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PRESS RELEASE

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UJAA receives grant from the Patti and Everett B. Birch Foundation



Patti Cadby Birch

The Patti and Everett B. Birch Foundation has made a generous grant of \$100,000 to the Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations (USA) Inc. (UJAA) to honor the legacy of the late Patti Cadby Birch and her lifelong commitment to philanthropy.

The grant, unanimously approved by the Birch Foundation Board of Trustees, came from funds bequeathed by Patti Birch, who died in 2007. She and her husband, Everett Birch, who died in 1987, made significant donations to various organizations over the years. UJAA Director, Natasha Davids, who knew the late Mrs. Birch, described her as a warm and gracious person who gave very generously of her time and resources.

UJAA's President Lesleyann Samuel, stated that the Executive Board is working diligently to identify projects and programs that will properly honor Patti Birch's legacy, by considering new projects and expanding funding towards our signature programs including our Water Tanks Program which provides free water tanks to basic and primary schools in Jamaica, our support of Industry Cove Basic School - built by UJAA in 2002 and Operation Restoration Christian School – a remedial school in Trench Town, Kingston, as well as our High School Graduate Awards which recognizes high school graduates across the USA and Martin Luther King, Jr. Mathematics Competition for elementary schools in New York City.

President Samuel added that "These funds will help significantly with our ongoing programs that support students of all ages by improving opportunities in their educational journey."

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