

Mustard Seed benefits from donations

Mustard Seed Communities has benefited from a generous donation of food supplies through an initiative that was undertaken by the Jamaica National Building Society (JN) MoneyShops, in collaboration with the JNBS Foundation and Hi-Lo Food Stores.

The supplies were handed over to the Mustard Seed team at My Father's House, a children's home in Kingston, recently.

Saniah Spencer, JNBS community banking development manager, said the donation was the first tranche of a larger ongoing staff-based food drive that is currently being undertaken at five JN Group locations.

"We placed specially marked containers in these locations and have actively encouraged our employees to donate canned and dry food items for the children of the Mustard Seed Communities," Spencer said.

The initial donation to the charity comes from the JN MoneyShops, with support from Hi-Lo Food Stores, which decided to provide assistance to the drive, when they were sourced for the food items.

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Sherion Davis, Hi-Lo Food Stores' marketing officer, said the drive was a "worthwhile opportunity to give back to the community and support the children who reside at the home".

The donation is a continuation of the long-standing relationship between the organisation and Jamaica

National, Darcy Tulloch-Williams, executive director for Mustard Seed Communities, explained.

"This donation is very important, as it directly benefits the nutrition of the children under our care. Many of these youngsters are challenged physically and mentally; and, therefore, they require a sound nutritional plan," she stated.

She acknowledged that corporate Jamaica continues to rise to the occasion to provide assistance to the Mustard Seed Communities despite the challenging economic climate.

The drive, which started just before the Christmas season, will continue until the end of January, when additional donated items collected from JN Group employees will be handed over.

My Father's House is home to 38 children who are living with various physical and mental disabilities. The complex also houses a basic school, which is attended by approximately 70 children from the surrounding community; and is operated by the Mustard Seed Communities.

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Darcy Tulloch-Williams (second left), executive director for Mustard Seed Communities, interacts with one of the wards of My Father's House children's home following the handover of food items by Saniah Spencer (third right), JNBS community banking development manager; Sherion Davis (second right), Hi-Lo Food Stores' marketing officer; and Chevanese Peters (right), project officer with the JN Foundation. The handover took place at the Mustard Seed Communities headquarters in Kingston.