Sagicor Sigma Run Past Beneficiaries Testimonials

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In 23 years, thanks to your kind support, Sagicor Sigma Run has donated over $500 million towards local charities in Jamaica. It comes as no small feat, as with your continuous support, life-changing transformative work is seen. Today we recap, from a few beneficiaries themselves, just how great a help you've been as you walk, run and wheel annually for this tremendous cause.

It's all thanks to you.

Jamaica Cancer Society: Michael Leslie, Acting Executive Director

As a beneficiary organization of the 2016 Sagicor Sigma Corporate Run, the Jamaica Cancer Society was able to improve its service delivery with the acquisition of a KONICA PAC SYSTEM. The KONICA PAC SYSTEM allows for the film-less review of patient mammography images and also enables connections to be established with Radiology Centres, both local and overseas. It also has the capability for off- site review of patient mammography images at the click of a button, for the over 9,000 women who access the Society's mammography screening services. The system also allows us to save patient studies for up to 10 years. With this system we are realizing savings of some three million dollars on the cost of films and chemicals annually. We are truly grateful for what the proceeds from the Sigma Run was able to do for the Society as it helped us significantly to bolster the work we do here in the fight against cancer.

The Jamaica Kidney Kids Foundation (JKKF): Maolynne Miller, Founder and Chairperson

The Jamaica Kidney Kids Foundation was fortunate to be a beneficiary of the Sagicor Sigma Run both in 2014 and in 2015. On both occasions the supplies and equipment purchased enabled us to support the Paediatric Dialysis Service at the University Hospital of the West Indies, the only hospital where children under age 12 years can receive chronic dialysis. As a result, families no longer had to pay for this life saving service. The Peritoneal Dialysis Cycler donated made it possible for children to do home dialysis. By choosing us, the Sigma Run gave our fledgling Foundation credibility and set the stage for private sector confidence in donating to JKKF. For this we are eternally grateful.

Spanish Town Hospital: Dr. Jacqueline Wright James, Senior Medical Officer

The team at the Spanish Town Hospital were elated when we were selected chosen as one of the beneficiaries for both the 2017 & 2018 staging of the Sagicor Sigma Run. With the generous donation of all the equipment such as our first ventilator, we can proudly say that we now have the beginnings of a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and have graduated from a Special Care Nursery. We have used the equipment to strengthen our capacity to deliver transformational service to ill newborn babies in our care. What better way to have a significant impact on our nation's future than to save the lives of even our smallest children.

The Clifton Boys Home: Rev. Canon Hartley Perrin, Chairman

We wish to place on record our appreciation to the Sagicor Group, for its significant contribution towards the rebuilding of the Clifton Boys' Home, in Darliston Westmoreland. The home was gutted by fire in January of 2017

and resulted in the dislocation of the twenty-seven (27) boys who were at the time in residence. The home provides a stable place of safety and a place where all their needs, both material and spiritual are met. While the cost for the rebuilding looked daunting and near impossible, the Lord sent the Sagicor angels, who gave a substantial financial boost to the project and even provided needed furnishing that led to the completion of the new home, and the re-housing of the boys.

The Bustamante Hospital for Children Operating Theatre and Special Care Nursery, Dr. Brian James

Head of Department, Department of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care

The Bustamante Hospital for Children Operating Theatre and Special Care Nursery were beneficiaries of the 2020 Sigma Run to the tune of more than $24M. These areas of the hospital had significant resource gaps and the Sagicor Foundation took up the challenge to provide us with some critical equipment needed for the care of our young patients; we received incubators, infant warmers, a cutting edge ultrasound machine and some high specification patient monitors. All of these items immediately found their way into service because the need was so acute. The ultrasound machine was directly responsible for helping us with surgical intervention on several young babies having cardiac surgery. Without it their waiting time would have been extended. Our level of gratitude is difficult to quantify on behalf of these children to Sagicor and all those who contributed.

There you have it. Countless lives, touched because you decided to give. The team at Sagicor thanks you for your kind donations as we spend time to change lives.