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SERVING MORE JAMAICANS THAN EVER! GREAT SHAPE VOLUNTEERS THRIVING AFTER TWO WEEKS

U.S. Volunteers are now opening their second set of dental clinics in Jamaica and they're already breaking records. During the first two weeks of the project in Ocho Rios, volunteers served nearly 6,000 children in schools and more than 1,000 in the temporary dental clinics. People from your community have joined 120 other folks from around the nation to provide free dental care and education in Jamaica.

This is the largest, humanitarian dental project on earth. Today, October 29th, volunteers open the clinics in the Negril areas. Great Shape! Inc. provides free dental care and education, plus facilitates a literacy program. Some volunteers returned from their two week stint this past week, while others have now replaced them.

Great Shape! Inc. is a non-profit based in the United States. Our volunteers have provided humanitarian work in Jamaica for nearly twenty years. We've built schools, community centers and roads. This is the fifth year *Great Shape! Inc.* is partnering with *International Smile Power*, *Sandals Resorts International* and the *Jamaican Ministry of Health*. In rural Jamaica there is just one dentist for every 80,000 people! **Tooth decay leads to disease, unemployment and even death; especially in third-world countries.** Without a healthy smile, Jamaicans can't get a job in the number one industry; tourism.

Our volunteers set up in MASH-like clinics and schools, it looks like this year we may serve 11,000 Jamaicans. Sandals Resorts International donates ¼ million dollars in accommodations to house our volunteers. International Smile Power is based in Seattle and leads humanitarian dental trips around the world. The Jamaican Ministry of Health provides the safety and infrastructure for our volunteer work.

Great Shape's volunteers are half dental professionals and half "civilians". They all work together to improve the health and well being of Jamaican families. Please visit our website to view video (under "Video Stories"), pictures and gather more information:

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