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**OUR VISION**

"We are a nonprofit Foundation of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kingston, with devoted staff, serving to inspire and transform lives for positive societal change."

**OUR MISSION**

"To alleviate human suffering to enable us to empower citizens in our care through early childhood education and development, skills training and entrepreneurial opportunities, as well as geriatric support to give hope and representation."



**Remembering the Birthday of Rt. Rev. Monsignor Richard J. Albert**  
"Servant of Peace"  
June 29, 1946  
• Ordained a Priest April 10, 1970  
• Arrived in Jamaica August 1970  
• Founded St. Patrick's Foundation March 1994

## HIGHLIGHTS

### APRIL

The foundation remained open while coping with the uncertainties of COVID-19. This entailed striving to maintain a healthy work, life balance while implementing strategies to sustain our relationships with the people we serve. The usage of online learning platforms were established as the "new norm."

### MAY

Tokens of appreciation were distributed to the teachers from each centre on Teacher's Day, May 6. Care packages were distributed to the students at Riverton Meadows ECC on National Children's Day on May 15. There was a renewal of HEART Trust/NSTA contracts for Human Resource Centers: St. Margaret's and Christ the Redeemer, in mid-May to assist in the facilitating of continued educational opportunities. IGL donated 100 care packages to the community of Riverton Meadows, the distribution was hosted by Riverton Meadows ECC on May 21. Later in the month, the Kiwanis Club of New Kingston held a Labour Day Tree Planting Project at Riverton Meadows ECC.

### JUNE

Online classes continued with an average of 62% student participation. COVID-19 sanitization protocols commenced in preparations for face-to-face classroom interactions. Remembrance of the birth day of Monsignor Richard J. Albert, our Founder, on June 29. Donations from Nicholson Catholic College, D'Jaughn Brown and Sygnus Group.

Covid-19 sanitization products were received by St. Monica's from Guardian Life Ltd, Sherwin Williams, Pharmaceutical Society of Jamaica and Kiwanis Club of Portmore, German Embassy, Lasco Distributors, National Police College, Optimist Club of Portmore and Hermine Metcalfe.



# RIVERTON MEADOWS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

## TAKE A PEEK!

Mr. Junior Rowe, in January 1975, saw the need for a programme to educate children who were displaced by challenging economic circumstances. His passion pushed him into successfully ensuring registration with the Ministry of Education's Early Childhood Unit, in 1976. The school started with only 25 students and within a few months attendance rose to 75 students.

In 1984, Father Richard Albert, the founder of St. Patrick's Foundation, while touring the Riverton Meadows community, stumbled upon the school, fell in love with it and decided to assist with its nutritional needs. Then in 1994, the school merged with the newly formed St. Patrick's Foundation.

The parents of the students are incredibly involved with the education of the students. The school is blessed with dedicated teachers who have creative and fun approaches to student learning. Even in the wake of COVID-19, the students were still able to learn via online platforms and parents' physical, frequent visits to collect student's work. Final year students were successfully placed in various primary schools.

Mr. Rowe, an ardent and committed worker, continues to be the principal of the school which has been in operation for 45 years. Riverton Meadows Early Childhood has impacted hundreds of lives over the years and continues to do so with 110 students currently enrolled, ages 12 months to six years.



## FEATURE: THANK YOU, D'JAUGHN BROWN

Eleven-year-old D'Jaughn Brown, a grade 6 student of Sutherland Preparatory School, was among some of the youngest competitors who confidently placed his bid for the Digicel Shake to Win competition. Having been selected as a winner, there was a bonus to the winnings, where the winner could choose a charity to which Digicel should donate \$200,000 and he chose us! Let's hear what D'Jaughn has to say: St. Patrick's Foundation (SPF): "D'Jaughn, what inspired you to donate to St. Patrick's?"

D'Jaughn: "My mom was a staff member there and I spent a lot of time at the Foundation. I know the work being done and I know money is needed to do this work."

SPF: "How does it feel to know you can help somewhere in need for the greater good?"

D'Jaughn: "It is a good feeling. I have seen my mom helping others for years and I am glad to follow her example."

SPF: "What are your plans for the future with school or career?"

D'Jaughn: "I actually don't know yet, but it will be epic!"

SPF: "Thank you, D'Jaughn for choosing us as your choice charity! We appreciate you and wish you all the best for now and the future!"

