



*Representatives from Russia, China, Japan, USA, Nigeria, Chile, South Africa who were presented with Certificates of Appreciation at IPP's Dinner 2015.*



*Face painting at IPP's Annual Bazaar.*



*Gathering of students at the Students Social 2014.*

# International Proxy Parents



*"Serving Jamaica's Children"*



*H.E. Cecilia Jaber, Mexican Ambassador to Jamaica (centre) with IPP's Scholarship Awardees and members of IPP's Education Committee*

## WHO ARE WE?

The International Proxy Parents (IPP) is a non-profit charitable organization, registered in Kingston, Jamaica. Our primary purpose is to help the less privileged children in Jamaica. Through our fund raising activities throughout the year we are able to accomplish the following: sponsoring the education of excelling highschool students, whilst mentoring their progress at school; organizing and participating in special projects to enrich the lives of children at various children's homes throughout Jamaica; arranging social activities for both our students as well as the children at the homes.

We are a very diverse group. Our membership is composed of Jamaicans, expatriates, and persons from the diplomatic missions. This diversity ensures the combination between the stability and knowledge of those who have spent their lives here, and the enthusiasm and new ideas which result from a constant change in a portion of our membership. Anyone who shares a love for humanity is welcome to join us.

IPP was founded in 1980 by a group of women who took on the challenge of helping the less privileged children of Jamaica. All our members are volunteers.

## HOW DO WE OPERATE?

IPP has a 12 person non-remunerated Board of Directors. Each director has a specific function. Reporting to the Board are three standing committees: Education, Community Projects and Hospitality. Special committees are formed in order to organise special fund-raising activities. The Board and each standing committee meet monthly. The general membership also meets monthly. At these meetings the Board and the committees report to the general membership. At the end of the meeting we have a social gathering, and sometimes invite a guest speaker from the community, who gives us insights on various topics.



*The Chinese Booth at the IPP Bazaar, 2015*



*The Hon. Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment & Sport (centre) with IPP President Marie Clarke (far right) and Marcia Davis, VP (left) when they visited the Violence Prevention Alliance (VPA) booth, in support of the fight against violence in Jamaica.*



*IPP members about to release the 35th anniversary 'Peace' balloons in 2016*

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## THE COMMITTEES

**Education Committee:** This committee administers sponsorship of high school students, who are accepted on the recommendation of school officials and according to criteria set by the committee. The sponsorship includes payment of school fees, examination fees and additional expenses. The academic performance of these students is regularly monitored. Once a year the Education Committee holds a Students Social Event, usually hosted by one of the diplomatic missions in Kingston. On this occasion we get an opportunity to meet the students and interact with them.



Scholarship winners visiting JDF Headquarters in 2014



Patron, Lady Allen, addressing IPP Awardees at Kings's House- 2014



**Community Projects Committee:** This committee gives financial assistance to some children's homes and basic schools. Our assistance includes needed appliances and necessary repairs, clothing, toys, support of extra-curricular activities as well as outings with the children. Some members pay regular visits to the homes and interact with the children.

*Singing Christmas carols and having fun with the kids at Glenhope Nursery*



**The Easter Treat:** To celebrate the holiday we take about one hundred children from the homes to a fun day at the beach, with games, dances, food and drinks.



**The Theatre Evening:** In January, 100 children from some of the children's homes are treated to an evening at the theatre, usually a production of the Jamaica Junior Theatre Company.

**The Monthly Birthday Parties:** Each month we celebrate with the children of Glenhope Nursery the birthdays of those born that month, with members celebrating their own birthdays hosting the party.

## FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

**The Annual International Bazaar,** held every year in November in Kingston, is one of our most important fundraisers. It is a wonderful collaboration between IPP and various diplomatic missions. Many of them cooperate with us by holding a booth and selling their country's art, crafts, food and drinks. Entertainment includes cultural dances, musical shows, fashion shows and more. The Children's Corner provides fun activities for the kids.

*The Mexican Booth at the IPP Bazaar- 2015*



We are extremely grateful to all participating diplomatic missions, and to the many local businesses in Kingston, whose warm-hearted support, by sponsoring our activities and our advertising, and donating prizes, makes this event a success. We are looking forward to their continued support in the future.

**Members' Fundraisers** are initiatives taken by members, who organize their own smaller fundraisers; We have had a Chamber Music Concert, a Wine and Cheese Night, Tea Party and a Shawarma night.



Tea Party- 2016

## TESTIMONIAL

I lost my dad at the tender age of 13 years old to a motor vehicle accident which resulted in my mom being left as the sole provider for the family. It was very difficult as she was unemployed and was not able to give lunch money on a daily basis to me and my other two siblings. However, bus fare was not an issue as I lived in walking distance from school.

My friends often brought me lunch and at times I was assisted by some of my teachers. However, my mom always instilled in us the importance of sacrificing and satisfying which she said were key ingredients for success.

I was selected to sit three subjects in fourth form where I obtained Grades 2 in History and Literature and a one in POB.

In fifth form, I was recommended to sit seven additional subjects however, my mom had difficulties paying for them. Some of my teachers were aware of my plight and brought my case to the school administration who then leveraged support from International Proxy Parents on my behalf.

The support was timely and much appreciated as it gave me the chance to realize my dreams of going to sixth form. Thanks be to God, I obtained all seven subjects (four ones and three twos). However, my heart was shattered when my mom suggested that I should seek a job as she would not be able to afford the fees for sixth form. However, one of my teachers indicated that he would intervene on my behalf and as a result I was again supported by International Proxy Parents throughout sixth form.

How can I not say thanks as this investment in my education inspired me to go on to higher studies. Again Proxy Parents stepped in and gave me a grant for three years which assisted with my fees while studying at the University of the West Indies.

Today, I stand as a proud graduate of the University of the West Indies with a BSc in Political Science and Management Studies (Double Major) and a MSc in Government. I am also an ordained Minister of Religion.

Today I say thanks to International Proxy Parents for the investment made and because of the investment made in me, my sister and I have started a scholarship foundation in memory of my dad and my mom (who passed four years ago) to assist needy students in schools from our personal funds.

Denise Adams  
Past IPP  
Awardee



IPP members after a monthly meeting