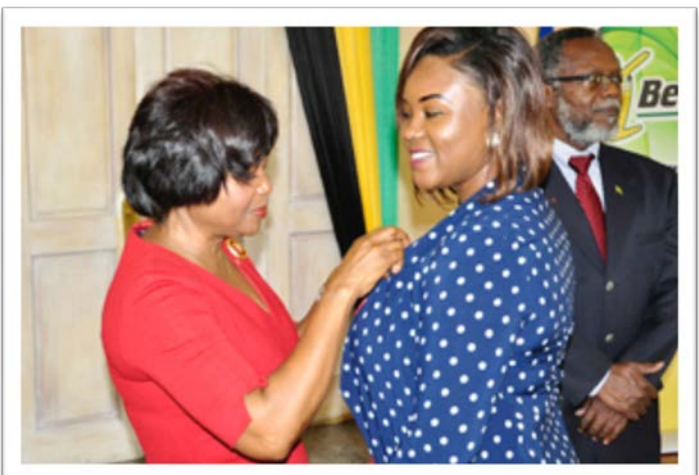
Their Excellencies with Custodes for the County of Surrey and the newly installed IBI Ambassadors.



His Excellency placing the IBI Pin on newly installed IBI Ambassador Tajani Christian. Looking on is Custos of St. Catherine the Hon. Jeffery McKenzie.



IBI Ambassador Cordel Williams presents her report on 2015 Projects to Their Excellencies. Also listening to the presentation is the National Coordinator, Custodes and other IBI Ambassadors.



Her Excellency placing the IBI Pin on newly installed IBI Ambassador Samantha Clarke. Looking on is Custos of Hanover Dr. the Hon. David Stair, CD.

The IBI...

Youth Consultative Conferences rocked!

The Youth Consultative Conference took place in each county. Thirty-five student delegates were invited through the Custos to attend.

The County of Cornwall

Host Parish: Hanover

Venue: The Grand Palladium Jamaica Resort & Spa

Date of Ceremony: October 8, 2015

The County of Middlesex

Host Parish: Clarendon

Venue: Golf View Hotel

Date of Ceremony: October 22, 2015

The County of Surrey

Host Parish: Portland

Venue: Crest Conference Centre

Date of Ceremony: October 29, 2015

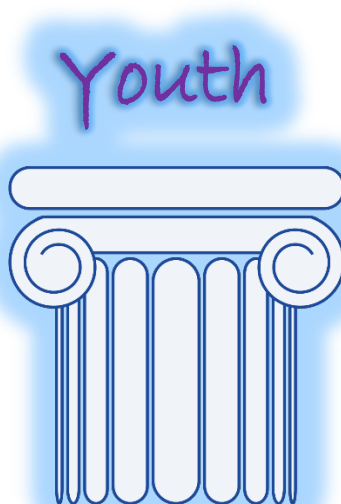
In each instance the response of the delegates were positive – they had a voice and they were heard. Some stated by the end of the conference that they appreciated being acknowledged in this way.

Approximately 600 students attended the conferences and important partnerships were made. The theme was *“YOUTH: The World in Your Hands”* with the plenary session by the Council on Drug Abuse. The council’s theme was *“Talk Di Truth – Future Come First”*.

The evaluation sheets administered indicated that the delegates were informed and that they would recommend the conference to others.

In addition to a well-received presentation, headline sponsor Digicel provided giveaways and other entertainment. They presented Digicel Rising Stars and sonstresses Jodikaye James (Portland event) and Marsha K (Hanover and Mandeville events).

The Grace Kennedy Group provided care packages for all delegates at all three events. Caribbean Airlines and RIU Hotels provided prizes of free air travel and hotel day and night passes respectively.



School Motivational Programme

The Holy School remained the focus of this programme. Dialogue was had with Diageo to see how best they could assist with including students in the Learning For Life Programme.

The programme was for persons 18 years of age and older.

IBI Ambassadors' - Projects

The GGPE received reports from Ambassadors on IBI Projects carried out throughout the year. These projects aimed at infusing the message that there is nothing wrong with Jamaica that cannot be fixed by what is right with Jamaica.



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Above: His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen with student delegates of Cornwall College at the Cornwall County Youth Consultative Conference held at the Grand Palladium Resort in Lucea, Hanover. His Excellency and students have fun with a selfie board from the National Council on Drug Abuse..



Above: Professor Trevor Monroe, CD, Executive Director of National Integrity Action (NIA), addressing student delegates at the Middlesex County Youth Consultative Conference. His presentation was entitled 'Youth Righting the Wrong in Jamaica'.



Above: Mr. Patrick King, Director of Customer Experience at Digicel addressing student delegates at the Middlesex County Youth Consultative Conference. His presentation was entitled 'Learning in the Real World'.



Above: Programme Cover design - used for all 2015 Youth Consultative Conferences. YCCs were held in Hanover (Cornwall), Manchester (Middlesex) and Portland (Surrey)

The IBI...

PARENTING JAMAICA

The Parenting Jamaica was intended to be a multi-media campaign promoting the agenda of values-based parenting, however, it continued in its radio format only during 2015. The programme airs on two radio stations: RJR FM94 every first Sunday and Mello FM98 on second Wednesdays.

Meetings were held in 2015 with stakeholders as well as a potential sponsor with the objective of getting support to expand the programme's reach and presence into television.

Through the Parenting Jamaica programme, positive messages are transmitted to radio audiences about how to build strong family foundations. Principles from the book *'Answers to Questions Parents Ask'* by Faith Linton and Barry Davidson, are used to inform and reinforce skills on better parenting.



Parenting Jamaica was supported in 2015 by the FosRich Group of Companies through sponsorship amounting to \$2,500,000.

In addition to multi-media features, the I Believe Initiative through the Parenting Jamaica programme has partnered with the Jamaica Parent School (JamPas) in the past to reinforce positive messages in workshops on better parenting.

As social issues affecting families become more evident in the Jamaican society the I Believe Initiative is even more determined to have its positive messages infused throughout the entire Jamaica.

Organisations and individuals wishing to partner with the IBI in bringing the message of better parenting to homes via additional media may contact the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence, King's House.

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2015 **SOS** **I Believe**

Summer Of Service Competition

A Project of the I Believe Initiative • A Branch of the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence

REGISTRATION OPEN:
May 11, 2015 – June 15, 2015

PERIOD OF COMPETITION:
June 22, 2015 – August 14, 2015

How To Apply:

1. Visit www.IBelieveinitiative.org
2. Click the 'SOS 2015' tab
3. Complete the Registration Form
4. Email the form to ibi@ibelieveinitiative.org

GIVE SELFLESSLY
Enter for the experience... the joy of purpose, compassion, commitment, respect, service excellence.

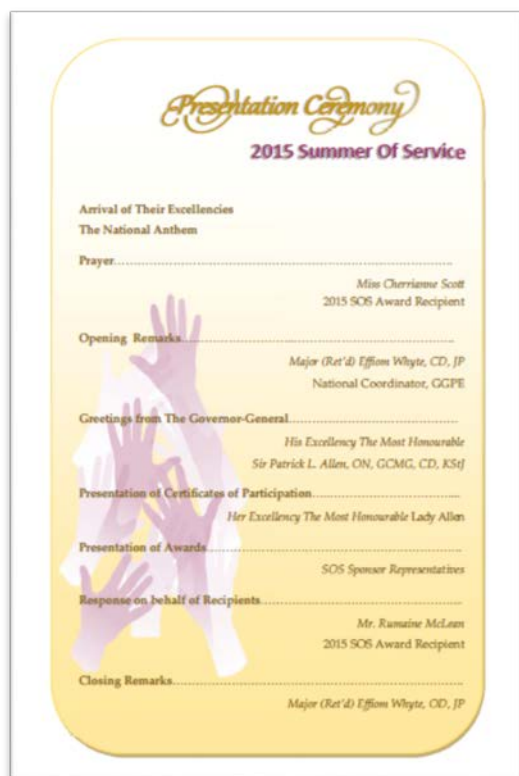
GAIN
Earn priceless rewards including the opportunity of free college tuition.

SUCCEED
As you succeed never forget those in need. Do not be weary in giving.

PRIZES: Book Grants + Tertiary Education **Free** @ partnering institutions
All prizes are Courtesy of kind sponsors.

Values Through Volunteerism: Impacting Communities, One Community At A Time.

Above, Poster placed on the IBI website as a banner at the start of the competition. Launch date was May 11, 2015



Presentation Ceremony
2015 Summer Of Service

Arrival of Their Excellencies
The National Anthem

Prayer.....
Miss Cherrianne Scott
2015 SOS Award Recipient

Opening Remarks.....
Major (Ret'd) Effiom Whyte, CD, JP
National Coordinator, GGPE

Greetings from The Governor-General.....
His Excellency The Most Honourable
Sir Patrick L. Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KStJ

Presentation of Certificates of Participation.....
Her Excellency The Most Honourable Lady Allen

Presentation of Awards.....
SOS Sponsor Representatives

Response on behalf of Recipients.....
Mr. Romaine McLean
2015 SOS Award Recipient

Closing Remarks.....
Major (Ret'd) Effiom Whyte, CD, JP



Above, His Excellency with G. C. Foster College students and SOS Competitors Taishanna Smith and Nicholas Lawson at the SOS Presentation Ceremony, King's House on September 11, 2015.

Left, the programme for the Summer Of Service (SOS) Competition. Prizes were presented by the donors / sponsors.

SUMMER OF SERVICE (SOS) COMPETITION

In May 2015, twenty students from a list that amounted to just under fifty applicants, met the criteria and were confirmed as competitors in the annual Summer Of Service (SOS) Competition. This was 100% over the previous year.

Of the twenty students, eighteen completed the competition successfully and each received a reward. Top prizes included scholarships ranging a full four-year scholarship, two-year and one year scholarships. The scholarships disbursed value in total over \$3,000,000.

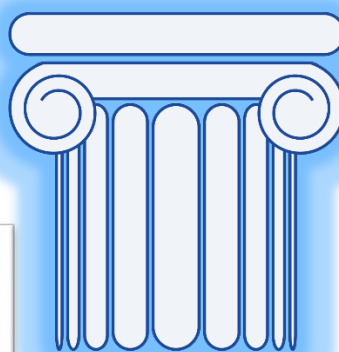
Some recipients each received \$50,000 Book Grants courtesy of Kingston Bookshop Limited, JPS Foundation and JMMB Group's Joan Duncan Foundation. Computer Tablets were awarded to 2 students by Digicel. Everyone was considered a winner.

The schools to which the scholarships were tenable included the Excelsior Community College, the University of the West Indies, University of Technology (Jamaica), College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE) and G. C. Foster College.



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen with Miss Cherianne Scott, 2015 SOS winner of a 4-year scholarship in Hotel & Tourism Management at the Excelsior Community College. Occasion was the SOS Presentation Ceremony at King's House on September 11, 2015.

Education



The Summer Of Service (SOS) Competition was conceptualized and developed by the I Believe Initiative. This competition seeks to encourage youth who are matriculating or are completing their first undergraduate year to dedicate their summer to serving a worthy cause while vying for prizes that will help them achieve a tertiary education.

The competition rewards academic excellence while promoting volunteerism among our youth.

Information about the 2015 competition was promoted via television, radio and social media. Details about the competition including the rules and application form were accessible via the internet at www.ibelieveinitiative.org.jm.

The GGPE Secretariat thanks all the Supervisors who participated giving guidance to the competitors throughout and submitting assessment reports at the end..



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen with Mr. Sikoso Gayle, 2015 SOS winner of a 4-year scholarship in Environmental Science at the College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE). Occasion was the SOS Presentation Ceremony at King's House ON September 11, 2015.

PHOTO Highlights – IBI Summer Of Service (SOS) Presentation Ceremony, September 11, 2015.



His Excellency with SOS Competition Sponsor and CEO of First Global Bank, Mr. Courtney Campbell. Mr. Campbell is also an IBI Ambassador.



Her Excellency Lady Allen presents a Certificate of Participation to Kimberly Brown, first year Law student of the University of the West Indies, who received a \$50,000 book grant courtesy of the JPS Foundation.



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2013 SOS Winner Miss Angelica Baker is surrounded by National Coordinator of the Programme, Major (Ret'd) Effiom Whyte and GGPE Project Officer, Miss Tricia Grier. Miss Baker helped to promote the competition, appearing on Smile Jamaica TVJ in May for the launch.



Her Excellency shared the proud moment with prize winner Miss Monique Blake (right). In the middle is JMMB Group Joan Duncan Foundation's CEO, Ms. Kim Mair. The Foundation awarded Miss Blake, who is headed to the UWI (Mona) 1st Year to pursue Law, a \$50,000 Book Grant.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A number of service organisations benefitted from donations through the I Believe Initiative.

Albert Town Edu-skills Centre – South Trelawny

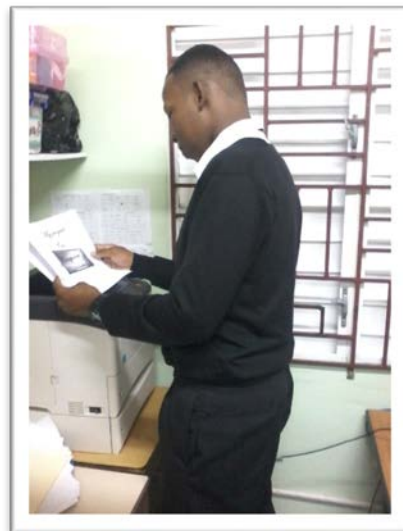
This organization received much needed equipment from *Maffessanti Builders and Contractors* to support its programmes. This gift which included items such as an all-in-one HP printer / scanner / copier, stationery cabinet, multi-media projector and screen is valued at \$286,056.



Students at the Albert Town Edu-Skills Centre in South Trelawny benefitting from the donated computers

The Albert Town Edu-skills Centre was also a beneficiary of computer gifts from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Jamaica.

The donated items have no doubt enhanced the learning experience of the students.



Above: Student using the 'All-in-One Colour Printer' courtesy of Maffessanti Builders and Contractors. Head of the sponsoring organization, Mr. Guiseppe Maffessanti is also an IBI Ambassador.

Spring Village Development Foundation

The Spring Village Development Foundation (Benevolent Society) is a Community Based Umbrella Organization comprised of representatives from schools, church, community and sports clubs, individuals and others located in Spring Village, Bushy Park, St. Catherine.

His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen in a 2012 visit to this self-reliant community organization commented that tenets of the I Believe Initiative is mirrored in the work of the Foundation.

In 2015 the National Coordinator for the *Governor-General's Programme for Excellence* handed over on behalf of His Excellency the Governor-General and through sponsorship from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Jamaica, laptop and desktop computers.

The Embassy donated items to the I Believe Initiative totalling US\$20,000. The GGPE Secretariat and IBI Outreach Centres benefitted from the distribution.

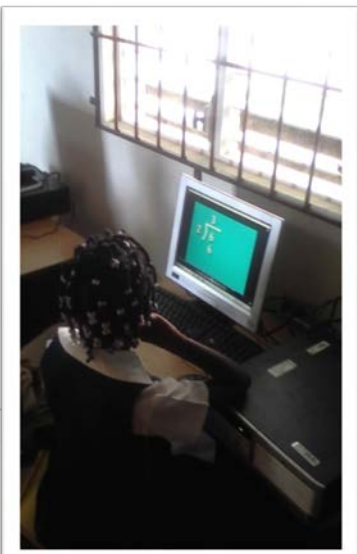


This South Trelawny Edu-Skills Centre also benefitted from a Food Tray courtesy of Appliance Traders Limited.

Seen here at left is a student of the centre holding on to the three-tier food tray.

Course items can be seen attractively displayed on the trays. These include crockery, utensils and condiments.

Sherwood Forest Primary School in Portland and the **John's Town Primary School** in St. Thomas benefitted from computers through the "Access IT" project based in the United Kingdom. Director, Barry Gooden in correspondence to us



stated that: "We are pleased to learn that the donation will help in supporting the work being done by IBI through the GGPE."

We note that your organisation and our charity share a

common purpose, the advancement of new technology education in young people. We do so in Africa and the Caribbean in an effort to increase life chances, improve employability and to help in fulfilling individual aspirations."

Sherwood Forest Primary also benefitted from a desktop computer for their administrative office through donations made to the IBI by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Jamaica.

May Pen Primary and **Osbourne Store Primary and Junior High** were selected by the Digicel Foundation, through representation on their behalf by the IBI, to benefit as Enrichment Centres.

The Enrichment Programme is an island-wide Information and Communication Technology (ICT) partnership with the Ministry of Education to increase literacy rates to 85% by 2015.



Hands Across Jamaica benefitted from a \$75,000 contribution for its programmes. The organization launched its Sponsor A Child initiative at King's House in 2015.

His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen is the patron of the organization's outreach.



His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen delivers the keynote address at the 20th Anniversary Banquet of the Hands Across Jamaica for Righteousness.

Always including the message of the IBI in his addresses, His Excellency told the HAJ audience that *"You have stayed the course and steadfastly stuck to your Christian values to the benefit of our young Jamaicans, the future leaders and nation builders of this country"*.

His Excellency allowed the HAJ time to make an appeal for assistance at the 2016 Diaspora GGAA.

The Association of Clubs – Petersfield, Westmoreland

The Association of Clubs is another organization that benefits from donations through the I Believe Initiative.

In December the Association received gifts including 50 banqueting chairs and 6 tables. Mr. John Mathias Brown, JP, Community Development Facilitator, in communication to us said *"these chairs and tables will certainly go a far way as we endeavour to enhance the level/quality of service that we provide to the people of Petersfield and its environs. On many occasions, we had to borrow chairs from our neighbour, the Petersfield High School, when we have large functions. thanks to you the Petersfield Community Centre is now equipped with proper chairs. We thank you for the investment as we continue community development for a more civil society."*

Mr. Brown advised the *I Believe Initiative* that the community was so touched by the well-needed items that were received that they gathered for an Appreciation/Dedication Function. The function featured blessing of the items (prayer), policy making guiding their use, capturing of photos, and a recitation of the IBI motto *"there is nothing wrong with Jamaica that cannot be fixed by what is right with Jamaica."*

The IBI was equally touched by the community's expression of gratitude.

The Association of Community Based Organisations is voluntary. Its motto and mission is to *"Voluntarily Educate, Sensitize, Train, Entertain and Develop"* (VESTED). The community centre is used by several other voluntary organizations also.

The Association does have income generating projects, however, the IBI is informed that the funds received through this channel go towards covering operating expenses. As a result, resources are usually not available to make the required investment in items such as those the IBI was able



Above: The community of Petersfield in Westmoreland gathers in fellowship to give thanks for the donation of chairs and tables to the Association Of Clubs. Seen here are community members surrounding the gifts made possible by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Jamaica through the I Believe Initiative.

to help provide. The Association has been very beneficial to the community and so now, there is no doubt that they will be able to accomplish greater things together.

The IBI continues to be proud supporters and wishes them well in all community-based projects as they seek to build a better Jamaica.



Above: Mr. John Mathias Brown, JP is seen here with the gifts of tables and chairs received through the I Believe Initiative. The Association placed a card on the items showing

IBI Ambassadors' Report

IBI Ambassadors are expected to submit a report annually about their I Believe project(s) to His Excellency the Governor-General. This report should include all the work carried out, achievements and challenges if any. Most of all the activity seeks to identify what the various projects (under the pillars of 'Youth', 'Education' and 'Family') and the impact made in infusing the message that there is nothing wrong with Jamaica that cannot be fixed by what is right with Jamaica.



Above: IBI Ambassador Sasha Shim-Hue (In yellow) along with 2 co-workers is seen here at the Clarendon Infirmary with donated items of clothes, food and toiletries in time for Christmas. Also pictured are Infirmary staff members. Ambassador Shim-Hue is working on a plan to establish and maintain a garden for the wards of the institution as part of her IBI Project.



Above: Children being awarded in the Little Genius Competition which takes place in St. Thomas. This is a project of IBI Ambassador Tishauna Mullings. The competition has become a fixture in the parish's main events calendar and one which the children, so inspired, look forward to. IBI Ambassador Mullings is the convener of a number of projects that has had great impact on the people in her parish thus far. projects that has

An IBI Luncheon is held in December of each year where Ambassadors get together to share their progress in empowering Jamaicans and helping them to identify and use their God-given talents.

A select number of Ambassadors are given the opportunity to address the group formally in sharing the report on their project(s).



Above: The Queens High School perform at the annual IBI Ambassadors' Luncheon and Pinning Ceremony on December 3, 2015.



Above: A student performs in the Little Genius Competition in St. Thomas. This competition is the project of IBI Ambassador Tishauna Mullings.

IBI Beneficiaries...

Paying It Forward

A significant part of the success story that the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence continues to be surrounds the beneficiaries who often times with little more than a desire to serve, manage to give back to others. We refer to this act of service above self as *'Paying it Forward'*.

It is always a delight to share information such as these with our sponsors. It tells a story that our youth generally want to do good and by extension help lift up this nation.

Angelica Baker – 2013 SOS Recipient

Angelica was the winner of the top prize in the 2013 Summer Of Service Competition. At that time she served two months of her summer vacation giving service at V.O.U.C.H.



Angelica went back to where it all started, her former SOS Project, V.O.U.C.H.. Angelica brought them gifts in 2015. Angelica participated in the 2013 Summer Of Service (SOS) Competition.

In 2015, Angelica, who is a medical student at the University of the West Indies contacted the National Coordinator of the GGPE, Major (Ret'd) Effiom Whyte to advise that she intended to go back to V.O.U.C.H. to donate needed supplies. Major Whyte

was on hand to witness the handing over of books and sheets to the organization.

The IBI also contributed mattresses. Angelica was pinned as an IBI Ambassador on December 3, 2015.



Members of JAYECAN at the Emancipation Park, Kingston, Jamaica during National Heroes Week. They were informing passersby about the importance of recognition and an appreciation for the role that our heroes played in the construction of Jamaica, land we love.

Abraham Simmonds - JAYECAN

Abraham is a 2013 Summer Of Service (SOS) full scholarship winner as well as the Executive Director of *Jamaican Youth Empowerment through Culture, Arts and Nationalism* (JAYECAN).

In a letter to His Excellency Abraham said that his SOS experience was an opportunity that led him to realize the power of social action and youth leadership in positioning Jamaica on the global scene.

JAYECAN comprises a group of university students (UWI and UTECH) who through teams, develop and execute projects that help empower other youth.

Abraham Simmonds and Ackera Gowie, another JAYECAN Director, were pinned as IBI Ambassadors in 2015. Ackera was the top winner in the 2014 Summer Of Service (SOS) Competition.

GGPE Website Coming Soon

Through the assistance of Grace Kennedy and Maffessanti Builders and Contractors in Montego Bay, St. James and the Grace Kennedy Company, the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence will have a new website. Both organizations contributed the \$275,000 needed to make this much needed resource a reality.

The new website will bring both the Governor-General's Achievement Awards and the I Believe Initiative together as currently they are on separate sites. This is fitting especially with the coalescing of both programmes in 2014.

Work is underway with a team that includes the GGPE Secretariat and IBI Ambassador volunteers. Special mention must be made of IBI Ambassador and GGPE Management Committee Member Mr. Glenford Smith who has dedicated much time to assisting with the content compilation for the site. The web developer for this new site is the Jamaica Information Service (JIS) who are also administrators for the King's House website.

The new site promises to be more interactive and expects to have greater reach. Some exciting additions include a Project Board to give visibility to the projects that IBI Ambassadors have been carrying out as well as an Alumni page with pictures and summary information on all recipients of the Governor-General's Achievement Awards since the inception of the programme. The talented

Jamaicans who provide entertainment at GGPE events will also be acknowledged via this media and thereby receive well-deserved exposure.

The GGPE website is expected to be launched by March 2016.



Sir Patrick Allen presents an endorsement plaque to Trees That Feed Foundation's Chair (centre) Mrs. Mary McLaughlin during a Courtesy Call at King's House. Looking on from left are Cathy Lynn, Board member; Michael McLaughlin, Treasurer; and Britta Hay, a volunteer with the Foundation. The I Believe Initiative endorsed the Foundation for its contribution to Food Security in Jamaica.



IBI Endorsements

The *Governor-General's Programme for Excellence* through the I Believe Initiative endorses organisations that mirrors the mantra that there's nothing wrong with Jamaica that cannot be fixed by what is right with Jamaica.

TREES THAT FEED FOUNDATION

Trees That Feed Foundation (TTFF) distributes food-bearing trees to help provide communities with sustainable food supplies, increased job opportunities and an improved, reforested environment.

Since its inception, TTFF has distributed over 60,000 trees in nine countries.

Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen endorsed the organisation under the auspices of the I Believe Initiative (IBI). The endorsement involved the presentation of a plaque to Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Foundation Chairperson, during a Courtesy Call at King's House on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

In his remarks, Sir Patrick Allen said that Jamaica truly appreciates the Foundation's efforts to help ensure the country's food security. *"It is important that we are able to feed our nation, especially with foods that have a high nutritional value. A healthy nation is a happy nation,"* he stated.

In accepting the endorsement Mrs. McLaughlin said that this was the first time that the foundation was being recognized in this way in any of the countries in which it operates. *"Sometimes you do not know if what you are doing is right and so we are very thankful for this affirmation,"* she said.

Following the courtesy call the TTFF team visited the area at King's House where His Excellency had planted two breadfruit trees on National Tree Planting Day, October 2011.

FIRST GLOBAL BANK'S PERFECT PITCH FOR A SOUND EDUCATION

In a Courtesy Call on His Excellency by First Global Bank's CEO Mr. Courtney Campbell at King's House, May 2015, the organisation's Perfect Pitch for a Sound Education programme was endorsed by the I Believe Initiative. On the occasion Mr. Campbell was installed as an IBI Ambassador.

First Global Bank partnered with the Ministry of Education to launch an exciting Literacy initiative in primary schools across Jamaica. The programme involves grade school children learning literacy and numeracy through music. Schools that have showed outstanding results include:

- Villa Road Primary and Junior High
- Mandeville Primary and Junior High
- McIntosh Memorial Primary School
- Tarrant Primary and All Age School
- Seaward Primary School
- Duhaney Park Primary School
- Pembroke Hall Primary School
- Central Branch All Age School
- Southborough Primary
- John Rollins Success Primary
- Bickersteth Primary and Infant School
- Farm Primary School

The IBI also endorsed events including IBI Ambassador Cordel Graham's Wealth Creation Workshop which seeks to motivate Jamaicans to use their God-given talents for entrepreneurship.

GG Takes Message Further

His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen led the way in spreading the message of the I Believe Initiative. He did this through his engagements with Jamaicans as well as visitors to the island. His Excellency even brought the message to foreign shores.



His Excellency (seated right at the head of the table) visits Food For The Poor (FFTP). The visit included a tour of the facilities. Major Effiom (Ret'd) Whyte (seated 1st left) and the FFTP Management looks on.

Sir Patrick Allen addressed the University of South Caribbean (USC) Faculty Staff in Trinidad on November 27, 2015. At that function he shared information about the I Believe Initiative. Resulting from a keen interest in the programme by his audience and a request for more information to share with others in Trinidad, brochures were



Their Excellencies Governor General Sir Patrick Allen (left) and Lady Allen (3rd right), His Excellency David Prendergast, Jamaica's High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago (right) and Mrs. Prendergast (2nd left) at a Gala Fundraising Event of the University of Southern Caribbean on November 28, 2015.

forwarded to His Excellency David Prendergast. In a letter to the Governor-General, the High Commissioner indicated that the information has been circulated electronically and in print to a wide cross-section of Jamaicans including our Honorary



Above: Their Excellencies visit Grace Kennedy Company. Pictured left of Sir Patrick Allen is CEO Mr. Don Wehby. The entire GKCo. management team is also present.

Consuls in the Eastern Caribbean and the students at the University of the West Indies. The High Commission has also included a link on its Facebook page to the I Believe Initiative website.



Left: His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen (centre) visits the National Bakery Company. CEO Mr. Hendrickson (right) and Mr. Stephen Sykes (left).

Financial Information

GOVERNER-GENERAL'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

		Jan - Dec 15	Jan - Dec 14
		JM\$	JM\$
Ordinary Income/Expense	Note		
Income			
Direct Public Support			
Corporate Contributions	1	5,921,581	3,662,500
Investments			
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD		4,910	1,676
Other Types of Income			
Miscellaneous Revenue		5,980	0
Total Income		5,932,471	3,664,176
Expense			
Advertising		234,081	0
Awards and Grants			
Awards		984,210	279,115
Total Awards and Grants		984,210	279,115
Bank Service Charges		15,772	25,675
Conferences and ceremonies			
Conference, Convention, Meeting		1,119,543	2,834,303
Travel		5,700	179,756
Total Conferences and ceremonies		1,125,243	3,014,059
Facilities and Equipment			
Donated Facilities		11,287	0
Equip Rental and Maintenance		0	9,000
Total Facilities and Equipment		11,287	9,000
Nat'l Coordinators remuneration		750,000	700,000
Operations			
Printing and Copying		495,013	288,862
Supplies		34,446	38,582
Total Operations		529,459	327,444
Total Expense		3,650,052	4,355,293
Net Ordinary Income		2,282,419	(691,117)
Net Income/(loss)		2,282,419	(691,117)

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GOVERNER-GENERAL'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 DECEMBER 2015

	Dec 31, 15	Dec 31, 14
	JM\$	JM\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
First Global Bank	2,042,399	442,487
Total Current Assets	2,042,399	442,487
TOTAL ASSETS	2,042,399	442,487
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Payables	17,492	700,000
Total Current Liabilities	17,492	700,000
Total Liabilities	17,492	700,000
Reserves		
Revenue Reserves	(257,513)	433,604
Net Income	2,282,420	(691,117)
Total Reserves	2,024,907	(257,513)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,042,399	442,487

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GOVERNER-GENERAL'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

31 DECEMBER 2015

1 Corporate contributions

Contributions were received from:

	Dec 31, 15	Dec 31, 14
	JM\$	JM\$
Jamaica Broilers Group	937,500	562,500.00
Jamaica National Building Society	1,000,000	750,000.00
Lime	1,000,000	-
Scotia Jamaica Building Society	1,000,000	750,000.00
The Gleaner Company Limited	984,081	750,000.00
Victoria Mutual Building Society	1,000,000	750,000
JPS Foundation	-	100,000
	<u>5,921,581</u>	<u>3,662,500</u>

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I BELIEVE INITIATIVE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

Ordinary Income/Expense	Note	Jan - Dec 15	Jan - Dec 14
		JM\$	JM\$
Income			
Direct Public Support			
Corporate Contributions	1	7,001,769	8,420,615
Investments			
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2	356,456	209,408
Other Types of Income			
Miscellaneous Revenue		0	19,166
Revaluation Gain	3	298,423	0
Total Income		7,656,648	8,649,189
Expense			
Awards		48,680	110,416
Bank Service Charges		0	9,285
Book Grants		200,000	300,000
Contract Services			
Outside Contract Services		161,430	0
Total Contract Services		161,430	0
Donations		223,486	0
Educational assistance		551,901	0
Facilities and Equipment			
Donated Facilities		330,781	0
Total Facilities and Equipment		330,781	0
Operations			
Printing and Copying		256,942	53,771
Supplies		16,400	31,538
Telephone, Telecommunications		0	10,485
Website and information		68,750	0
Total Operations		342,092	95,794
Other Costs		18,000	0
Project support and assistance		1,288,000	0
Promotional Items		163,532	329,193
Scholarships		519,802	1,160,000
Seminar		0	75,000
Subsistence Allowance		60,000	44,000
Travel and Meetings			
Conference, Convention, Meeting		2,629,661	1,477,460
Tuition Grants		272,924	145,861
Total Expense		6,810,289	3,747,009
Net Ordinary Income		846,359	4,902,180
Net Income		846,359	4,902,180

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I BELIEVE INITIATIVE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 DECEMBER 2015

		Dec 31, 15	Dec 31, 14
		JM\$	JM\$
ASSETS	Note		
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
JNBS FLEX		1,482,313	1,340,713
JNBS USD		62,110	0
Scholarship Fund (Mayberry)		119,660	268,412
Total Checking/Savings		1,664,083	1,609,125
Total Current Assets		1,664,083	1,609,125
Other Assets			
Corporate Bond (Facey)	4	4,800,000	4,008,600
Total Other Assets		4,800,000	4,008,600
TOTAL ASSETS		6,464,083	5,617,725
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Reserves			
Revenue Reserve		5,617,725	715,546
Net Income		846,358	4,902,179
Total Reserves		6,464,083	5,617,725
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		6,464,083	5,617,725

Financial Information

I BELIEVE INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

31 DECEMBER 2015

1 Corporate contributions

Contributions were received from:

	Dec 31, 15	Dec 31, 14
	JM\$	JM\$
AMERICAN FRIENDS OF JAMAICA	59,522	-
C and W J	333,000	-
Digicel	1,000,000	1,000,000
Embassy of Peoples Rep. of China in Ja.	2,363,092	-
First Global Bank	500,000	-
First Regional Co-op Credit Union	600,000	300,000
G Maffessanti	423,556	5,580,000
Grace Kennedy	137,500	-
Jamaica Public Service Co	590,000	50,000
National Integrity Action	275,000	-
Newport Fersan	260,000	260,000
Scotia Foundation	160,099	160,295
Seprod Foundation	300,000	-
Scotiabank Mandeville	-	25,000
Coast Capital Savings	-	47,730
Effiom Whyte	-	25,300
Jamaica Foundation	-	22,290
Kingston Bookshop	-	50,000
LASCO Distributors	-	50,000
Minerva Issa Charities	-	500,000
Sandals Foundation	-	350,000
	<u>7,001,769</u>	<u>8,420,615</u>

2 Interest Income

The Initiative earns interest on its corporate bond. The amount disclosed here is the amount received.

3 Revaluation Gain

The Initiative has assets which are held in United States currency. At the year -end these assets are revalued to the current exchange rate and any gain is shown as a revaluation gain.

4 Corporate Bond

This represents a corporate bond for US\$40,000 on which interest is earned at 8.6%, and is paid monthly (2014: US\$36,000 at 9%)

Thank you.

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Our Vision

To have patriotic and motivated persons
committed to community service
and National Development.



Ainsley Kerr doing what he enjoys the most – photography!

Our Mission

To recognize and promote excellence
and empower Jamaicans to believe in
themselves and achieve their God-given
potential while contributing to Nation Building.

After not being able to gain employment for some time, Ainsley Kerr fell on very hard times and began losing hope. An avid photographer, the IBI assisted him with replacement lens for his camera. This has allowed him to earn income while capturing memories of people in his community. Once again, Ainsley is believing in himself. Ainsley Kerr was a participant in a 2014 Animation Programme featured under the IBI's Pillar of Education – Animate Jamaica.



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