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Jody Anderson from Wellington Dental cleaning Pauline Hall's teeth yesterday at Act!On Jamaica, the volunteer arm of the Jamaica National Building Society Foundation's health fair for 150 homeless persons.

Homeless persons treated by JN Act!On

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Staff Reporter

IT WAS a day of benevolence for 150 homeless persons who were treated by Jamaica National Act!On volunteers and Global Challenge volunteers from South Africa at the Poor Relief Centre in downtown Kingston yesterday.

Among the day's activities was free HIV and vision testing as well as donations of clothes and care packages to the homeless who were evidently grateful.

Chevanese Peters, project officer at the JN Foundation explained that this was the

first staging of the treat but consideration is being given to making it an annual event.

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She also lauded the efforts of corporate sponsors whose contribution made the treat possible. "Food for the Poor really pulled out for us this year. As soon as we asked they were there. They gave everything from shoes to clothes to hygiene kits to food and they pulled out all the stops. Jamaica Dental Association was here today (yesterday) with their hygienists and we had Lions Club doing vision testing, that's actually a service that we

brought in," Peters revealed.

Tiaan Folsche of Global Challenge explained that his volunteers became involved after the church they are associated with, The People's Church, reached out to join the volunteerism effort.

"Global Challenge is a youth missionary organisation in South Africa and they send out teams all over the world that visits different countries and serve in different countries to help in whatever way we can," Folsche explained.

Persons from the Poor Relief Centre also lent a helping hand. Indie's Farm and Children First also contributed.