

## **For A Cause – WATABOUND SWIM CLINIC**

Part of the “The Home for the Holidays Initiative”

Date: June 28, 2019

Location: UWI Pool

### **Objectives of the Organizers –**

Organizers: **The Child Protection and Family Services Agency (CPFSA)** formerly known as the Child Development Agency CDA) of Jamaica in collaboration with **Hope Worldwide Jamaica** and the **Kingston Church of Christ. Alia Atkinson, AAN** (founder of WATABOUND), and **Swim Jamaica** have joined forces with the main organizers to coordinate this clinic.

Overview: -

The program’s objective is to provide for children living in homes, the opportunity to visit with families in the community for the summer holiday. The whole idea is to give the children an opportunity to experience a family setting outside of the institutional environment they live in for a few days or a week.

As this initiative has not been supported as it should be by the members of the community, Hope Worldwide and Kingston Church of Christ brings volunteers in to fill the gaps.

The families who host the children are assessed and approved prior to the start of the initiative.

We desperately need the community to take on the heart of this project, our children need us. Some have never experienced anything but the home, always fighting to be treated special and as an Individual and not just part of group.

### **Objectives of WATABOUND: -**

To provide an experience for the children. To nurture and cultivate a desire to learn to swim. To explain the importance of learning this life skill and understanding and respecting the water and its environs.

To provide exposure to Water activities:

- ✓ Water Safety tips
- ✓ Beginning swim lessons

### **Objectives of Swim Jamaica (SJ)-**

To improve the overall standard of Learn to Swim education, increase water safety awareness and make Learn to Swim available to all persons across Jamaica.

- ✓ *More specifically for this WATABOUND CLINIC – “For A Cause”, Swim Jamaica is avidly seeking sponsorship to continue the children’s learn to swim education for the duration of the summer. The Sponsorship goal is to cover pool access, instructors and transportation.*

The homes participating in the initiative are

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1. GlenHope Children Home – approx. 20 children
2. Jamaica National Children's Home – approx. 25 children
3. Sunshine Children Home – approx. 20 children

### **For A Cause – Watabound Clinic Schedule**

- Expected number of children : 70
- Location: : University of the West Indies Pool – by UWI bowl
- Time : 2 pm to 6 pm – 4 hours
- SJ instructors required : 8 to 10

### **Schedule of clinic – Children to be split in three groups: -**

Group 1 – **2:00 pm to 2:30 pm** – sizing of suits and water safety talks  
**2:30 pm to 3:30 pm** – swim session

Group 2 – **3:00 pm to 3:30 pm** – sizing of suits and water safety talks  
**3:30 pm to 4:30 pm** – swim session

Group 3 – **4:00 pm to 4:30 pm** – sizing of suits and water safety talks  
**4:30 pm to 5:30 pm** – swim session

- ✓ Each Group will have 1 ½ hours with the SJ instructors
- ✓ First ½ hour – Talk with the children
- ✓ Next Hour – in the pool

The following media has been invited to the clinic:

- TVJ – **confirmed**
- Ja. Gleaner – **confirmed**
- Ja. Observer – to be confirmed
- Digicel Sportsmax – **confirmed**
- Yardie Sports – **confirmed**

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