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VOLUNTEER FOR WORLD'S LARGEST, HUMANITARIAN DENTAL PROJECT GREAT SHAPE! INC. RECRUITING DENTAL PROFESSIONALS FOR JAMAICA

For immediate release:

(7/22/08 U.S./Jamaica) Great Shape! Inc. is reaching out to the dental community. You can take part in a life changing experience and provide healthy smiles for the people of Jamaica. The 1000 Smiles Dental Project serves more than 12,000 Jamaicans in temporary clinics and schools. Sandals Resorts International is Great Shape's main sponsor; your base is housed in the lap of luxury.

Join 100 of your colleagues in Jamaica to serve people in dire need. **In rural Jamaica there is only one dentist for every 80,000 people!** As you know, tooth decay leads to infections, diseases and even death. On an island where tourism is the number one industry, a beautiful smile may be the difference between work and unemployment. Dr. Teresa Yagi, DDS, says *"my life as a dental professional has been forever changed by volunteering in Jamaica. Their gratitude is overwhelming for work many of us take for granted. Plus, we have so much fun!"*

Great Shape! Inc. is celebrating its 20th year of humanitarian work in Jamaica this year. It all started in 1988 after Hurricane Gilbert decimated the island. A group of girlfriends in Oregon sent duffel bags full of supplies to the hurting parishes. In the two decades since, Great Shape! volunteers have built roads, community centers and schools, supported literacy projects, and now facilitate the world's largest, humanitarian dental project.

Choose one week or two week projects:
Ocho Rios: September 26th to October 13th
Montego Bay: October 17th to November 3rd
Negril: November 7th to November 24th

The Jamaican owned, Sandals Resorts International donates ½ million dollars in accommodations and support for the volunteers each year. The Jamaican Ministry of Health provides the infrastructure for the dental projects. Executive Director, Joseph Wright says, *"Many enlightened individuals and companies that have decided to actively care about others who are less fortunate make the 1000 Smiles Dental Project possible."*

To join the solution and make a difference please visit the website: www.gsjamaica.org.
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