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# MBJ PROVIDES WHITEHOUSE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE WITH BOOK VOUCHERS AND SOLAR INSTALLATION

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 23 August 2023// Sangster International Airport (SIA), Jamaica's leading gateway to the world operated by MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ), continues its thrust to support education, children, and the wider community with continued financial support to the students of the Whitehouse Community.

A team from MBJ Airports Limited recently joined the Whitehouse Community Development Club for their Recreational Shoreline Fishing Tournament, an initiative for children of the community, and donated \$300,000.00 in book vouchers to 60 students. In addition, the solar power panel which was installed by MBJ at the Victory Whitehouse Early Childhood Centre by MBJ earlier in the year was officially handed over.

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MBJ Airports Limited, Shane Munroe, Sharon Hislop-Holt, Manager of Commercial Business Development & Marketing, handed over the vouchers and urged the students to make good use of the opportunity being afforded to them.

"We take great pleasure to join you here today and to make this contribution towards the advancement of our youth," said Hislop-Holt. "We believe it is important to invest in the future talents within our communities and prepare them for the future."

Mrs. Shanelle Harwood-McTavish, Secretary, on behalf of the President of the Whitehouse Community Development Club, Ms. Tisa Anderson, underscored the importance of MBJ's involvement in the community's development. She stated, "The community of Whitehouse and parents are extremely grateful for the continued support from MBJ Airports Limited. Partnerships like these are critical to the empowerment of our children and by extension the development of our country".

Principal of the Victory Whitehouse Early Childhood Centre, Ann Blake-Reid expressed her gratitude for the solar panel as the school was without electricity and thanked MBJ for their continued support. Each year, one of MBJ's Labour Day projects includes providing upgrade works at the school.

In addition to the support given to the Whitehouse community, MBJ's 2023 Summer Employment program also benefited 40 students from various parishes. Students were actively engaged in gaining critical industry experience and personal development through working across various departments at MBJ.







Student collecting book voucher

### About Sangster International Airport:

Sangster International Airport (IATA: MBJ, ICAO: MKJS) is an international airport located 3 mi (4.8 km) east of Montego Bay, Jamaica. The airport is capable of handling nine million passengers per year. It serves as the most popular airport for tourists visiting the north coast of Jamaica. The airport is named after former Jamaican Prime Minister Sir Donald Sangster.

### About MBJ Airports Limited:

MBJ Airports Limited, the operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record 4.3m passengers used the airport in 2022. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and the airport provides employment to more than 7,500 persons. SIA has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for 14 years.

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