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Re: Donation to a needy student

Dear Member,

In this time of the pandemic, everything is more difficult to accomplish. Education is hard hit as the need to move to online teaching has widened the gap between those who have more and those who require more. In our own medical school at UHWI, Mona we have medical students who are genuinely unable to afford to access online learning in a comfortable manner. In our island, in our primary and high schools there are thousands who cannot access education due to lack of resources.

We appeal at this time, for donors to take on the challenge of providing for at least one (1) student, the means to access their education for as long a duration as you are able. This may be as short as one (1) day's internet access to one (1) month. It may also be by providing a tablet or laptop in a working condition for their utility.

How you choose to support a student is entirely up to you. The ACPJ pledges to provide a list of needs from which individuals may select and carry out entirely independent of ACPJ or with the help of ACPJ if desired. If you have a specific target, we encourage you to approach them and provide assistance also. This may be based on your alma mater, work address environs, private practice environs and church environs.

We believe uneducated youth are a potential threat to our society and we should do all we can to prevent even one young person from failing to progress due to lack of a resource as they may later turn up in less than savory ways.

We understand the massive responsibility of the government through the various ministries to provide basic educational needs. We do not wish to remove this responsibility. Quality education of the society has to be a priority and there are multiple factors which allow one to access even basic quality. If we have a role to play, perhaps let us try to do so for even one individual.

If you would like to make a contribution to the educational needs of a *medical student, primary or high school student* please do so or through the ACPJ by making a donation to:

Association of Consultant Physicians of Jamaica NCB Private Banking 124-126 Constant Spring Road Kingston 8

JMD dollar account # 291000479 (Business chequeing account)

Please email a picture of your transaction or the transaction details to our Treasurer at acpj-secretariat@outlook.com so that we can know that you have made a payment.

A GoFundMe account has also been created to aid this effort

https://gf.me/u/y4yff6

We will send you information about how your gift was used. Medical students will be selected by liaising with the Dean's Office FMS, UWI, Mona. Primary or High School Students will be selected by working with your suggestion or by working with local service clubs e.g. Lions Club of New Kingston.

Thank you for considering this effort at this time.

Dr. Mike Mills

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