

2023 mission volunteers



MEDICAL & EDUCATION MISSION 2023

Dear Volunteers,

Hope this email finds you a little restful and enjoying the summer!

Thank you for being a part of our medical & education mission and contributing to its success. Part of a successful mission is having everyone return home safely, which I am extremely thankful for.

I would also like to thank our leaders, Gloria Blackburn, Dr. Gregory Saccone, Elizabeth Oyekan, PharmD, Joan Henry, Dr. Brian Lee, Maxwell Cheng, OD, Janice Trang OD, Daphne Chan, OD and the local Jamaican liaisons, Dr. Ian Titus & Michelle White, who worked tirelessly to support our efforts, without all, the mission would not have been a success. Appreciation goes out to our seminar presenters.

A total of **1,774** medical patients were seen and provided with appropriate medicines. **1,634** eye patients were screened and given eye drops as appropriate, in addition. 1351 reading glasses were dispensed. Seventeen cataract surgeries were performed.

Six basic schools were visited, and 300 students were given school bags with school supplies. The education team interviewed and provided 4 Students from the HEART program with scholarships.

This accomplishment is something to be extremely proud of!

AOJAH will be hosting the annual gala on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at the Universal Sheraton. We are looking forward to you supporting this event, this is our major fundraiser for our annual mission.

Again, thank you for being a part of this mission and looking forward to seeing you in November.

Happy to Serve,

Joan Crawford
AOJAH President

Article and pictures from The Jamaica Gleaner

St Ann communities get free healthcare, supplies

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More than 250 residents in the St Ann South constituency comprising children and adults from the districts of Whitehall, Mosley Hall, Dillon Town and Blackstonedged benefited from free medical care and aid provided by overseas-based charity the Alliance of Jamaican and American Humanitarians (AOJAH) at the St George's Anglican Church and Basic School on Tuesday.

The California, USA-based organisation, which works collaboratively to provide quality healthcare, education programmes and social services to the poor, underprivileged and low to moderate income individuals, was on one of its usual stops in the island.



2023 Medical Mission Report

The Alliance of Jamaican and American Humanitarians (AOJAH) executed their 9th Medical and Education Mission to Jamaica June 11th – 16th, 2023.

AOJAH in collaboration with St. Ann's Bay Hospital and its Health Centers performed Eye services to include cataract surgeries, eye examinations and dispensing of eyeglasses and eye drops; Medical screening in 7 St. Ann's Bay clinics, one clinic in Old Harbor and the Bahia Principe Resort. A seminar was also provided for the medical staff and nurses on June 11th at the St Anns Bay hospital.

The following donations were also made:

- **St. Ann's Bay Hospital** – Donation of equipment and supplies, NICU training and education of staff.
- **Port Maria Hospital** – Cataract surgeries and donation of supplies.
- **Spanish Town Hospital** – Donation of supplies.

We saw a total of 1,634 patients for eye examinations, 1,774 adults and 352 pediatric patients for health screening.

There were 90 participants, 21 physicians, 7 RNs 2 LVN, 11 Optometrists, 20 Optometry students, 4 pharmacists, 2 medical students, 1 surgical tech, 1 RN Educator, 2 Therapist and 23 support staff. The increase in physicians really improved the flow of patients.

Thanks to all our volunteers and members who made this trip possible through donations and personal time and commitment. The people of Jamaica were truly grateful for the services provided.

Hoping to see you all on November 4th at our annual Mission fundraising event to make 2024 Medical Mission possible. Please look out in your email for the save date announcement.

Respectfully submitted:

Gloria C Blackburn
Vice Chair Medical

2023 Education Update

AOAJH education team which consisted of 5 members including 3 teachers visited 6 basic schools, a special program for boys and the HEART College of Hospitality.

During this visit we were able to provide back packs with school supplies to almost 300 students as well as supplies for teachers for each school.

We granted four additional \$500 scholarships to students attending HEART College of Hospitality as well as continued to fund scholarships for two students at Titchfield High School.

If you are interested in donating school supplies, please let me know.

Joan Henry
Treasurer and Education Co-Chair



Local Community Outreach

HOMELESS PROGRAM

AOJAH strive every other month to provide a hot meal to approximately 250 homeless individuals at the Fred Jordan Mission. It is always well attended and appreciated. In addition, AOJAH partnered with Kaiser Permanente to participate in the SPA 6 Homeless Connect Day in Los Angeles on August 17th, providing bags of toiletries and underwear to 200. We also participated in a Caripress event on August 19th at Woodley Park, providing bag packs with school supplies and juices for children.



Special thanks to our members, Joan Crawford, Rosemary Wilson, Enid and Wilmot Gbewonyo, who were on the streets of Los Angeles at 5:00 am August 17th to hand out bags.

2023 FUNDRAISERS

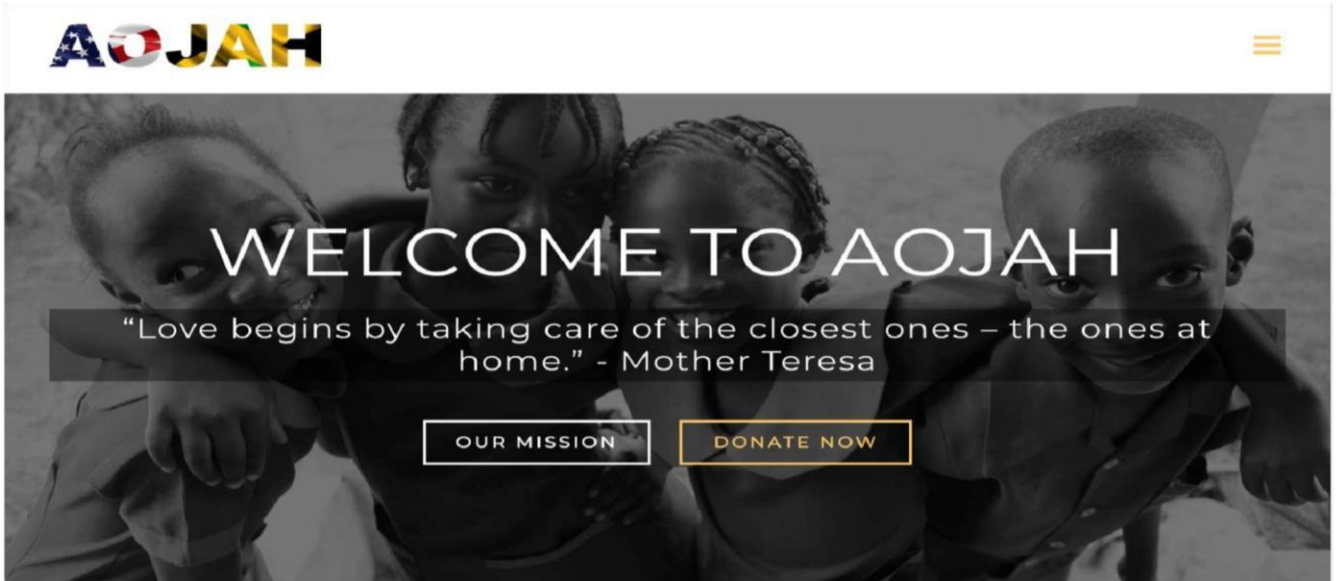
March 25th, 2023, we had our first in person fundraiser since 2019. The Spring Gala was held in the beautiful sky view ballroom at the Universal Sheraton. Although, not a large crowd, we all had fun and raised enough to help finance the medical Mission in June 2023.

The ballroom was spectacular with a birds' eye view of universal city so we will be back there in November to continue raising funds for the 2024 mission, scholarships and feeding of the homeless. ***Pease join us!***

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2023 MEMBER MEETINGS

- Saturday, February 18
- Saturday, August 26
- Saturday, November 18

Reminder and ZOOM link will be sent out before meetings

2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, October 14:
 - Health Fair for the homeless on Skid Row in collaboration with VSP Vision Care.
- Saturday, November 4:
 - Black & White Masquerade Ball in Sheraton Universal Skyview ballroom.



Get involved! Recruit more members! Donate!