



## **GREAT SHAPE! INC.**

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### **JAMAICANS PRAISING GREAT SHAPE VOLUNTERS VOLUNTEERS BREAKING LAST YEAR'S RECORDS**

(Negril, Jamaica) Now is your chance to receive free dental care in the Negril area. U.S. Volunteers are set to open the 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 temporary dental clinics. The Jamaicans tell us the experience was painless and even fun.

**This is the largest, humanitarian dental project on earth.**

**Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, volunteers open the clinics in the following areas:**

- **Cave Valley (Children Only)**
- **Grange/Kendall Clinic (Children Only)**
- **Askenish All Age School Clinic**
- **Negril Gardens (Sandals Staff)**

Great Shape! Inc. provides free dental care and education, plus facilitates a literacy program. Some volunteers returned to the U.S. from their two week stint this past week, while others are already working in their place.

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.

Our volunteers set up in temporary 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 Washington State and leads humanitarian dental trips around the world. The Jamaican Ministry of Health provides the safety and infrastructure for our volunteer work.

Great Shape! Inc. and Sandals will schedule media events next week, we'll keep you informed. Please visit our website to view video (under "Video Stories"), pictures and gather more information: [www.gsjamaica.org](http://www.gsjamaica.org)

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