

The C. B. Facey Foundation

In addition to its corporate objectives, PanJam strives to improve the foundation of Jamaica's education sector and ensure the preservation of our environmental and cultural treasures. These principles reflect the elements that most Jamaicans hold dear: clean air and water, safe and thriving communities, and a vibrant, educated populace.

We cherish our rich natural heritage and endeavour to make Jamaica the place of choice to live, work,

raise families and do business. These values form the basis of our work within the C. B. Facey Foundation.

Our 2017 activities highlight our continued efforts to enhance the organisational capacity and long-term financial viability of the entities we support, while underscoring our intent to protect Jamaica's natural resources and support our regional neighbours in times of need.



Sparking The Right Attitude Through Art

In June, Camp Ignition - a week-long behavioural intervention session in St. Ann - hosted 16 students from Boy's Town Infant and Primary School.

The camp utilised art as a means of self-expression and provided a therapeutic environment for students who experience socio-academic challenges.





Creating a Radiant Earth

In July, 45 young people from St. Ann participated in the annual Orange Hall Summer School, which included art, music and dance.

The two-week programme gave students, between the age of four and 18, access to paints, crayons, charcoal, music and pickings from nature. Using these items, they were encouraged to express their feelings, concerns and experiences on two very personal and sensitive themes: 'Rise Up' and 'Our Sacred Body'. The resulting creations were impactful and inspiring.

In 2016, the camp's theme was Radiant Earth, the macrocosm. This year, students explored the microcosm: how each of us can take action and help to create a Radiant Earth. We are excited to see what our participants will create in 2018.



Exploring the Open Day at Boy's Town

Parents of the Boy's Town Infant and Primary School took a closer look at a two-room art exhibition created for the 2016/17 school year. The Art Programme, sponsored by the C. B. Facey Foundation, was led by Mr. Alwain Reid who guided the students through many forms of expression in crayon, pencil and water colour.





Renewing Our Long-Term Partnerships

During the year, we increased our involvement at the Walkerswood All-Age School. With 60 students enrolled, the Foundation facilitated individual learning assessments to determine the programmes, faculty and facilities needed to improve the institution.

Our commitment to the Lalyce Gray Basic School remains resolute. The roof of the early childhood educational institution was repaired in the summer, thereby improving the learning and teaching environment of 238 students and 13 teachers.

We strengthened our relationship with the Union Basic School, which received its Early Childhood Commission certification during the year, raising education standards in the community.

We also continued our support of the Jamaica Association for the Deaf by sponsoring the National Deaf Sports Day.

Building on Our Youth

At the tertiary level, the C. B. Facey Foundation gave eight students scholarships to advance and/or complete their degrees without a financial burden.

One of the recipients, Omar Lewis, who is in the second year of his Master’s Programme at the Caribbean School of Architecture at the University of Technology Jamaica, said the scholarship has eased his financial worries.

In October 2017, he said: “Recently, my mom and dad were hospitalised due to a lupus flare and a stroke, respectively, so the scholarship will really help with initial tuition expenses. And, so the money I earn otherwise, will be contributed to their medical expenses.”

Omar can now concentrate on completing his thesis on spontaneous urban placement, the study of the natural way in which Jamaicans gather to play sports or the “I’ll see you pon di corna” culture.



Protecting Our Environment

In September, the C. B. Facey Foundation partnered with the Jamaica Conservation Partners (JCP), a consortium focused on investing in the protection of Jamaica's environment.

An initial grant of US\$110,000 was used to fund three-year commitments to three local charitable organisations: the Jamaica Environment Trust (JET), the Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust (JCDDT) and the White River Fish Sanctuary (WRFS).

The contribution to JET will lighten its administrative burden and support its vital law and advocacy programme.

The JCDDT will use the funds to further its efforts to protect the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park and World Heritage Site.

Finally, the remainder of the JCP grant will protect the marine life affected by climate change through the maintenance of the WRFS, which secures the boundaries of the 370-plus acre Special Fishery Conservation Area off the North Coast.



Supporting Our Neighbours

In the wake of the regional devastation caused by Category 5 Hurricane Maria, the C. B. Facey Foundation partnered with other private sector entities to raise J\$10 million and collect four (4) industrial shipping containers full of essential, non-perishable items. The collective donations were sent to the island of Dominica, which sustained significant damage to private property and public infrastructure.

Participation in these relief efforts resulted in the creation of an annual budgetary allocation that will be used to fund future donations of a similar nature.