



THE ATLANTA JAMAICAN ASSOCIATION, INC. (AJA) SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN 2020

AJA'S 2020 JAMAICA MEDICAL SUPPLY / SUPPORT INITIATIVE

This is the second in a series of updates providing examples of how the AJA Board and members continued to serve the community in 2020 despite the Covid-19 pandemic. This report provides an update on the **AJA's Jamaica Medical Supply / Support Initiative**, of which AJA member, Dr. Apollone Reid is the liaison.

AJA team members, Dr. Apollone Reid and Christine Marzouca, and Caribbean International Shipping Services' Sharon Mitchell-Barnwell and Gordon Barnwell, get items ready to be shipped.



Dr. Reid shared that:

- This was a continuation of an initiative that was started in 2016.
- This year's supplies were made possible with cash donations from the AJA, Marjorie Powell and Winnie Starke, in-kind contributions from Marcia Anderson-Esson, Tony Gray, Christine Marzouca, Dawnet Dunbar and others.
- Caribbean International Shipping Services very generously provided two barrels and free shipping to Jamaica.
- Delivery of the barrels of supplies in September were coordinated with the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), which falls under Jamaica's Ministry of Health and Wellness.

The SRHA will make gift packages from the items shipped, and distribute to:

- The **Annual Men's Health Day** in Manchester, St. Elizabeth, and Clarendon, which is aimed at getting men to take responsibility for their health through prostate and other health checks done by a team of doctors and nurses. The items donated will make gift packages for rewarding those who attend this particular initiative.
- The **Curphey Home** state residence of 25 retired army veterans and 15 members of staff.
- The **New Vision Children's Home** in Colleyville, Manchester, home to 42 children ages 4 to 17-years old and 17 members of staff.
- **Ebenezer Home** for mentally ill and homeless men.
- **Drivers and maintenance workers** associated with the health system.

Dr. Reid expressed her pleasure in spearheading this project. Please join us in extending thanks and appreciation to her and team, the AJA and donors for making this humanitarian effort possible. Please send any questions, comments or suggestions to pr@atlantajamaicanassociation.org

THANK YOU LETTER FROM SOUTHERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (SRHA)

Dear Mrs. Reid,

The Board, Regional Director and members of staff of the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) wish to thank you and the members of the Atlanta Jamaica Association (AJA), for your generous donation of toiletries, adult disposable diapers and other vital supplies to the region.

Your gifts are timely and will be utilized by many of the more vulnerable and needy citizens of Manchester, Clarendon and St. Elizabeth. The team of staff at Ebenezer Home for mentally ill and homeless men, were thrilled to receive the diapers.

As soon as we have our formal events in November and December, I will furnish you with photographs. Again, please accept our heartfelt gratitude and our fervent hope that God will continue to bless you and the foundation and keep you safe to continue your work for many years to come.

Yours Sincerely,

Barbara N. Ellington, O.D., J.P., Resource Mobilization Officer, Southern Regional Health Authority

