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## **VOLUNTEER DATES ANNOUNCED FOR JAMAICA FUNDRAISER PLANNED FOR JUNE 28, 2008**

For immediate release:

(United States 6/4/08) You can now apply for a humanitarian trip in Jamaica for the fall of 2008. Great Shape! Inc. and Sandals Resorts International have announced the dates for the *1000 Smiles Dental Project*. Go online to [www.gsjamaica.org](http://www.gsjamaica.org) for volunteer information and applications. Three separate projects are planned between Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>.

The 1000 Smiles Dental Project will serve more than 12,000 Jamaicans in temporary clinics in three parishes. In rural Jamaica there is one dentist for every 80,000 people! Most folks have never even seen a dentist. Tooth decay leads to infections, diseases and even death. Plus, on an island where tourism is the number one industry, a healthy smile is the difference between work and unemployment.

More than 120 volunteers from across the United States and abroad will join Great Shape! Inc. in Jamaica to carry on a legacy of service. Great Shape! celebrates 20 years of humanitarian action in Jamaica this year. A group of girlfriends founded Great Shape! in 1988 when Hurricane Gilbert decimated the island; they started by sending duffel bags full of supplies. Over the past two decades volunteers have built roads, community centers and schools, supported literacy projects and facilitated dental projects.

This year also marks a pilot project called Great Shape! SuperKids. Volunteers will work to improve literacy in the schools through a curriculum of reading, computers, art, music and sports.

**To support the work of Great Shape! Inc. a fundraiser is planned in Oregon  
Join the fun!**

**Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 6-11pm, Historic Ashland Armory, Ashland OR  
\$100 ticket includes: Caribbean dinner, open bar, silent and live auctions, live reggae  
band, videos & friends**

**For tickets: 541-535-4000 or 541-535-9861**

Great Shape! Inc. is grateful for its partnership with Sandals Resorts International. The Jamaican owned company donates ½ million dollars in accommodations and support for the volunteers. Plus, the Jamaican Ministry of Health provides the infrastructure for the clinics.

Please visit the website for more information: [www.gsjamaica.org](http://www.gsjamaica.org). For lively interviews, video and pictures, contact Lucinda Kay at 509-325-3623 or [Lucinda@lucindakay.com](mailto:Lucinda@lucindakay.com).



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