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SPECIAL FEEDBACK REPORT

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DISTRIBUTION OF KITCHEN EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE

*"As often as you did it to one of the least of my brothers
and sisters, you did it to me."* Matthew 25:40

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Overview/ Background

Food For The Poor Jamaica continues to render the much needed support to individuals and institutions across the island. Established in 1983, (FFP) Jamaica's main goal has always been to improve the health, economic, social and spiritual conditions of those individuals whom we serve in areas such as housing, furniture, food distribution, clothing, health care, water, sanitation, education, outreach and micro enterprise.

The generosity, prayers and overall support from our donors continue to be a blessing to those most in need. With the hard work and dedication of our team members, FFP Jamaica is able to effectively distribute your well needed donation to those individuals.

We are happy to have received the two containers of furniture and kitchen equipment that were further distributed to several institutions. Some of these institutions include: The Salvation Army School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Kingston), A & E Ambulance Service (Kingston), Dinthill High School St. Catherine and McAuley Primary School St. Catherine. The donation included storage cabinets, tables, chairs, teachers desks, mattresses, bed frames, sports equipment, televisions, recreational equipment bookcases, food warmer, oven, hockey stick, bicycles and projector, to name a few.

Below, some of the beneficiaries explain how your kindness and support have improved their institutions:

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Overall Impact / Personal Stories

1. Salvation Army School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Children

The Salvation Army School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Children, located at 57 Manning's Hill Road, Kingston 8, was established in 1927 and is operating for eighty-six years. It is the sole provider for blind and visually handicapped children in Jamaica. The students, from the time of enrollment, are taught to see with the eyes of the heart so that they absorb hope and achievement as opposed to doubt and despair. Students are aged 5 to 18 and during term time they remain as boarders at the school, returning home for holidays. The school offers a curriculum commensurate with primary schools for sighted children. Studies are augmented with instruction in compensatory skills including life skills, mobility, orientation, keyboard, computer skills and Braille.

Food For The Poor has been a consistent supporter of the School for the Blind for years. "We have received many items from FFP over the years including assorted furniture, school furniture, food supplies, medications, diapers, clothing, building materials, books, bicycles and stationery," said Major Edward Lyons, Administrator at the school.

Some of the items they received from your donation included the chairs and tables seen below. These items are currently being utilized in the dinning room area and have increased the quantity of furniture they once had. Thanks to your donation, each student now has a comfortable area to dine during meal time.



The items received from this donation to the School will benefit approximately 1200 individuals. This includes approximately 150 blind and visually impaired children as well

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as their caregivers and other support staff at the school. The administrators have also extended some of what they received to schools in the corporate area and needy residents in the nearby communities.

Major Lyons explained that they have to share the items received with other needy individuals because “these persons have no other alternative of obtaining support. Thus, we greatly depend on FFP and their donors to help improve our lives.” He further stated, “for example, the mattresses at the institution were old and worn due to usage over the years. Additionally, the children outgrew them so we needed new mattresses. Thanks to you (the donors) we will now be able to replace them with the new ones you gave us.”

Here, the Administrators at the School prepare the mattresses for distribution. Major Lyons explained that some of beneficiaries are experiencing serious levels of poverty. Therefore a simple donation of a mattress will mean the world to them. He said, “They will feel as if you are giving them a brand new bed. This gives us an awesome feeling as the ‘donor’. However, we are always mindful of who the real donors are and we thank you.”



After: These two students, Josiah Curriers, (below) and Kimoy Davis (right), are among many others at the School who were very excited to receive new mattresses. They could not wait to relax on their beds even though the linen had been removed for cleaning. Your donation has provided these students with a comfortable bed to sleep at nights.



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Major Lyons explained that outside assistance such as this is greatly required and appreciated. For example, receiving office furniture and other equipment allows the school to conserve well needed capital to run this non profit organization especially in these stringent economic times. In addition, recreation is an important feature of the life of children, and those at the School for the Blind are no exception. The football game donated (seen below) has given the students a very viable option for recreation that is suitable for their disability.

These male students are obviously very thrilled to have this football game at the institution. Though some are unable to see clearly, this presented no challenge as they demonstrated their skills to each other.



Left: Staff Members assist by transporting bicycles for students.

Right: Another staff member (right) takes on the role of guiding one student (left). To ensure the students' safety, the staff member will ride alongside the student and inform him of any danger such as an object in the path. It's clear, from his smile, that this student really enjoys his new gift thanks to your generous donation.



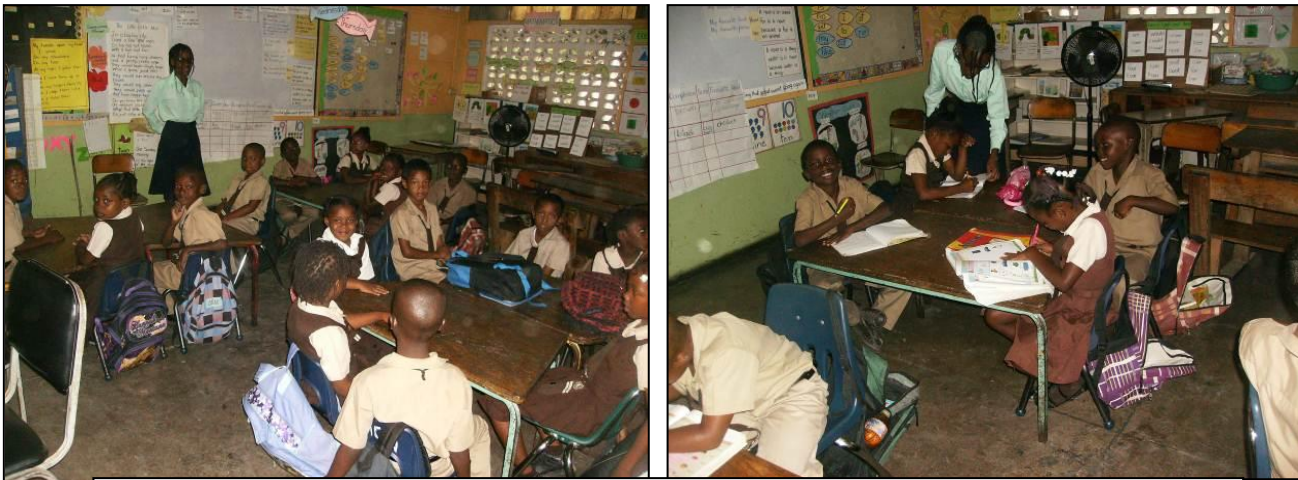
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“We appreciate that we are in your thoughts and that the less fortunate are remembered by those with greater means. Our students at the School for the Blind, other schools and institutions and various communities across Jamaica have been greatly enriched by these gifts which you have provided,” Major Edwards Lyons said as he expressed his gratitude to the donors.

2. McAuley Primary School

The construction of McAuley Primary School, located at 2 Windsor Road in St. Catherine, began in the late 1960s. However, the first phase was completed in 1970 and could comfortably accommodate 300 students. A second phase was later built in the 1980s. Currently, the school has a total of 918 students enrolled. Of that number 129 accounts for children at the Grade One level including 72 males and 57 females.



Teachers are able to provide a more comfortable seating arrangement for these grade one boys and girls thanks to your donation of student chairs.

Principal, Ms. Claudia Byer, explained that due to the number of students at the school, the management team is unable to provide adequate and comfortable chairs to satisfy the population. Faced with this shortage of desks and chairs, students are forced to squeeze together, up to four in a row.

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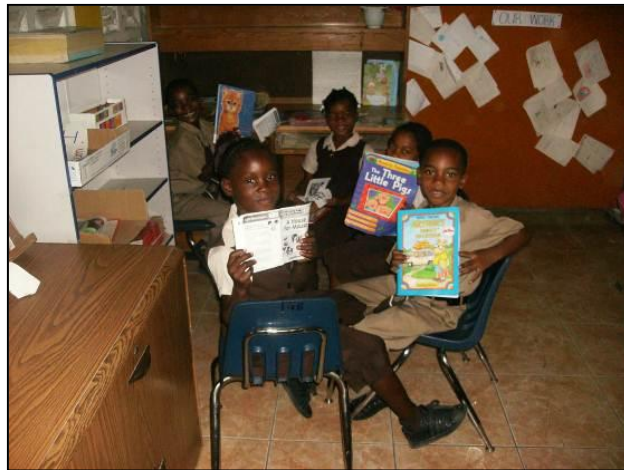


Due to lack of available seating, students are forced to squeeze together on combo desks similar to the ones seen here.

In other cases, teachers have been trying every means possible for students to be more comfortable such as taking the chairs from the staff room and placing them inside the classes just to ensure every child had somewhere to sit during class.

From your donation FFP donated 36 students' chairs to the school, all of which have been fully utilized.

The teaching/learning environment is now far more comfortable thanks to your donation.



"The furniture we have received from you (the donor) is greatly appreciated. We were in dire need of desks and chairs for our students, especially for our grade one students. Hence, we were happy to have received them at the appropriate time. We distributed them to our grade one students who are making good use of them. They have made our grade one students so comfortable and for this we say a big 'thank you'," said Ms. Claudia Byer, Principal.

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Pictorial Highlights



Dinthill Technical High School, located in Linstead St. Catherine, is another institution that benefited from your donation. They received several items including bookshelves (left) which provides more storage for books and other learning materials. Teachers have been very creative in using the projector (right) to assist with teaching in the mathematics department as well as the library. This makes teaching/learning more fun and engaging for both students and teachers.

This Commercial Food Warmer was also donated to the Dinthill Technical School, which has been fully utilized in the school's canteen and Home Economics Department. It is especially useful to students during the practical sessions.



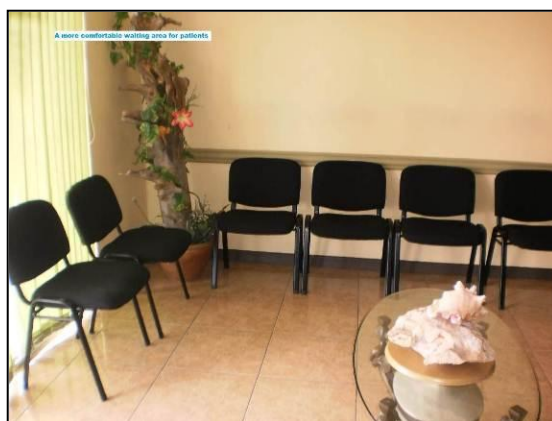
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A&E Ambulance Service, another organization that benefitted from your donation, extended appreciation to Food For The Poor and our donors for the donation of chairs received.

They aim to provide International comparable Emergency Medical Care to all Jamaicans. Emergency Medical Care does not begin in the hospital; the care begins with the Emergency responders.

“These help to provide comfort to our patients or relatives of patients as they wait to see the Doctor. The donation has also allowed us to save back on the purchase of such items. Furthermore, the money we save is used to provide other services for an average 10 people per month that we offer free emergency services,” explained Managing Director, Kenroy Cole.



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