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ABOUT US

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 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 to ensure the development of the community through economical, educational, cultural and social activities.

NEW! In 2019, the Association has become an active participant on the [Global Jamaica Diaspora Council](#) led by [The Honourable Minister Kamina Johnson Smith](#), Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. This global initiative aims to rally Jamaicans with the purpose of building our island country through creativity, experience, and support.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Mark Henry, President
Jamaica Association of Montreal

Dear Members and Friends,

This special edition newsletter is to highlight

"TOGETHER WE STAND" DIASPORA TELETHON RAISES J\$50 MILLION

On April 12, 2020, Jamaica launched a telethon with an impressive host of Jamaican artists to raise funds for personal protective equipment for health care professionals and many others on the frontline. That money was also needed to purchase medical devices to assist in treated COVID-19 infected individuals. This event was televised around the world. Taken from its title, Jamaicans and others banded together to achieve the stated goal. On April 12, the number of COVID-19 stood at 65. Today, May 24 is reported to be 550 confirmed, 200 recovered and 9 deaths.



**JAMAICAN CANADIAN COVID-19 RESPONSE TELETHON
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020 * 12 pm – 6 pm**

Proceeds to help Jamaican students and vulnerable Jamaicans impacted by COVID-19 in Canada. For the past month, the Jamaica Diaspora Council Canadian contingent have been working on a telethon to assist Jamaican students and Jamaican Nationals in Canada. On **Saturday, May 30** between 12:00 pm and 6 pm the telethon will be live streamed online. Donations are welcome!

LIVE STREAM: WWW.JACCRT.CA
Donate: 1888-403-7774
Online: WWW.HELPING-HANDS.CA

There will be a number of artists across Canada including Montreal's own **King Shadrock & Priscilla Findley**.



Let us continue to stand together during this crisis - tune in for great performances.

JAM FOOD BANK & JAMAICAN NATIONALS IN MONTREAL

The Jamaica Association Food Bank has remained open to all throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We are happy to note that we have also helped Jamaican nationals, whether students or visitors, who could not return to Jamaica due to the closure of the airports both here in Canada and in Jamaica. If you are in need of assistance, please contact us.

Food Bank Hours: **Thursdays, 10 am to 6 pm & Fridays, 10 am to 5 pm**



The Board of Directors offers **condolences** to families and friends of all those who have passed due to COVID-19.