

# The Tryall Club Awards Over 260 Educational Grants to Young Jamaicans

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SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, February 16, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Recently recertified by <u>Green Globe</u>, The Tryall Club strongly believes that sustainable business practices are imperative for the well-being of our planet and future generations. First certified in 2010, the resort is dedicated to consistently improving its sustainability initiatives



by incorporating effective eco-friendly practices and policies, showcasing a steadfast commitment to environmental protection and conservation, and raising community awareness.

The Tryall Club aims to provide staff and community members with the necessary knowledge and skills that will allow them to embrace their roles of environmental stewardship. The Green Team has implemented a range of diverse and robust sustainability programs and initiatives over the years. Success can be attributed to the Team working in collaboration with club and villa staff, community partners, recycling stakeholders, and local and international regulatory and certifying bodies.

## Island Initiatives

The Tryall Club is proud of its notable achievements establishing the property as a vanguard of environmental sustainability on the island. The Tryall Club Forest Reserve, comprised of 502 acres, was established and designated as a Forest Reserve in 2015. It is the only private reserve on the island of Jamaica. This initiative aims to safeguard the natural ecosystem, actively contributing to biodiversity conservation and providing a sanctuary for local flora and fauna.

In a bid to promote environmental education and foster appreciation of the history of the Tryall

estate, experiential tours such as bird watching, hiking and heritage tours have been introduced to give guests the opportunity to connect with nature, and to learn about and explore the national heritage sites located at the property.

The Club has its own organic garden that supplies fresh herbs and vegetables to restaurant kitchens. Guests can also participate in cooking classes to learn about the unique local Jamaican cuisine and perhaps take a few cooking secrets home as well.

# Waste Management Strategy

The focus of recent waste management practices has been on minimizing impacts on the pristine surroundings with greater effect. In 2023, the Tryall Club made the bold move to eliminate plastic water bottles from its operations. Sixteen advanced technology bottle-less water dispenser systems were installed across the property to encourage responsible behavior amongst local residents and visitors. The water dispensers provide still or chilled water to fill reusable bottles in place of single-use plastic bottled water substantially curbing plastic waste.

The Club has a comprehensive waste management program. Prior to 2023, collaborations with leading recycling partners were established to address issues of the recycling of plastics, waste oil, cardboard and cans on the island. The property has segmented recycling bins strategically placed around the property to encourage greater waste separation that will increase the volume of recyclables. Furthermore, a garbage truck has been purchased to facilitate a more organized and efficient system of garbage collection and disposal practices.

# **Educating Jamaican Students**

The future generation has always been a priority for The Tryall Club where educational initiatives inspire young people to realize their full potential. At the annual summer camp for children aged 5 to 17, campers were given opportunities to acquire skills and knowledge to become more ecoconscious in their daily lives. Fun interactive activities and projects included nature tours, beach cleanups, species identification workshops, nature talks and craft projects utilizing plants found onsite as well as clean recyclable materials retrieved from the waste separation and recycling process.

Last year, Tryall Fund scholarships were awarded to 264 students pursuing pre-college to graduate programs studies at local and international educational institutions. This special event took place just after the Tryall Fund's 60th Anniversary where the Club celebrated its exceptional contribution to education and health over the years. The Tryall Fund began sponsoring students in 2010 with 17 educational grants being awarded. That number has grown to over 260 grants in 2023. A remarkable achievement from a sustainability leader in Jamaica.

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