

# FCJ NEWS



(L-R) Amashika Lorne (Director Amashika and Associates), Lyttleton 'Tanny' Shirley (Chairman FCJ), Joshua Grey ( Sponsor) and Mrs. Scott-Shaw (Director of Alternate Services)

## LetsGetColouring - A Little Christmas Cheer

Some one hundred (100) wards of the State will this Christmas benefit from the donation of colouring books and other stationary items from Amashika and Associates Limited in partnership with Factories Corporation of Jamaica Limited (FCJ) and 13-year-old Jamaica College student, Joshua Grey.

The youngest donor Joshua Grey, saw the post about the Lets Get Colouring Project and immediately wanted to get involved. According to Joshua, he likes to assist people especially children, so he was happy to be a part of the project.

Thirty-five (35) children from four homes: Reddies Children's Home, Glen Hope Nursery, The Nest and Maxfield Park Children's Home,

all from the Corporate Area, will receive the gift packages, which Principal Director of Amashika and Associates Limited' Amashika Lorne explained will be used to ease the stress a lot of children are now experiencing due to the Covid19 pandemic.



The book, which will be suitable for children aged six (6) to 12 years, is expected to enhance family time at home, while preserving aspects of the Jamaican culture and tradition.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony yesterday (December 23, 2020) at the Child Protection and Family Services Agency in Downtown Kingston, FCJ's Chairman Lyttleton 'Tanny' Shirley pointed out that FCJ in providing space is doing so by enhancing human capital.

“And what better way in doing so by supporting this great initiative of stimulating the minds of young people with this wonderful book. This book speaks Jamaican and celebrates our traditional ‘old time’ slangs. It is interesting for kids to understand our values and attitudes not just by colouring, but by reading and stimulating their minds in a very positive way, “ said the FCJ Chairman.



Mr. Shirley said he was impressed by the book and therefore Factories was quick to support this initiative at this time, when our children are at home and are under stress and not being able to socialise and interact with their friends. He believes that this can have some negative impact on them, and the book therefore will occupy their minds with something that is different.

“This is wonderful and we have no hesitation in supporting it.”

Meanwhile, Director of Alternate Care Services at the Child Protection and Family Services Agency, Eunice Scott-Shaw was delighted at the gifts explaining that the books were not just for colouring but it is filled with a lot of teaching experience for the children.

“Most children in children homes don’t have grand parent, all of these things that you hear, you don’t know the meaning but by going through the book you will get the meaning which will better help you to understand some history.” Mrs Scott Shaw further explained that colouring on the other hand is a very therapeutic experience.



