



Press Release

Report from ESF Team Jamaica 2010

ESF is a grass roots organization seeking to foster the growth and development of local professional and student humanitarians in the Philadelphia area to develop independent research initiatives, travel abroad to countries in development, obtain hands-on practical experience in area of study, support humanitarian efforts and participate in cultural exchanges with people from diverse cultures and backgrounds.

ESF has supported, sponsored and collaborating on 55 outreach projects in 2 years and have been named Bank of America's Local Hero. We have also supported 9 student humanitarians to obtain hands on experience in Senegal, West Africa and now Jamaica.

The ESF medical mission team comprised of 7 local professionals and 2 students who were eager to serve and that we successfully supported nearly 500 Jamaican residents in the East Central St. James Parish. This humanitarian mission was also supported by the Minister of Health, Hon. Rudyard Spencer, Minister of Tourism, Hon. Edmund Bartlett and his spouse, Mrs. Carmen Bartlett from Jamaica National Overseas Inc., Joy Roberts, Don Daly and his team, Iberostar Hotel, Gregory, our driver, local and regional leaders like Mayor Davis, and Stainton Baker, the staff and head Nurses at the clinics, and many more.

ESF would like to continue to be a part of Jamaica's strategic planning and continue to serve and provide quality health services that will enable the Jamaican natives to live more productive lives. It is evident that the economy has complicated and presented challenges across the world but ESF is assured that a small organization like ESF can keep things moving because our commitment to serve at the grassroots level and collaborating with the natives is our specialty!

ESF has already started the initiative locally with providing frequent health fairs for basic screenings and we are building our teams abroad. We found some of the same clinical presentations as are in the US and around the world which, includes, Hypertension, Diabetes, Women's health issues, and Sexually Transmitted Infections. During our experience in Jamaica, we were able to transfer a patient in Hypertensive crisis to the Emergency Room, manage a patient experiencing hyperglycemia, provide extensive Education for patients affected with HIV and hands on counseling for patients with co-morbid conditions like Stroke, Myocardial Infarction (Heart Attack), and Hypertension.

To that end, Women's Health issues were particularly prominent at specific centers and ESF has established an organized method to maintain and to support our collective efforts in applying the holistic health approach to address much needed medical services in Jamaica.

Thank you ESF Team Jamaica, Our Communities, and Supporters!!