

## Executive Director's overview



As we come to the end of the year, we have much to be thankful for.

Over the past 32 years, we have had the opportunity to serve the people of Jamaica through our contributions to education and the environment. In this edition, you will learn more about the work that we have been doing over the past few months and how you can join us to make a difference in our country!



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

This year, the GraceKennedy Foundation awarded seven full scholarships and over 30 bursaries valued at \$14 million to students attending university.

## Meet our 2014/15 scholarship winners:



**Nicolene Reece, BSc.**  
**Chemical Engineering**  
**(1st year)**  
University of Technology  
Scholar  
Former student of St. Andrew  
High School for Girls

*"I have always loved Chemistry and during my High School years, I developed a passion for the Sciences. This scholarship has helped me greatly. I am now able to access tertiary level education that was previously only a distant dream. It has allowed me to further my studies and be happy in a career that I love."*



**Japheth Clarke, BSc.**  
**Actuarial Science, UWI**  
**(1st Year)**  
Carlton Alexander Scholar  
Former student of Jamaica  
College

*"I chose Actuarial Science primarily because I love Mathematics and I was inspired by my 5th form Ad Math teacher to study it. Winning the scholarship has really benefitted me. I am in such a happier state of mind and much more motivated to do well. GraceKennedy Foundation has invested money in me and I cannot afford to let them or my family down."*



**Jason Brown, BSc.**  
**Eng. Computer Systems**  
**Engineering (1st year) #7**  
Douglas Orane Scholar  
Former student of Campion  
College

*"I chose this course of study because it's a fusion of two fields that I have a deep passion for, Electronics and Computing. Winning this most prestigious scholarship has significantly lessened the financial burden on my parents and me, as the tuition for this course is JMD\$1M, and is not subsidized by the government. The scholarship allows me to focus more on my studies rather than how to fund my education."*



**Je-Vaughn Wynter,**  
**MBBS, Medical**  
**Sciences, UWI**  
**(2nd year)**  
Bruce Rickards Scholar  
Former student of Kingston  
College

*"Being awarded the 2014 Bruce Rickards Scholarship has been one of the best things that has ever happened to me. The scholarship has relinquished the noose that was holding me back from showing my greatest potential. I can now focus on my schoolwork without worrying about how my tuition will be paid. I want to say many thanks to the GraceKennedy Foundation for this opportunity."*

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ONLINE*





**Taj-Marie McFarlane,**  
BSc. Accounting, UWI  
(1st year)

Rafael Diaz scholar  
Former student of St. Andrew  
High School for Girls

*"I chose Accounting because I have a passion for numbers and I am intrigued with the financial aspects of a business. I am now able to fully direct my focus without having to be worried and side-tracked by financial pressures. It has provided a great sense of financial relief for my mother who is very close to retirement. The GraceKennedy Foundation has truly given me a start in fulfilling my goals."*



**Mikhail Thompson, BSc.**  
Mechanical Engineering  
(1st year)

GraceKennedy Jamaica  
Scholar  
Former Student of Campion  
College

*"I chose Mechanical Engineering as my field of study because I believe engineering, specifically in manufacturing and production, is a key area as we move towards establishing a global logistics hub. I am very thankful for being awarded the Grace Kennedy Foundation Jamaica Scholarship as it shows that my hard work has paid off and that great things are expected from me. I will do my best to live up to those expectations."*



**Lemar Archer, BA. Drama**  
in Education,  
(3rd year)

School of Drama, Edna Manley  
College Scholar  
Former student of Charlemont  
High

*"I believe that a career in Drama and Education can have a transformational impact on the society, and in particular, the youth. It is my aim to use the skills gained in my course of study to mould the minds of youngsters in such a way that they can channel their creative energies in a positive and productive way. Winning the GraceKennedy Foundation Scholarship has benefitted me tremendously by bridging a huge financial gap that I needed to take care of my school expenses. It has furnished me with a new sense of purpose and determination to apply myself diligently to make my dreams a reality."*

# GRANTS

The GraceKennedy Foundation works across the island to improve the conditions of the organizations that we fund. To date, we have issued 19 grants valued at \$4.3 million. Over the past two quarters the following grants were awarded:

## **South Camp Juvenile Correctional & Remand**

**Centre:** \$299,000 to refurbish the library at the Remand Centre for juvenile teenage girls who are before the Court.

**Partnership in action!** GKF provided the funds to refurbish the library inclusive of a computer while the Kiwanis Club of Constant Spring provided the manpower on Labour Day. (Library officially open!: Sandra O'Meally, Commissioner of Corrections; Caroline Mahfood, Executive Director of GraceKennedy Foundation; and Shelly McFarlane, President of Kiwanis Club of Constant Spring cut the ribbon while Ralston Nunes, Lieutanat Governor of Kiwanis Club of Constant Spring looks on- SCJCC)



**Woodford Community Action Group:** \$100,000 – to build a garbage disposal site. The community provided the labour and GKF the materials.

## **Jones Town Primary: \$210,000 - computers for the school's IT lab.**

Philip Lawrence, Acting Vice Principal of Jones Town Primary; Crystal-Gayle Johnson, Intern at GraceKennedy Foundation; Caroline Mahfood, Executive Director of GraceKennedy Foundation and Nicoline Blackwood, Acting Principal of Jones Town Primary, watches as Grade 6 students check out the new computers donated to the school's IT department.





**Flemings Basic School:** \$252,000 for playground equipment. The school is located in St. Thomas and caters to low income families.

**Stony Hill Infant, Primary & Junior High:** The administrative department had out-dated computer equipment. GKF stepped up to the plate and provided \$252,000 to purchase new computers and printers.

**Jamaica Teaching Council:** \$300,000 for teacher workshops at the National Forum on Innovation for Teachers held on Oct 10 & 11.

**The S.T.E.P. Centre:** This special needs school caters to students with severe physical and mental disabilities. They desperately needed new computers. GKF responded to their call and provided \$200,000 for computers, a storage cabinet and a workstation.

### **Area Four Police Civic Committee**

\$300,000 for back-to-school bursaries for inner-city high school students. The Foundation has been the title sponsor for this event for the past 5 years.



**Living Water:** After-school homework centre located in Franklyn Town. GKF provided \$81,000 to purchase a well needed photocopier.

# STAFF ENGAGEMENT – PARTNERS FOR CHANGE!

We are excited that staff engagement is on the rise! Congratulations for responding to our call for action!

**GK Staff  
donates phones  
to help special  
needs!**



**Thank you** to the GraceKennedy staff who donated over 200 defunct cell phones and chargers for the S.T.E.P. Centre's phone recycling drive which is an initiative of one of our partners, the Digicel Foundation. Our donations will help them to qualify for tablets and other equipment for the school!



**GK Staff donates books for  
teens who are incarcerated**

“GraceKennedy staff also rallied and donated over 250 books for the South Camp Juvenile Correctional Centre which houses teenage girls who are before the Courts. The Centre's library was refurbished on Labour Day through funds provided by the GraceKennedy Foundation and the hard work of the members of the Kiwanis Club of Constant Spring. Because of the GK Staff's donation of books, we were able to use some of the funds originally earmarked for books to purchase a computer for the library!





# GraceKennedy's Environmental Stewards!

Congratulations to the GK staff who have been doing a great job in 'separating their plastic bottles at source.' Hundreds of staff members across Kingston have participated in recycling training by Prof. Dale Webber, the James Moss-Solomon Snr Chair in Environmental Management.



***Remember you can bring your plastics from home on the designated pick-up days. Together we can make a difference!***





“Team AIB at Beach Clean Up 2014” (Congratulations to Bridgette McKen for winning a HiLo Voucher for this entry in the GraceKennedy Foundation Beach Clean Up Photo contest!)



## Beach Clean Up Activities - Putting what we learn into practice!

Members of staff of GK Foods and the Corporate Office participated in the beach clean-up activities on International Coastal

Clean-up Day. The GKFG Division also had a team and together, approximately 100 employees from the GraceKennedy Group came out to clean up our beaches. Thanks to all who participated!







## GKF celebrates its 32nd anniversary!

The week of October 27 – 31 was a week to celebrate our 32nd anniversary with prizes and surprises for our friends on Facebook, Twitter and the GK family across the globe. Congratulations to:



Shana-Kay Kerr & Chad Chung winners of our Facebook competition



Judine Johnson of JIIC, winner of one of our GraceBook contest  
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Carlos Hendricks, Supply Chain Unit, GK Foods, receives his prize from Crystal-Gayle Johnson, GKF

### Want to win a prize?

Name two differences between the GraceKennedy Foundation and the Grace & Staff Community Development Foundation? Email your answer to [gkfoundation@gkco.com](mailto:gkfoundation@gkco.com) and you could win a gift basket courtesy of Grace Foods.

