



# **CUMI Cares**

## **Report on Activities**

### **August – December**

#### **2025**





## **PRESS LAUNCH**

ON AUGUST 26, 2025, CUMI HOSTED THE OFFICIAL PRESS LAUNCH FOR ITS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AT S HOTEL. THE EVENT WAS WELL ATTENDED, WITH STRONG REPRESENTATION FROM SPONSORS, PARTNERS, AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS.

A MAJOR HIGHLIGHT OF THE LAUNCH WAS THE FORMAL HANDOVER OF DONATION CHEQUES FROM JMMB AND RAINFOREST. JMMB, IN PARTICULAR, HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING AND COMMITTED SUPPORTER OF CUMI'S MISSION, AND THIS MOMENT SERVED AS A MEANINGFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SUSTAINED PARTNERSHIP AND SHARED COMMITMENT TO MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT IN JAMAICA.

THE PRESS LAUNCH ALSO MARKED A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE FOR CUMI WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF ITS EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAMME. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH CORNWALL REGIONAL HOSPITAL REGARDING THE GROWING NEED FOR NURSES TRAINED IN MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHIATRIC CARE, CUMI OPENED APPLICATIONS TO SUPPORT FURTHER EDUCATION IN THIS SPECIALIZED AREA. THE FIRST TWO SUCCESSFUL RECIPIENTS, BOTH REGISTERED NURSES PURSUING TRAINING IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING.



## **FUNDRAISER - CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

CUMI'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 AND PROVED TO BE A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE EVENT. THE TOURNAMENT ATTRACTED MORE THAN A FULL FIELD OF GOLFERS, WITH 84 PARTICIPANTS ON THE COURSE (A STANDARD FULL FIELD BEING 72), DEMONSTRATING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE CAUSE.

THE DAY WAS LIVELY AND ENGAGING, WITH GOLFERS ENJOYING REFRESHMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE, INCLUDING RUM PROVIDED BY WORTHY PARK, A TITO'S TENT COURTESY OF CPJ, AS WELL AS BEER AND PATTIES AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS HOLES. PARTICIPANTS ALSO COMPETED FOR A WIDE RANGE OF ATTRACTIVE PRIZES, ADDING TO THE EXCITEMENT AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE.

THE EVENT RAISED APPROXIMATELY J\$4.5 MILLION FOR CUMI'S PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES. SINCERE APPRECIATION WAS EXTENDED TO ALL SPONSORS, PARTICIPANTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND PARTNERS, WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS SHARED ACROSS CUMI'S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.





## **EDUCATION GRANTS - BUILDING MENTAL HEALTH CAPACITY**

CUMI'S EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAMME WAS DEVELOPED IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO CONVERSATIONS WITH HEALTHCARE PARTNERS, INCLUDING CORNWALL REGIONAL HOSPITAL, WHO HIGHLIGHTED THE URGENT NEED FOR MORE NURSES TRAINED SPECIFICALLY IN MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHIATRIC CARE. THROUGH THIS INITIATIVE, CUMI AIMS TO CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING JAMAICA'S MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE BY SUPPORTING NURSES WHO WISH TO PURSUE SPECIALIZED TRAINING. THE FIRST TWO GRANT RECIPIENTS, BOTH REGISTERED NURSES, BEGAN THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING AND WERE FORMALLY RECOGNIZED AT THE PRESS LAUNCH.



## **HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS**

HURRICANE MELISSA MADE LANDFALL IN JAMAICA ON OCTOBER 28, 2025, SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTING THE WESTERN PARISHES. IN RESPONSE, CUMI MOBILIZED RELIEF EFFORTS TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHO WERE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE DURING THIS PERIOD.

WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHIEF SOCIAL WORKER AT CORNWALL REGIONAL HOSPITAL, MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS, AND TRIUMPHANT MINISTRIES, CUMI DISTRIBUTED TWO ROUNDS OF CARE PACKAGES—ONE IN NOVEMBER AND ONE IN DECEMBER—TOTALING 800 PACKAGES TO INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS MENTALLY ILL AND IN NEED ACROSS AFFECTED PARISHES.

IN ADDITION, MEALS WERE PROVIDED TO THE PSYCHIATRIC WARD AT CORNWALL REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND TO THE HANOVER MENTAL HEALTH TEAM, ENSURING CONTINUED CARE AND SUPPORT DURING THE RECOVERY PERIOD.





## **ONGOING CLIENT SUPPORT**

BEYOND PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS, CUMI REMAINS COMMITTED TO DIRECT, ONGOING SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. THIS INCLUDES CONTINUED SPONSORSHIP OF A CLIENT AT THE NATIONAL NURSING HOME (NNH), WITH CUMI COVERING THE COST OF ATTENDANCE TO ENSURE STABILITY, CARE, AND DIGNITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL. THIS REFLECTS CUMI'S FOCUS ON SUSTAINED, ACTION-BASED SUPPORT RATHER THAN ONE-TIME INTERVENTIONS.



## **NEW FOCUS - "LEGACY PROJECT"**

AS PART OF ITS LONG-TERM VISION, CUMI HAS INITIATED DISCUSSIONS AROUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DAY AND NIGHT REHABILITATION FACILITY FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CUMI MET WITH THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION. A SPACE WAS IDENTIFIED AT THE ST. JAMES INFIRMARY ON ALBION ROAD AS A POTENTIAL SITE FOR THE FACILITY. THE PROPOSED CENTRE WOULD HELP REDUCE PRESSURE ON CORNWALL REGIONAL HOSPITAL'S PSYCHIATRIC WARD BY PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE SPACE FOR CARE, TREATMENT, STABILIZATION, AND REHABILITATION. DISCUSSIONS ARE ONGOING REGARDING CUMI'S POTENTIAL ROLE IN FUNDING CONSTRUCTION, WITH OPERATIONS TO BE OVERSEEN BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.





### CLOSING NOTE

CUMI EXTENDS HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL SPONSORS, PARTNERS, AND SUPPORTERS WHOSE GENEROSITY AND COMMITMENT MAKE THESE INITIATIVES POSSIBLE. TOGETHER, WE CONTINUE TO CREATE MEANINGFUL, SUSTAINABLE IMPACT IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACROSS JAMAICA.

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