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State of the Constituency Debate

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Commitment to accountability – publishing annual reports

- ▶ Each year on the annual anniversaries of my election as Member of Parliament, I publish **an account of my work**. I have done reports **for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014**
- ▶ These reports highlight some of the **major initiatives and projects** undertaken during the preceding calendar years
- ▶ It does not attempt to cover every single activity, but provides an overview of my work as Member of Parliament
- ▶ These reports are distributed electronically first and placed **on my website** (www.julianjrobinson.com). Hard copies are printed for physical distribution by the end of January each year

Commitment to a participatory democracy – hosting Constituency Development Fund consultations

- ▶ Every year for the last four years, (2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015) I have hosted two Constituency Development Fund consultations in the two Divisions - Trafalgar and the Vineyard Town
- ▶ At the consultations, I make presentations on the projects undertaken, the monies expended under the CDF and seek recommendations from residents on how the CDF should be used for the new financial year
- ▶ Presentations are also done by Councillors Andrew Swaby (Vineyard Town) and Kari Douglas (Trafalgar), representatives of the CDF Project Office, the HEART Trust NTA, the KSAC and the Social Development Commission(SDC)

Constituency Development Fund Consultations

CDF consultation at Unity Church Hall, July 2, 2014



Cllr Kari Douglas making a presentation

CDF consultation at Christ Church Hall, July 9, 2014



(L-R) Mrs. Pauline Blair (CDF Office), Cllr Andrew Swaby, MP Robinson, Moveta Munroe (CDF Office)



(L-R) MP Robinson, Cllrs Swaby and Douglas listen to questions from the audience

Summary of activities done in the last year



EMPOWERMENT THROUGH TRAINING AND EDUCATION

8 Summer camps held across the constituency

- **8 summer camps** were held targeting **1,000 students** across 7 communities (Nannyville, Swallowfield, Jacques Rd, McGregor, Franklyn Town, Woodford Park, Slipe Road)
- 4 categories of students
 - Ages 4-6 – pre primary stage
 - Ages 7-9 – preparing for the Grade 4 Tests
 - Ages 10-12 – preparing for GSAT
 - Ages 12-15 – young teenagers
- A standardized curriculum was developed for consistency across the camps
- **Pre and post assessments** were conducted to determine those students needing special intervention
- The students preparing for **GSAT** used a special **locally developed software** application for GSAT students

A special summer camp was held at Ja Biz Town for 90 students to introduce them to the world of business

- JaBizTown (www.jajamaica.org/ja_biztown) is an initiative of Junior Achievement Jamaica, the Ministry of Education and a number of private sector partners, based at the Caenwood Centre on Arnold Road
- It features a comprehensive learning curriculum that focuses on the student's role in the economy. After the completion of several weeks of specialized in-class learning, students will apply for jobs at various companies at JA BizTown. **It consists of a mini-city consisting of several real-life private sector businesses, that will allow students to work in various roles in a simulated economy**



9 teenagers participated in a 12 week entrepreneurship training program and established a hat making business

Hats off to nine creative inner-city teenagers

NINE TEENAGERS from two Kingston communities who have benefited from entrepreneurial training have come together to form their own small business.

The seven females and two males from the Arnold Road and Allman Town areas are now engaged in making hats and hair bows.

They participated in a 12-week programme initiated by Member of Parliament for South East St Andrew Julian Robinson and conducted by the Junior Achievement programme under its Company of Entrepreneurs programmes.

During the training, held from May 9 to July 25 at the Caenwood Centre in Kingston, the teens learnt how to start and operate a small business.

Areas covered include product development, start-up capital, marketing a product, conducting a market survey, setting prices, and conducting a cost-benefit analysis. The training also included leadership and work-readiness skills.

The teens, a mix of students and unattached youth, are now diligently working towards the development and promotion of their 'Kick Out' brand, consisting of bucket hats and bows that have been fashioned into hair accessories.

They have sold 42 shares at \$200 each, raising start-up capital of \$8,400, which was matched by Junior Achievement Jamaica. They are currently in the process of marketing their products.

SUMMER TRAINING

Robinson, according to JIS News, said that Junior Achievement Jamaica was contacted and invited to engage the young people in the Arnold Road and Allman Town communities in some kind of entrepreneurship training during the summer as a means of "changing their mindset and creating micro businesses".

While the nine were part of a group of 20 who started the programme, Robinson said he was happy they stuck with the training.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Janille Mendez (left), Shanique Mills (centre), and Shantol Alexander display samples of the hats they intend to sell as they start their business venture.



Member of Parliament (MP) and junior minister in the Ministry of Mining, Energy and ICT Julian Robinson is being fitted with a hat by Shanique Mills, one of nine teen entrepreneurs who have benefited from entrepreneurial training initiated by the MP.



Director of Programmes at Junior Achievement Jamaica Yanique Taylor (right) admires a hat being modelled by Whitney Jackson. The young lady is among nine teens who recently benefited from entrepreneurial training.

"I'm really happy that they've got to this stage. I certainly will be supporting them to see if they can make it a successful business," he was quoted as saying.

Junior Achievement Jamaica, a five-

year-old non-profit organisation based at the Caenwood Centre, implements programmes at the primary and high school levels that are focused on financial literacy, work readiness, and entre-

preneurship. The programme has already been introduced to 40 high schools islandwide.

Director of programmes at Junior Achievement Jamaica Yanique Taylor told JIS News that the Junior Achievement Company of Entrepreneurs is the "signature out-of-school programme" that focuses on teaching young people basic skills associated with being an entrepreneur.

"We don't decide what the business is. They determine, from market research, what they think will make a good product in today's market at a good price point. These (nine) young people decided they wanted their product to be bucket hats. They come up with the concept on their own and learnt how to manage their business," she said.

She noted that the participants have an opportunity to advance their training.

"We have a follow-up programme called the Youth Entrepreneurship Initiative, which entails a two-day business workshop to help them strengthen their entrepreneurship skills. They can qualify for small-business loans and continue their business at a higher level. They also receive support in registering their business," she said.

Robinson said that he would encourage young people to get involved in entrepreneurship training as a way of reducing unemployment and spurring micro enterprise development.

"Jobs are difficult to find, and this is a way that they can use entrepreneurship to earn a living for themselves and provide economic empowerment for themselves. It's important to introduce entrepreneurship training from an early age because it's a skill that needs the training so you can become better at it," he noted.

Over 100 youth participated in entrepreneurship workshops

- In collaboration with the NYS, 1 day workshops on entrepreneurship were held for youth aged 17-25 years old
- The workshops created awareness of entrepreneurship as a viable alternative to seeking a job
- There was also a component on personal development and deportment

Participants in the workshop working on their business idea



Businessman Patrick Casserly addressing participants in the workshop



Financial literacy workshops were offered to residents

- In collaboration with the Caribbean Microfinance Alliance, residents of the constituency participated in 1-day training workshops for micro-entrepreneurs in the communities of Swallowfield, Nannyville and Vineyard Town
- The topics covered included:
 - 1. Setting Goals
 - 2. Personal Financial Assessment
 - 3. Spending Decisions
 - 4. Developing Your Budget
 - 5. Tracking Income and Expenses
 - 6. Budget to Save
 - 7. Savings Services
 - 8. Borrowing

40 young ladies from the McGregor Gardens and Deanery Road communities participated in a Girls Who Code summer camp

- The Girls Who Code initiative is designed to introduce young ladies to the discipline of software development and to prepare them for careers in the coding industry



Najeeka Rose (second left) works on her coding techniques at a coding workshop for girls held recently, at the General Accident Insurance Company boardroom in Kingston.

28 persons from the constituency participated in a Film Making Course offered by the UWI

- The **3 month course** covered the rudiments of film making and video production and was offered by the UWI Community Film Project
- As part of the course, the participants were all required to make a short film which was shown at a **Film Festival hosted in Nannyville**
- 6 of the **participants received internships** including one working on the TV show Royal Palm Estates
- 4 of the participants worked on a film of the life of Amy Jacques Garvey which was featured in the GATFFEST Film Festival in June 2015



Two graduates of the UWI Community Film Project



Continuation of the chess training program in collaboration with the Magnificent Chess Foundation

- Each year, 40 students from across the constituency are trained in the game of chess
- Some of the objectives of the program are to:
 - Improve the students' attitude, behaviour and grades
 - Develop or improve rational thinking and reasoning skills
 - Instill positive values and attitudes

Students at the chess training program



Over 50 youth aged 17-25 years old have taken the Digital Literacy course offered by Sutherland Global

- The 3 day course covered the following areas
 - COMPUTER BASICS , THE INTERNET AND THE WORLD WIDE WEB
 - COMPUTER SECURITY AND PRIVACY
 - DIGITAL LIFESTYLE AND PRODUCTIVITY PROGRAMMES
- The training course was also used as a method of recruitment for Sutherland Global's contact centres in Kingston
- A number of the participants have received permanent jobs as a result



Participants in Sutherland Global's Community Technology Centre display their certificates

Clan Carthy Primary School was selected to participate in the 1 year Tablets in School Pilot project

- 1,057 tablet computers were distributed to teachers and students at the Clan Carthy primary school
- Since the distribution of the tablets, the principal has reported an improvement in behaviour, attendance and deportment, particularly from the boys

Minister Phillip Paulwell presents tablet computer to Principal, Sheldon Richards

L-R, Elearning Board Chair, Yvonne McCalla Sobers, Elearning CEO, Avrill Crawford and Geotech Vision's Carlton Smith



MP Robinson presents a student of Clan Carthy Primary School with his tablet computer

L-R, Board Chairman, Don Foster, mother of the student and Principal, Sheldon Richards



INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS

The Nannyville Health Centre was refurbished and reopened serving the needs of a large community

- The health centre was originally constructed in the 1970s when the Nannyville housing was built but had never been operational
- Due to the location on Mountain View Ave, the health centre serves the needs of not just residents of Nannyville, but many other communities and eases the burden on the hospitals

Residents happy as Nannyville Health Centre reopens

HEALTH Minister Fenton Ferguson officially reopened the Nannyville Health Centre, bringing to an end years of waiting by residents of the Kingston community for a health facility of their own.

The facility, which was out of commission for more than 20 years, was renovated at a cost of \$51 million.

According to a news release from the Ministry of Health, work on the building cost approximately \$26.3 million, while an additional \$24.6 million was used to purchase furniture and equipment.

Funding for the project was provided by the National Health Fund and the contractor was Alpha Structures and Roofing.

Ferguson, in a brief address at the opening, called on residents of Nannyville and surrounding areas to take care of the facility.

Residents, meanwhile, welcomed the reopening of the health centre.

"Words can't express how I feel at this time, the opening of this facility will save me a whole lot in terms of travelling expenses," said Shackle Isaac, who held her young baby in her arm at the ceremony.

Member of Parliament Julius Robinson hugs a resident at the opening of the health centre.

he toured the facility on his constituency tour.

For more than two years I have been suffering with this broken leg, and to make the trip to health facilities outside of the community is really challenging, so I am really happy that this centre was reopened," said Leo Hunt as he toured the facility on his constituency tour.

Mayor of Kingston, Angela Brown Burke, Acting South East Regional Health Authority Chairman, Dr Andrew Crooks and MP Julian Robinson were among the list of officials who attended the event.

Health Minister Fenton Ferguson cuts the ribbon at the opening ceremony (PHOTOS: MICHAEL GORDON)

Students perform at the opening ceremony.

Shackle Isaac takes a tour of the newly opened Nannyville Health Centre yesterday with her young baby in her arm.



McGregor Gardens was selected to participate in a pilot project to tackle electricity theft

- The pilot project is called “STEP UP” and is a \$30M partnership between the JPS, JSIF and the Government of Jamaica to tackle electricity theft in 7 inner city communities
- In McGregor Gardens, the scope of the project includes
 - Upgrading the electricity distribution capacity by installing new poles and lines
 - Selecting 100 households for rewiring of their homes and installation of pre paid metres
 - Opening a JPS office in the community centre
 - Installation of LED street lights
 - Distribution of energy efficient bulbs
 - Training of 4 persons in electrical installation
 - Training and education programs on electricity conservation

L-R, Omar Sweeney – JPS, Ramon Reid – Youth with Vision Club and MP Robinson on tour in McGregor Gardens



MP Robinson and JPS representatives speak to a technician installing the new LED street lights



4 new Community Access Points (CAPs) were established in the Jacques Road, McGregor Gardens, Deanery Road and St. Theresa's Church communities

- These computer labs are funded by the Universal Service Fund, an agency of the Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining and operated by the local community based organisations

MP Robinson and Minister Phillip Paulwell at the launch of the McGregor Gardens community access point



MP Robinson (left) assists five year- old Velteno Sawyers with operating one of the computers inside the just -opened computer lab and Internet café in the Jacques Road community in Kingston. Also pictured (from second left) are: Canadian High Commissioner Robert Ready; and General Secretary of Jacques Parenting Association Francena Pryce.



Solar photovoltaic panels were installed at three Community Access Points (CAP) sites

The three CAP sites have computer labs

- Jacques Road community centre
- McGregor Gardens community centre
- Deanery Road
- The project was funded by the New Zealand Fund
- The installations should realise a 70% reduction in the electricity bills and make the computer labs more sustainable



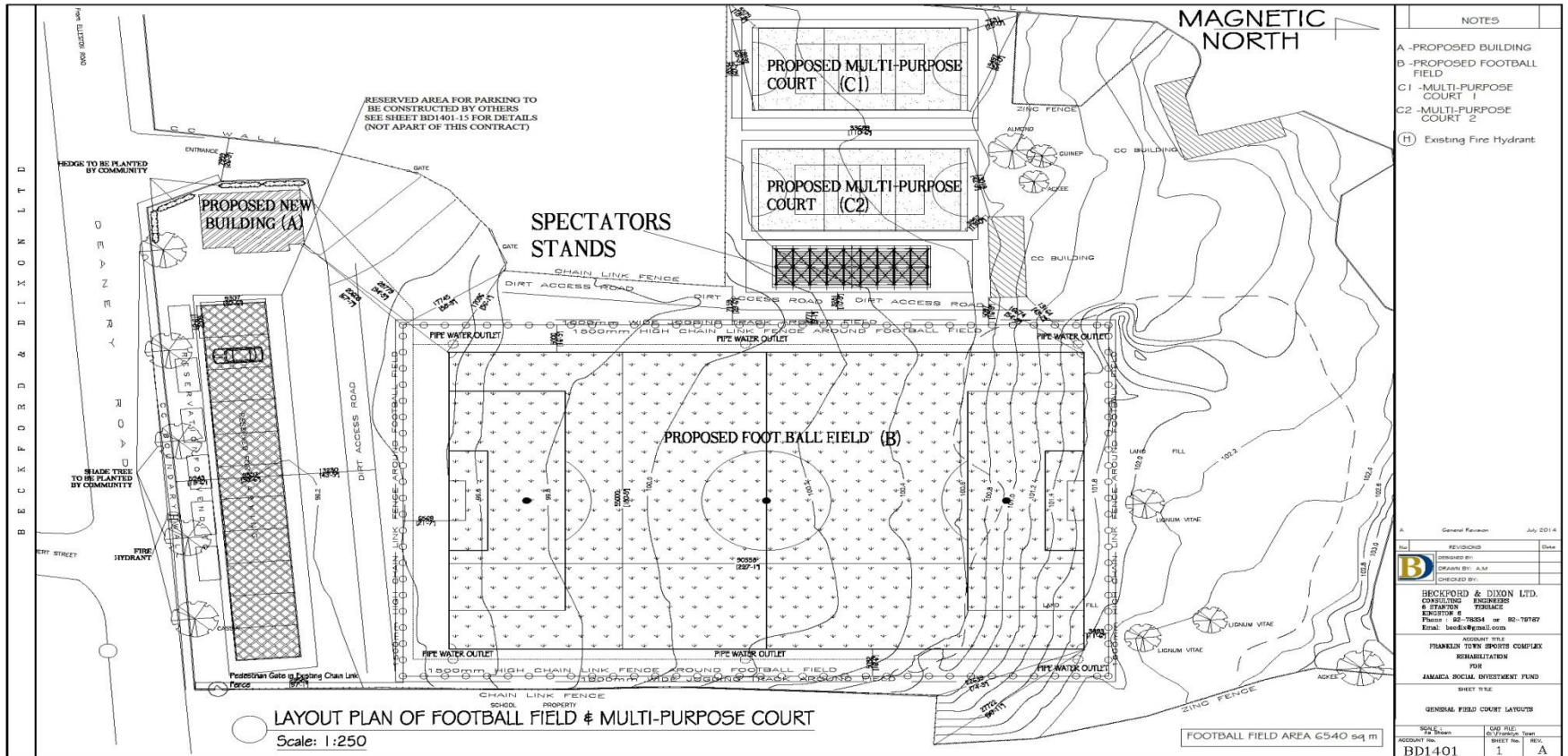
JEEP has been used to construct a new community centre in Monaltrie, repair gullies and over 30 roads



UPCOMING PLANS

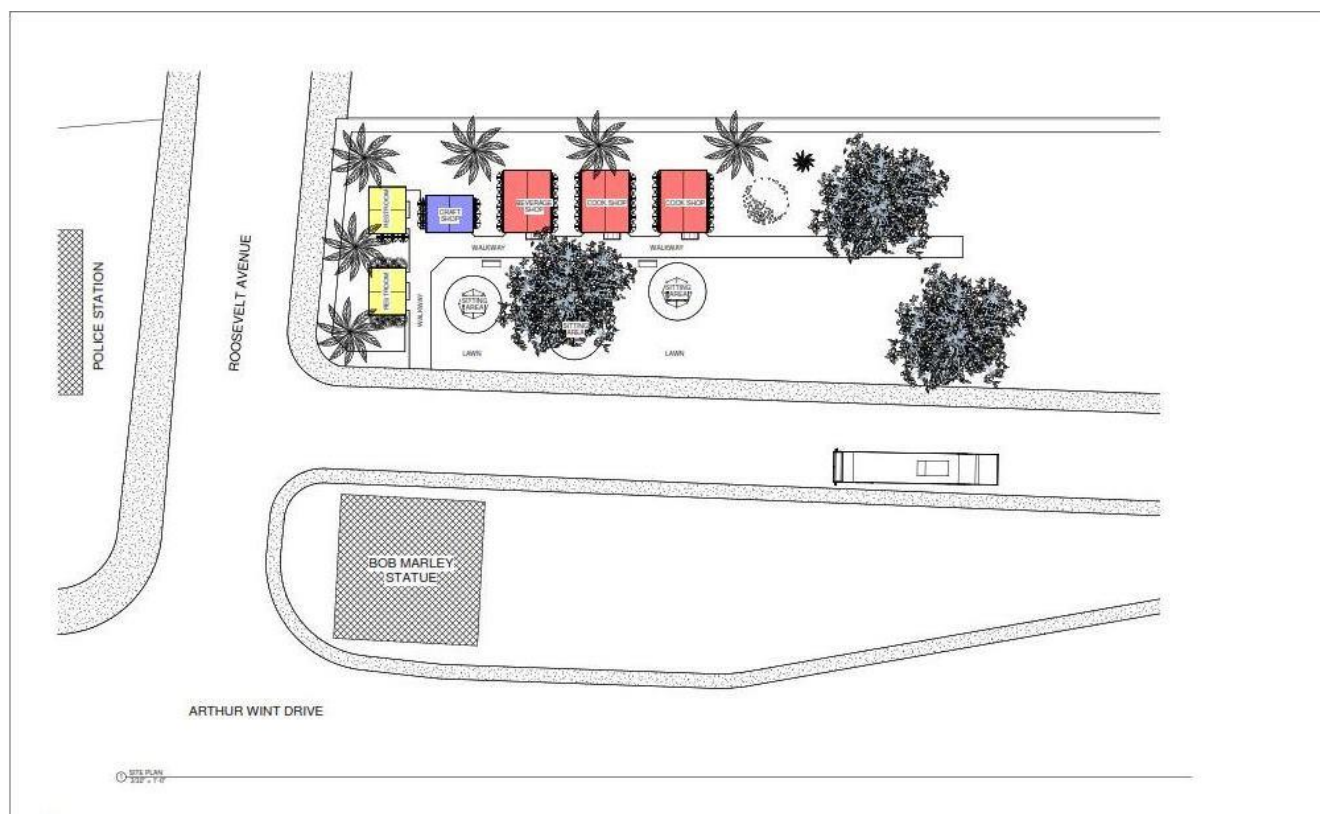
The completion of the Franklyn Town multi-sports complex

- The complex will host a FIFA size football field, netball and basketball courts and spectator stands
- The project is funded by the JSIF and is scheduled for completion by next month



The construction of 3 shops adjacent to the Bob Marley Statue in front of the National Stadium


- The shops (art & craft, food and beverage) will target visitors who come to the Bob Marley Statue to take pictures but also patrons of the National Stadium, the Sports Museum (to be built) and the wider public
- The shops will be managed by a community based organisation and the operators will be trained and certified




THANK YOU


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KSAC Councillor,
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Minister of State,
Ministry of Science,
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“ My vision for South East St. Andrew and for Jamaica is for the development of peaceful communities where all residents have gainful employment, adequate infrastructure, proper housing and access high quality educational and sporting opportunities. ”

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