

## HERBS Delivers gifts to Bustamante Hospital for Children for Christmas

HERBS brought Christmas joy and gifts to pediatric patients at Bustamante Hospital with the Honourable Juliet Holness' Save Our Boys and Girls Foundation.

KINGSTON, SURREY, JAMAICA, January 2, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Health, Education and Research of Botanical Sciences</u> (HERBS) brought joy to children at <u>Bustamante Hospital</u> in Kingston, Jamaica, this year by delivering Christmas gifts. The company partnered with the Save Our Boys and Girls Foundation, established by the Most Honourable Juliet Holness, wife of the Prime Minister of Jamaica, Andrew Holness.

According to <u>CEO Anthony Bailey</u>, HERBS is continuing to proceed on schedule with the realization of its goals in Savanna-La-Mar, Jamaica, where it is constructing a state-of-art facility for cultivating, manufacturing and distributing cannabis. The company is also keeping to its commitment to help uplift local communities and bring economic growth to Jamaica. This is demonstrated in partnering with the Save Our Boys and Girls Foundation. Mrs. Holness, an East Rural St. Andrew Member of Parliament, motivational speaker, real estate owner and qualified chartered accountant, is known for fighting for Jamaica's poor.

Mrs. Holness has two children of her own, Adam and Matthew, and the future of Jamaica's children is of particular concern to her. The foundation services children ages 3-18 of Jamaican parentage or heritage living in the United States and Jamaica.

Many of the children in Jamaica are forced by poverty to leave school at a young age. Lacking in education and resources, they engage in negative behavior that contributes to a cycle of untapped potential. High rates of migration, partly due to social and economic conditions, have meant weaker family support systems. Children may be left in the care of older siblings or under informal supervision of family members or neighbors who don't live with them. The only parental support these children have is through cash, food, and clothing sent from overseas. Save Our Boys and Girls Foundation gives at-risk children hope for a better future.

The foundation operates in partnership with schools and children's homes who select at-risk children for participation in a comprehensive, sustainable intervention program. The criteria for selection include poverty, homelessness, abuse, disability, involvement in gangs and other risk factors.

Highly accomplished professionals act as mentors, interacting with these children in structured activities and settings. Each participant has a profile, including key demographic information, with personalized goals and interventions. Partnership with family members and community stakeholders ensure these personalized goals are met.

The focus is on strategic areas of youth development: leadership, education, community service, mentorship, and character development. The educational, research-based initiatives are designed to help remediate and accelerate math skills and core literacy. Children are also educated about health and wellness, financial literacy and other pertinent issues.

A STEM-based technology education program gives children access to computers and the Internet at an instructional media center. They are given an opportunity to become digitally

literate, learning word processing, how to research and other key skills.

All the children in the program also participate in volunteering and community service. They participate in team-building activities and attend seminars to build their self-esteem and motivation. The children who participate in programs like this will help to promote positive change in Jamaica and break the cycle of under-achievement.

Another positive development is Jamaica's change in attitude towards medical cannabis, mainly due to the need to stimulate economic growth. There is an increasing demand worldwide for medical cannabis, and the Jamaican government is giving entrepreneurs the opportunity to grow cannabis for medical purposes legitimately. HERBS is one of the companies taken advantage of the opportunity, believing in the potential to achieve its own goals as well as to positively impact the local economy by creating more jobs.

This Christmas, HERBS was proud to partner with the Save our Girls and Boys Foundation and delight the children at Bustamante Hospital in Kingston with Christmas gifts to make the day one they will remember.

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