

# The Newsletter for ICAS

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## This is still Just The Beginning



**Luxde Rose Hall, Montego Bay, venue of 1<sup>st</sup> ICAS Christmas Party**

**ICAS** has worked hard over the last 2 years to gain recognition within Jamaica in it's commitment to supporting children in need as well as their families to enhancing their quality of life. ICAS has established a good working partnership with the Child Development Agency (CDA) and has become a prominent figure within The Granville Place of Safety unit in Trelawny, Falmouth.

ICAS furthered its standing in Jamaica on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December by putting on a Christmas Party for approximately 70 young ladies who currently live at The Granville CDA 'Place of Safety'.

The Christmas Charity donation appeal was set up initially in response to the needs identified within the Granville. ICAS' aim was to give the girls a magical Christmas, with individual gifts aimed at raising their self esteem and promoting self-worth and value. Allowing them, in the process, to recognize that there are people out in the community, who may have no direct association to them, but nevertheless genuinely care about their long term welfare.

We wanted them to have fun and a memory to treasure.

The Aim of the event was 3-fold, the strands being:-

- 1) To build on the foundation of partnering with the CDA
- 2) To promote the developments within ICAS e.g. Moving into residential care and protection
- 3) To market ICAS within the community and promote the ethos of our work, via networking.

*The arrival of the young ladies, indicated that the party was about to begin!*



Juta Bus donated by Mr Lamey

To formally open the event a welcoming prayer and speech of Thanksgiving was offered by Mrs Lamey, a patron and an honorary supporter of ICAS.

The prayer and speech were well received, giving recognition to the value of faith and religion and giving God Thanks for his glorious works and for supporting ICAS in overcoming the many challenges we faced in making this day a huge success.



Opening Prayer delivered by Mrs Lamey

The party food consisting of rice and peas, curry goat, fried chicken, pork, salad, pasta salad and much more...was greatfully received...and digested.



## Gifts

All of the gifts were collected from the appeal, people gave thought to the gifts they gave and all items donated were new. A significant gesture, as it feeds into the concept of value.



Which were individually presented.. .



## Successes

- The young people had a fantastic time. All left with smiles on their faces. It was great to see them enjoying themselves.
- Staff from The Grenville gave positive feedback on the event and expressed an interest in knowing more about ICAS' future developments.
- Volunteers worked really hard and well together showing initiative in making the day a success.
- ICAS' work promoted widely within the community
- Event supported by local businesses.

## Thank You's

ICAS would like to give a special vote of thanks to Virgin Airlines who assisted us greatly by providing additional baggage allowances to us when travelling back to Jamaica with the presents.

We would also like to thank all of our supporters who made financial contributions towards this great cause. Without this immense support this event would not have been at all possible.

Sincere 'Thank- You's' Also to All the sponsors and volunteers, both Corporate and Individuals, who made the event such a success. Special gratitude's are sent to all of the following:-

## Sponsors

*Iberia Star*

*Half Moon Hotel*

*Grandiosa Hotel (Montego Bay)*

*Fire Dancer*

*Royal Decameron Hotel (Runaway Bay)*

*Singers/Dancers*

*L & M food store (Runaway Bay)*

*Mr Joseph Lamey*

*Bobby's Gift Shop (Montego Bay)*

*Ranger Protection*

*Father Bull Restaurant and Jerk Centre (Lilliput)*

## Volunteers



*Miss Carol*

*Julie Morris*

*Denise Patrick*

*Ricky*

*Mrs Golding*

*Rose Harris*

*Jennifer Golding*

*Vera Landell*

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