

MBJ Airports Limited and Team Sangster 5K/10K Charity Run/Walk Raises Impressive \$11 Million towards Academic Grants

Montego Bay - October 12, 2023: MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ), operators of Sangster International Airport (SIA), Jamaica's leading gateway to the world, proudly announce the resounding success of its third annual MBJ Team Sangster Charity Run/Walk, held on September 11, 2023, at Sangster International Airport. The event raised an impressive \$11Million for Academic Grants, a significant increase from \$4.5M raised in 2022.

This achievement underscores MBJ's commitment to supporting the education of the most vulnerable students in their community. Shane Munroe, CEO of MBJ Airports Limited, expressed immense joy at the substantial funds raised during the charity run/walk, emphasizing the event's significance. "We are very pleased to witness the incredible success of the Charity Run/Walk, which not only brought our community together but also raised an impressive amount for academic grants. This event showcases our commitment to supporting education and making a meaningful impact on the lives of students in the community in which we exist," he commented.

Munroe further added that the funds generated from the charity run/walk extend beyond mere monetary contributions; they symbolize a shared dedication to advancing education and enriching the local community. With this substantial sum raised from this event, MBJ Airports Limited is well-positioned to effect substantial changes in the lives of budding scholars. This financial support opens doors for them, enabling them to chase their academic pursuits and, in turn, foster a brighter future for the entire community.

Audley Deidrick, CEO and President of Airports Authority of Jamaica, also expressed his appreciation for the remarkable outpouring of support for the event and the funds raised through the charity run/walk while reflecting on the impact these contributions will make in the lives of deserving individuals within the community. "Participating in this year's charity run was an incredible experience. Knowing that our efforts directly contribute to academic grants makes it even more rewarding," Deidrick said.

Sharon Hislop-Holt, Manager of Commercial Development & Marketing at MBJ Airports Limited, emphasized the event's role in supporting education and the overwhelming support it received. "I am elated with the overwhelming support we've received this year. This event has gained recognition for being an excellent event that the airport community and corporate Jamaica look forward to. All the funds raised will be awarded to students for education, a cause we know is greatly needed," Hislop-Holt stated.

The success of this event is attributed to the generous contributions of sponsors, donors, and the over 2,000 participants. All proceeds from the event will go directly towards enabling students to access much-needed academic grants at the Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary levels. The grants will be geared towards airport employees, their children and dependents, individuals from the surrounding communities, as well as community-based organizations targeting the growth and development of persons with special needs.

In 2022, over 50 students benefited directly from the proceeds of the event and with more than double the funds raised this year, MBJ Airports Limited intends to make an even more significant impact on the lives of more students.

To apply for these grants, students are encouraged to submit their applications by the extended deadline of October 20, 2023. Application forms and guidelines are available at [MBJ Charity Run/Walk](#)

[Grant Guidelines & Application - Montego Bay Jamaica Airport \(mbjairport.com\)](#) and should be emailed to sangsterrun@mbjairport.com.

Prizes for winners participating in the event included airline tickets courtesy of JetBlue, Spirit and Virgin Airlines; weekend stays from sponsors Couples, Hyatt, Hilton, Royalton, Secrets, S Hotel and Zoetry; as well as Day Passes at Chukka Adventure Tours and Royalton. Additional prizes included: a Tablet and a Cell Phone from Digicel; gift baskets from CPJ, Reggae Mart and Tortuga; and gifts from the Airports Authority of Jamaica and MBJ Airports Limited, along with spot prizes such as Health Gift Certificates courtesy of Hospiten.

Other major sponsors of the event included Airports Authority of Jamaica, Aerotel, Amstar, Avis, Barita Foundation, Bhavela, Budget Car Rental, Catherine’s Peak, Caribbean Hub, Caribbean World, Cellaris, Chukka, Cool Corp, Creative Shots & Design, DIDD Enterprise, Dufry, Digicel, Elite Media Concepts, Deja Resort, Enterprise, Eulen, Express Catering Limited, GCG Group, Global Exchange, Hospiten, Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority, Jamaica Customs Agency, Jamaica Tours Limited, Jamaica Tourist Board, Passport, Half Moon, Heritage Souvenirs, IAM Jet Centre, Immigration & Citizenship Agency (PICA), House of Diamonds, Longport Aviation, Moet Hennessy, Reggae Tours, Secure Wrap, Sixt Rent a Car, Sunshine Snacks, Taylor’s Art Media, Troupe & Company, VIP Attractions Limited and Walk Good Jamaica.



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 4.7m passengers used the airport in 2019. 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.