THE C.B. FACEY FOUNDATION

For 35 years, the C.B. Facey Foundation (CBFF) has acted on its vision to impact Jamaica through sound financial investments in our communities.

Our focus remains resolute on supporting education, the arts and the environment. This is done through grants, scholar-ships, legacy projects and support for social programmes.

Our grant process seeks to fund transformative solutions. We foster systemic changes by building true partnerships with our grantees. As such, we focus on long-term, collaborative ways to create impactful change.

By partnering with organisations that bring positive changes to the communities in which they work, our contributions help to broaden their reach, deepen their impact and fundamentally improve society as a whole.

Our support for the conservation of our natural environment continues to grow. Faced with global warming and the degradation of our natural resources, we provide grants to conservation efforts through the Jamaica Conservation Partners (JCP), a project of the CBFF. After visiting a community gravely impacted by mining, the JCP added its voice in a strong show of support against mining in the adjoining areas of the Cockpit Country Protected Area.

We continued our support of Violence Prevention Alliance, which spreads a clear message of peace in schools through the Trees for Peace competition. With the help of guidance counselors, programming was developed around peace-building and conflict resolution. The competition led to the development of beautiful peace gardens at schools, which reflect the practical, education-based initiatives that result in a long-lasting impact.

As one of the first 50 sponsors of Kingston Creative, we are excited by the transformation of Downtown Kingston into a Creative City. The arts plays a key role in our Jamaican culture, and Downtown Kingston has the historic charm and ideal location to become a creative hub and ecosystem that will allow young people to develop their artistic skills and have a space to share them.

We look forward to another year of strong collaboration and investments in Jamaica.



Anna Ward

Executive Director





BUILDING OUR FUTURE LEADERS

Financial literacy at a young age is crucial to creating long-term personal and professional benefits for our future generations. Grade five students from across the island have an opportunity to engage in a four-to-six week, in-class curriculum from Junior Achievement Jamaica aimed at providing exposure to work readiness, financial literacy, community and economy building as well as business management.

After the training sessions, the students use their new knowledge in a practical setting at JA BizTown, a fully-equipped town built for them to run for a day. The responsibilities are realistic — each student applies for a job at one of the many sponsored companies and a Mayor is elected.

A day at JA BizTown provides students with an opportunity to carry out tasks in their assigned job, write cheques, use banking services and pay bills. This hands-on experience allows students to see the intricacies of the business ecosystem and the importance of solid financial practices.





MANIFESTO JAMAICA

Manifesto Jamaica is a social enterprise that focuses on educating, exposing and empowering young people through arts and culture. The 'MiniFesto' is designed to provide introductory-level entrepreneurial and creative workshops, performances and exhibitions delivered in a mini-festival open to community members.

Through support from the C.B. Facey Foundation, Manifesto Jamaica was able to host a 'MiniFesto' in August Town in 2019, including a business basics workshop for social innovators and film marking. Two attendees shared their main takeaway: "Self-innovation is doing what you like and putting your best work towards that."







JAMAICA CONSERVATION PARTNERS

Stopping the spread of the Vampire Fern in the Mason River Protected Area (MRPA) in Clarendon was a major 2019 project for the Jamaica Conservation Partners (JCP), a project of the C.B. Facey Foundation.

The MRPA is of great importance because:

- It is the only inland wetland in the Caribbean region.
- It is home to over 430 types of plant species, with 90% being indigenous and approximately 11% being endemic.
- It has a bog unique to Jamaica, a marsh, small ponds and several streams.

Through this project, local botanists are working to save several rare and endemic Jamaican plants in the MRPA. With support from the JCP, three to five acres of the aggressive Vampire Fern will be removed to prevent regrowth, and the area will be replanted with native vegetation.











ENGAGING YOUTH FOR THE FUTURE

An Hour of Code began as a one-hour introduction to computer science geared towards breaking down the mental barriers surrounding computer coding; proving that anybody can learn the basics. The event has spread across the globe, with students engaging in activities to build problem solving and critical thinking skills.

In collaboration with the Seprod Foundation and Halls of Learning, the C.B. Facey Foundation supported an Hour of Code session for 90 primary school students. They were able to learn about using, building and developing technology. The session hopefully sparked their interest in code-related careers and introduced ways in which they can use technology productively.



EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION

The Family Care Centre has been serving parents in the Boys' Town, Trench Town and Denham Town communities since it opened its doors in 2018. Founded by Dr. Christine Stennett, it is the only registered intervention programme that hosts parents and children in Jamaica.

By providing early hands-on parenting skills training to expectant and new mothers, the programme is able to break negative cycles within the family unit. The programme's reach continues to grow as enrolled parents become advocates by sharing the acquired knowledge with other parents in the community and encouraging them to join the Centre.