

THE FOUNDATION FOCUS

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REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Mrs. Florence Darby

As we close out 2025 and prepare to step boldly into a new year, I want to pause and thank every alumnus, chapter, partner, and friend of the Ardenne Alumni Foundation for standing with us during what has been a demanding but deeply meaningful year.

This year reminded us that progress is rarely linear. There were delays, unexpected challenges, and external pressures—most notably the impact of Hurricane Melissa, which has affected construction costs island-wide.

Yet through it all, the commitment of our alumni community has remained strong, resilient, and generous.

As we look ahead to 2026, our focus is clear:

- **commence the Wellness Centre, and**
- **strengthen student support, while**
- **deepening alumni engagement across the globe through our work.**

These goals are ambitious, but they are achievable—together.

I invite you to begin this new year with renewed purpose and a recommitment to give back to the institution that shaped us.

Every contribution of time, talent, or treasure moves us closer to our shared vision.

May 2026 be a year of progress, unity, and impact.

Deo Duce Quare Optima

Flo Darby
Chairman



Creating Legacies, Building Dreams!

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UNVEILING THE AA FOUNDATION'S NEW BANNER & SLOGAN



Special thanks to

DENZIL DAVIS
Toronto Chapter

for designing and creating the banner at very short notice.

WELLNESS CENTRE UPDATE



We continue to work behind the scenes to obtain the final approval for the building permit from KSAMC to commence the development of the Wellness Centre. This has not gone as we had expected and will force us to make some changes in our project plan timeline.

Notwithstanding, we are encouraged to report a major regulatory milestone:

- The Fire Department's approval has now been received, with a recommendation forwarded to KSAMC for final consideration.
- Unfortunately, this approval did not arrive in time for the December 2025 KSAMC meeting and hence our application was not placed on the agenda.
- We have since been advised that the application is expected to go before the January 2026 KSAMC meeting. We are awaiting the confirmation of the meeting date.

While this represents a delay, it is also a sign of progress and due process finally moving forward. We give special thanks to our Chairman Mrs. Flo Darby for her tireless efforts in getting us this far.

PROJECT PLAN TIMELINE

We had previously presented a summary of the project plan for this project but with the delay in receiving the permit we are proposing some revision to the timeline which will be finalized once the permit is received. A summary of proposed updated to the project plan is shown below:

Proposed Project Plan Timeline Summary:

- **Phase 1: Planning & Fundraising** (*Commence January 2024 and ongoing*)
- **Phase 2: Preconstruction Activities** including securing necessary approvals from KSAMC (*Projected: January 2025 - February 2026*)

- **Phase 3:** Construction Preparation & Execution Phase A, inclusive of site preparation, foundation/structural work and additional fundraising activities to secure the balance of the funds needed to complete construction. *(Projected: April 2026, with fundraising ongoing)*
- **Phase 4:** Construction Preparation & Execution Phase B; Construction and development of key facilities including interior development, landscaping and other exterior work. Will include ongoing fundraising activities. *(Projected: August 2026 - February 2027)*
- **Phase 5:** Furnishing, testing & Finalization which will include furnishing of the various offices/space, final safety checks and final inspections and approvals as required. Promotional activities for the space will commence in May 2027. *(Projected: March 2027 - June 2027)*
- **Phase 6:** Official launch and operations of the Wellness Centre; includes the implementation of wellness programs and ongoing maintenance and sustainability plans. *(Projected: June - July 2027)*

COST CONSIDERATIONS

Following the recent hurricane, there has been a significant increase in construction material costs across Jamaica. As a result, we anticipate that the overall cost to build the Wellness Centre will increase beyond earlier projections.

This reality makes continued and increased fundraising even more critical in the months ahead.

We continued to encourage support from our alumni, corporate sponsors, and well-wishers. Every contribution brings us closer to making this vision a reality in 2027.

For more information or to support the project, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Ardenne Alumni Foundation. Together, we are building a legacy of wellness for generations to come.

Project Managers

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

December 27, 2025

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY - OPTIMA 5K RUN/WALK - WORK IS IN EARNEST

Planning for the Optima 5K Run/Walk is now fully underway, and the momentum is building. The organizing team is working diligently across logistics, sponsorship, marketing, and volunteer coordination to ensure that the February 1, 2026, staging is our strongest yet.

This event is more than a run, it is a visible demonstration of alumni commitment to wellness, community, and student development. Full participation from alumni across Jamaica and the diaspora is critical. Whether you run, walk, sponsor, donate, or volunteer, your involvement matters.

In addition, we thought it important that as Stardenites we play apart in our nation's recovery and there wasn't a more fitting choice than to support Westwood High School which was badly damaged during the hurricane. Westwood High and Ardenne High have had a strong relationship over the years as students from Westwood would find themselves attending classes at Ardenne as they transition to becoming one of us. A sisterhood cemented in love across generation, even now we welcome them with open arms at Ardenne. It was therefore only fitting that the Foundation chose Westwood to be a beneficiary from funds raised from this year's 5K Run/Walk.

The stakes are higher than before and so we are calling on: - All chapters globally to mobilize participation - Individual alumni to register and donate - Corporate partners to come on board as sponsors.

Every step taken and every dollar raised brings us closer to completing the Wellness Centre and supporting Westwood High School's recovery.

TOGETHER, WE RISE!!



ARDENNE ALUMNI FOUNDATION

OPTIMA RUN **5K** **RUN WALK**

Sunday • Feb 1, 2026
6:30 a.m. @ Ardenne High

5K for the **Ardenne Alumni Wellness Centre & Westwood High School's recovery**

REGISTER NOW

Registration Fees • Adult: **\$2,500** • Student: **\$1,500** • Group (20 or more): **\$2,300**

T-Shirts on sale for \$1,100 while stock lasts



WE NEED YOU
Make The Optima 5K Run/Walk Possible

DONATE TODAY!

In Aid of the Wellness Centre and Westwood High School Redevelopment

BANKING DETAILS

USD ACCOUNT
Account # 990858851529
Intermediary Bank & Swift Code CitiBank
CITIUS33 ABA# 021000089
Beneficiary Bank & Swift Code: First Global Bank Limited FILBJMKN
Beneficiary Name : Ardenne Alumni Foundation

JMD ACCOUNT
Ardenne Alumni Foundation
First Global Bank Limited
Current Account # 990858868370
Branch : Liguanea

A Simple Act. A Significant Cause

WELLNESS CENTRE FINANCIAL TARGET & DONOR BOARD UPDATE

FINANCIAL TARGET UPDATE

We are pleased to acknowledge donations of USD\$25,000 from the Florida Chapter and also USD \$1,000 donation from Parker Foundation through the Atlanta Chapter, a continued demonstration of their consistent support. Thank you, Florida & Atlanta Chapters!

PERIOD	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TARGET	FUNDS TO BE RAISED
DECEMBER, 2025	\$25,786,455	\$64,000,000	\$38,213,545

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		
AA Chapter Atlanta (US\$18,309)		2,792,123		
Parkers Foundation (US\$2,000)	307,500			
AAA Chapter Florida (US\$58,050)			8,891,387	
Audrey Chin (Director - AA Foundation) (US\$5,000)	750,000			
Myrna Merchant on behalf of the Tri-state group (US\$4,700.00)	716,750			
TOTAL	1,774,250	3,792,123	8,891,387	11,328,695

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YOU!!!



YOU NEED TO BE REPRESENTED HERE!!!!

DONATE NOW

BECOME PART OF
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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