

# ABOUT US

## **HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Association was founded in November 1962, shortly after Jamaica's Independence in August 1962. Our seal of Incorporation was granted in 1970. Since its inception, the Association has grown strong in attracting members.

It is recognized as the official organization representing Jamaicans in Montreal at Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels. We are a member of the United Council for Human Rights, and have accompanied delegations and presented briefs to all levels of government.

Given our commitment to community development, the Jamaica Association, as a result of numerous workshops, developed our Mission Statement as follows:

#### "To assist in improving and enhancing the quality of life for the Jamaican community"

In fulfilling this Mission, the Association manages its operations so as to ensure the development of the community through economical, educational, cultural and social activities.

# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED

- I. Au Futur Program (Young Mother's federally funded)
- 2. Footsteps program
- 3. Adult Basic Education Program
- 4. Brilliant Minds Tutoring sessions for primary and high school students
- 5. Food bank
- 6. Tax preparation for participants in the young mother's program
- 7. Steel pan classes
- 8. Passport and official documents preparation
- 9. Space rental for social, community and special events
- 10. Community Service Program
- II. Social and cultural events
- 12. Licensed restaurant and bar

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED IN 2019 FROM GOVERNMENT BODIES Total amount: \$213,221