



# THE KIDNEY SUPPORT FOUNDATION OF JAMAICA

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The Kidney Support Foundation of Jamaica (KSFJ) seeks to fulfil its mandate to educate Jamaicans on the prevention, management and treatment of End Stage Renal Disease (kidney disease) and to assist in the provision of adequate dialysis equipment and supplies to our hospitals providing such treatment. As is universally known, issues involving the kidney affect all of us in different ways, directly and indirectly, with its greatest effect being on families, caregivers and workplace productivity. In order to alleviate the current situation, the Foundation urgently needs to raise funds and is seeking your kind assistance in supporting our efforts by participating in our upcoming 5K Health Run/Walk.

The KSFJ will be staging a 5K Walk/Run, led by Prof. the Hon. Lawson Douglas, as part of the activities in celebration of Kidney Month, which is recognized in September. Our mission is to realize a target of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20M). The money raised will be used to fund our Educational Program as well as assist patients with their dialysis treatment. Each year, there are approximately 900 new cases and this over loads our already thinly-stretched health care system in the public hospitals. Often times, the hospitals do not have adequate basic medical supplies to dialyse patients and the patients themselves are finding it difficult to pay for their treatment. There is a growing list of patients who are waiting to be placed on a dialysis machine in a public hospital and, unfortunately, many of them eventually die.

Your participation and/or generous donation will go a far way in enlightening the public on the pitfalls of this disease as well as assisting to ease the burden of dialysis patients and public renal units. Additionally, the Foundation is a legally registered charitable organization. Should you need additional information regarding this project please call Pamela Allen-Sutherland, National Coordinator at 322-2905.

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