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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **UJAA'S COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE DEVICES FOR STUDENTS CONTINUES 186 Learnit Tablets for Primary Schools**

**New York, NY – January 2, 2023:** The Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations (USA) Inc., (UJAA), continues to keep pace with the needs of students in Jamaica, this time with the primary schools across the island.

The realization that devices would become the latest addition to school requirements lists, probably replacing pencils and notebooks, dawned in early 2021 when the COVID-19 pandemic was affecting every facet of learning and teaching globally. Several shipments began to arrive in Kingston, compliments of the alumni association members of the UJAA. That has consistently continued and now-a-days, that focus has matured to one on the primary schools.

That our youngsters must be prepared is the contention of both Immediate Past President Lesleyann Samuel and recently elected President Donovan Wilson, supported by the 63-member associations that now include ten primary schools.

On October 22, members gathered to pack and send off 186 Learnit Tablets to stakeholders the Jamaica Teachers' Association. These devices are part of an ambitious program to get **Learnit** tablets into primary schools in all 14 parishes.

Distribution will be made to two schools in each parish where tablets do not currently exist, and each school will receive 10 tablets. The shipment includes 46 devices that will be distributed as part of UJAA's Adopt-A-Primary-School Pilot program of 4 primary schools, as well as those won by several teachers who attended the Jamaica Diaspora Education Task Force (JDEF) Advancement in Education Summit in New York in March 2022.

Speaking outside the Econocaribe Shipping Company in Queens, UJAA Primary Schools Committee Chair, Evelyn Godden, the President of New Day Alumni Association, spoke of the developing initiative and collaboration with the Jamaica Teachers' Association.

"There is a wonderful partnership evolving with UJAA and primary schools in Jamaica, with UJAA committed to supporting them in the use of **Learnit** tablets." The devices are produced by Caribbean eBook LTD. The company president, Joel Webbe, emphasized that "the devices are manufactured with over 180 full version hands-on education applications to function without the internet." This is a significant feature of **Learnit**." Learn more at [www.tldlearnit.com](http://www.tldlearnit.com) .

With the assistance of stakeholder the Jamaica Teachers Association, rollout of the program will take place during the week of January 9, 2023 with representatives from UJAA and Caribbean eBook LTD present.

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