

# THE FOUNDATION FOCUS

*CONNECTING GRADUATES.....BUILDING FUTURES!*



## REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**Mrs. Florence Darby**

The Ardenne Alumni Foundation is pleased to present to you the inaugural edition of our quarterly newsletter, a platform designed to keep you informed and engaged with the exciting developments within our alumni foundation.

As we embark on this journey together, I am thrilled to share with you updates on the Foundation's flagship project - the Building of the Wellness Centre. This center will not only serve as a beacon of health and well-being for our school community but also stand as a testament to our commitment to making a last impact as we reconnect across the globe as graduates of this noble institution.

In this newsletter, you will also find updates on the progress of the fundraising efforts for the Wellness Centre. Remember you can contribute through your Alumni Chapter, year group or just as an individual. All donations are welcome.

Additionally, we will be sharing the unaudited financial results for 2023, providing transparency and accountability as we manage the resources entrusted to us with utmost care and diligence.

Let me use this medium to give special thanks to Max Gordon who spearheaded the Foundation's first major project and to all who supported this effort - the solarization of the Ardenne. This project continues to reap real rewards for our school.

I also invite you to get to know the members of our Executive Committee, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to drive our mission forward. Their dedication and passion are truly inspiring, and I am honoured to lead such a dedicated team.

I hope you will find this newsletter informative and inspiring, and I look forward to your continued support as we work together to create a brighter future for our alma mater and its community.

It is our pleasure to serve you and our School.

**Deo Duce Quare Optima**

*Flo Darby*  
Chairman



## INFLOWS

Total Inflow: \$4,223,000.00

Includes:

Wellness Centre donations - \$2,695,000

Optima Run 5K - \$ 909,485  
(receivable amount \$40k received in 24)

# Financial Highlights 2023



## OUTFLOWS:

Total Outflows: \$3,042,667

Including:

Wellness Centre expenses - \$1,460,000

Optima 5K Run Expenses - \$1,065,488

## Highlights:

Surplus for the year

\$1,180,333

Bank account Balances:

JMD: \$3,151,000

USD: \$81,000

Net Balance Wellness Center Fund

\$15,038,870



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 2023

## WELLNESS CENTRE UPDATE

The Ardenne High School Wellness Centre project was launched in February 2023 with a groundbreaking ceremony, aiming for completion within one year. The centre, an initiative of the Ardenne Alumni Foundation, supported by the Alumni Association, was projected to cost approximately \$60 million and aims to support the physical, mental health, and overall well-being of the students and staff.

The proposed two-storey building will include a nurse's station, students' and staff sickbays with associated washrooms, a students' lounge, and counselling rooms. Surrounding green spaces and gardens will provide a tranquil environment for wellness and healing.



Despite our initial expectations, several challenges were experienced stalling the timely progress of the project. One major setback was the abandonment of the project by our original architect. However, we continued to work with our other contractors, and as such the structural and electrical engineers have completed their drawings.

We are pleased to announce that we have identified a new architect and draftsman, and the necessary documents are now ready for submission to the Kingston and Saint Andrew Municipal Corporation (KSAMC). We recently visited the KSAMC and will return on April 29, 2024 to submit the formal application for the Building Permit that we should receive, barring no additional issues arising, within the next six (6) months.

With this in mind we should also bring to your attention that the recent survey of the property, a requirement for building approval, revealed several breaches of the Restrictive Covenants on the title caused by structural improvements completed over the years. We are working to rectify these issues.

## WELLNESS CENTRE UPDATE CONT'D

### *Project Cost and Fundraising Update*

Dean Burrowes, Alumnus, Quantity Surveyor and Project Manager, has increased the original estimate for the project from \$60 million to \$64 million, due to increases in the inflation rate during 2023. This will certainly impact our fundraising efforts.

The inaugural Optima 5K run did not net a surplus, but based on the level of support received, we anticipate achieving this at the second staging in November 2024. We encourage your support and participation. Please save the date and join us with your friends and families.

We are also thrilled to report that we have received generous donations from our Alumni chapters and other individual alumnae, some of which are reflected on the Donor Board shown on the following pages. Your contributions have been instrumental in advancing the project to its current state. Thank you! We especially want to acknowledge the initiative of one of our alumni - Matthew Heslop - year 2002, who obtained USD\$1,000 donation from The Parkers Foundation, Northern Trust in the USA. Each one can make a difference and we look forward to even more initiatives such as this to help us achieve our goal.

While we will continue to seek the support of corporate organizations to partner with us on this project, we also encourage you to donate to this worthy cause through your Alumni Chapter, year group, or as an individual. Your contribution, no matter the size, will make an impact and help us to meet the financial target. Please share the receipt for your donation so we can update our records and acknowledge your generous contribution.

For more information on how to donate or to get involved, please refer to the Foundation contact details shown on page 6, as well as the advertisement for the Donor Board. We will be seeking to have the Donor Board in place at the school campus in the coming months.

### *Conclusion*

We are optimistic about the progress of the Wellness Centre despite the challenges we faced, which are now behind us. Your continued support and involvement are invaluable as we work towards enhancing the health and well-being of our school community.

We look forward to your continued support as we strive to enhance the health and well-being of our school community.

### *Project Managers*

Florence Darby, Attorney-at-Law/Chairman, Ardenne Alumni Foundation  
Dean Burrowes, Quantity Surveyor & Project Manager, Ardenne High School

April 27, 2024

## **OTHER UPDATES**

### **Lunch Program**

This program has resumed and individuals who wish to contribute can make contact with President Jermiane Heslop who will facilitate collection of contributions via online, bank deposit or cash/cheque. The various Chapters may contribute as a body directly through the Foundation.

### **Scholarship Program**

The Foundation continues to support the scholarship program of the various chapters.

## WELLNESS CENTRE FINANCIAL TARGET & DONOR BOARD UPDATE

### FINANCIAL TARGET UPDATE

PERIOD	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TARGET	FUNDS TO BE RAISED
December, 2023	\$16,618,870	\$64,000,000	\$47,381,130

All funds are quoted in Jamaican Dollars

### DONOR BOARD UPDATE:

←-----DONOR CATEGORY-----→

DONOR	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
Paul Barnett Legacy Fund				11,328,695
AAA Chapter Toronto		1,000,000		
AAA Chapter Florida (US\$22,000)			3,300,000	
Audrey Chen (Jamaica) (US\$5,000)	750,000			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>3,300,000</b>	<b>11,328,695</b>

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HISTORY

JOIN THE DONOR  
BOARD

SILVER

J\$1,000,000 -  
J\$2,999,999

BRONZE

J\$500,000 -  
J\$999,999

GOLD

J\$3,000,000 -  
J\$9,999,999

PLATINUM

J\$10,000,000  
AND OVER

# THE ARDENNE WELLNESS CENTRE



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