

# FOOD FOR THE POOR OF CANADA Saving Lives... Transforming Communities... Renewing Hope

# SEND A CHILD BACK-TO-SCHOOL



# Summary

Affording an education is a major challenge for Jamaican students and their families. The costs associated with attending school from the basic to tertiary levels is considerably high, especially for low-income households. Parents must pay hundreds of dollars each school year for items such as uniforms, teaching materials, registration fees, examination fees, and school maintenance fees. Given the impact of rising costs, vulnerable families have not been able to secure the items necessary to aid their children's education. Under this initiative, students are assisted with financial grants to cover school fees so they can fulfil their academic pursuits.

# **Selection Process**

Food For The Poor Jamaica ensures the **most vulnerable students are prioritized** through a detailed selection process. Students are recommended by contacts that have encountered needy families, and a profile form is then completed with details on the circumstances that show the need.

For basic, infant, primary, and high school students, a letter is required from a community contact to describe why the student should be supported.

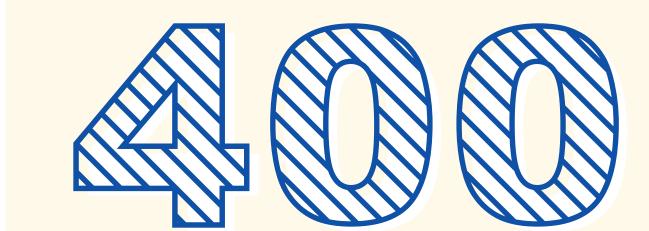
For post-secondary students, the applicant must submit a written essay outlining the challenges they face, their motivating factors, dreams, and desires for success, and the challenges of accessing student loans.

#### Impact

Funding the educational needs of students allows: • Children to advance to the next step in their educational journey and to be more qualified for jobs upon graduation

- Students to develop problem-solving skills, and critical and logical thinking skills • Improvements in the economy as educated
- people are more likely to give back to their communities by understanding the value of a safe and secure home

This project aims to reach over



students each year

### Costs

Annual school fees vary depending on the grade level, starting at \$250 CAD per student at the basic and infant levels, and can go up to \$1,400 CAD per student at the post-secondary level.

## Thank You

We thank you for your consideration to support with school fees for students across Jamaica! Together with your help, we can improve their educational journeys by providing greater access to education.