

2004



# Point Hill St. Catherine

## PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The objective underlying the decision to establish the Resource Centre is to provide the school and community with the capability of addressing the problem of illiteracy.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2003-2004 (NON RENUMERATIVE)

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## THE PROJECT IS BEING MANAGED BY

Mr. Caleb Cooper	-	C.E.O. of Cooper & Associates (Engineering) -Alumni
Mr. Roy Downie	-	Road and Heavy Equipment Expert
Mr. Justin Duhaney	-	Haulage & Building Contractor
Mr. Lloyd Cameron	-	School Board Member & PWD Supervisor
Mrs. Jane Taylor	-	Project Manager
Mrs. Elaine Allen	-	School Principal
Mr. Eric Downie	-	A Past President of the JTA
Rev. Robert Daley	-	School Board Chairman

The Board of Directors

The School Community Alumni

## **PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY**

Additional funds will be generated through:

1. Annual fund raising events organized by the community & Board of Directors.
2. The McBean Trust.
3. Past Students Associations in the UK and NY.
4. The Ministry of Education will pay the salaries of two Special Education teachers.
5. The Scotia Bank Foundation has provided funds for the Unit Director's salary for the first three years.

## **THE COMPLEX WILL CONSIST OF:-**

1. A 20'x32' Computer Room to house 28 computers
2. Two 8'X10' Diagnostic Rooms with one way mirror to facilitate observation
3. A 9'X9' Office for the unit director.
4. An administrative Office
5. A small staff room with bathroom
6. An open 15'X33" area for film and video viewing and remedial work
7. Male and female toilets
8. Underground water storage tank
9. A ramp for wheelchair users.
10. Phase 2 will house 2 classrooms on the second floor

## **THE PROBLEM**

The 2002 Report urged that attention be given to rural areas & that targeting efforts must be specific.

We therefore decided to address the alarming incidence of illiteracy in our schoolchildren.

## **WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?**

In an ambitious effort to help our children read, we are struggling to build a sophisticated & highly specialized complex to serve our school, surrounding communities and their schools & eventually the student teachers in nearby colleges.

## **WHO ARE WE?**

The Point Hill Primary & Junior High School, Their School Board & P.T.A.  
The Point Hill Community Alumni  
Point Hill community, friends, & churches  
The Board of Directors of the Point Hill Diagnostic Reading Centre

## **WHERE ARE WE?**



## **WHAT HAVE WE DONE?**

Through our own efforts at fundraising we have:-

- realized over J\$2,000,000.
- erected the exterior shell of The Centre
- got The Jamaica Social Investment Fund to complete the interior.
- received funding from The Scotia Foundation who agreed to pay the salary for the Unit Director for the first 3 years.
- formed a registered company with the express desire to cooperate with the public & private sector in our shared concern for literacy among our economically & socially disadvantaged children.

### **WHAT WE NEED TO DO**

The architect's plans call for a second storey, consisting of a stairwell & 2 classrooms for children with learning disabilities.

The Quantity Surveyor's estimate for completing the project is J\$3,000,000.

Furniture, equipment and software could run as high as \$350,000.00

### **WILL YOU HELP US?**

We are seeking your assistance with funding for the next phase of this exciting project and will readily accept your help in any form that you choose to offer it.

### **THE RESOURCE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE**

- State of the art remedial interception
- Facilities for diagnostic work, reading and research
  - Well trained teachers