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DENTAL PROFESSIONALS NEEDED WORLD'S LARGEST HUMANITARIAN DENTAL PROJECT

For Immediate Release:

(07-22-08 U.S./Jamaica) Great Shape! Inc. hopes dentists and hygienists will leave their offices, grab their passports and head to paradise. The goal is a healthier Jamaica. You'll join more than 100 other volunteers in Jamaica to provide free dental care and education. The fifth annual "1000 Smiles" takes place this fall.

Great Shape! Inc. works alongside the Jamaican Ministry of Health. The 1000 Smiles project offers dental care and education in rural schools and health clinics. Executive Director, Joseph Wright says, "1000 Smiles provides dental care to people who have often never even met a dentist. And just as important, you have the opportunity to experience Jamaica's spirit of 'One Love'."

Volunteer dentist, Dr. Teresa Yagi, DDS goes on to say, "You think you're showing up in Jamaica to help change the life of a child. Instead my life was greatly changed by their sense of gratitude and I felt a renewed sense of excitement for my profession."

In rural Jamaica there is just one dentist for every 80,000 people!

1000 Smiles Dental Project serves more than 12,000 Jamaicans in temporary clinics and schools. Great Shape! and its partners provide more than 1.5 million dollars in dental services and education. As you know, tooth decay leads to infections, diseases and even death. On an island where tourism is the number one industry, having a beautiful smile may be the difference between work and unemployment.

Choose one week or two weeks, during these project dates:

Ocho Rios: September 26th to October 13th

Montego Bay: October 17th to November 3rd

Negril: November 7th to November 24th

Sandals Resorts International is the number one sponsor of Great Shape! Inc. The Jamaican owned company donates ½ million dollars in accommodations and support for the volunteers each year.

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