

#### Welcome

On behalf of everyone at Robin's Nest Children's Home, welcome to our Annual Donor Report for the year 2023. We are grateful to God for his boundless blessings throughout the past year, and are honored to share with you the incredible impact of what God has helped us to achieve together in 2023. This report serves as a testament to the remarkable progress made in 2023 and the lives that we have touched together, all thanks to God and to your devotion to the children of Jamaica. Our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contributions throughout 2023. Your unwavering support and dedication have been instrumental in fulfilling God's plan to provide a loving and nurturing environment for the children under our care.

### Mission & Goals

At Robin's Nest Children's Home, our mission is to provide a nurturing, loving, safe, Christ-centered atmosphere in which all children will grow at their own speed—physically, mentally, and spiritually—so they may develop their own individual gifts, talents, and abilities and become the person who God intended. We aim to provide a safe and secure Christian environment for the children God places in our care while providing basic needs, medical care, unconditional love, and education they need to grow. Our goal is to transform hurting children into spiritually, physically, and mentally healthy believers prepared to impact the world around them.







## Financial Overview

Throughout the year 2023, your faithful support and generosity has been instrumental in sustaining the vital programs offered by Robin's Nest Children's Home. We are delighted to announce that through the collective efforts of our community of supporters we received a total of US\$486,637 in 2023 from contributions. Approximately 97% of these contributions went directly to Jamaica and have enabled us to provide the essential resources for the children in our care. Each contribution, regardless of size, has made a meaningful impact on the lives of the children. The following graphical presentation breaks down how generous contributions were utilized to support the children of Robin's Nest in various areas and provides insight into the impact of your generosity. We invite you to see firsthand the transformative power of your contributions in action.



<sup>\*</sup> incl. salaries, healthcare, pension, insurance and other required costs

## 2023 Highlights

#### Impact of Key Initiatives

Thanks to your contributions, we have been able to undertake a number of initiatives in 2023 in support of our Mission. These initiatives continue to have a positive impact on the lives of the children at the Nest and we are delighted to share with you some of these initiatives and the difference they have made in the lives of the children in our care.



**Number of Children Cared For:** the Nest provided care and support for an average of 30 children. Each child received personalized attention and access to essential resources to help them thrive throughout 2023.



**Educational Achievements:** the Nest continues to provide access to appropriate education programs (including our preschool, and homeschooling) for the children in our care and to support their ongoing engagement with the programs and educational development.



**Health Outcomes:** 100% of the children at the Nest received regular healthcare support including (where appropriate) health check-ups, screenings, dental care, vaccinations and preventive care measures contributing to a healthier and more resilient community.



Christian Education: we continue to be active at Bay Life Baptist Church, where the children attend weekly Youth Meetings where they are able to learn scripture and teachings through interactive lessons and activities. Central to the life at the Nest is the provision of a Christian environment where children are encouraged to participate in daily devotions and prayers and to cultivate Christ-like character such as compassion, kindness and respect for others and to apply these values in their daily lives.



Capital Projects: the major capital projects undertaken in 2023 include renovation at the home. This included renovation of the kitchen, replacement of equipment within the home, work on the road leading to the Nest and the reopening of our preschool to children in the community. The kitchen serves as the heart of our community, where nutritious meals are prepared with love and care for the children. By upgrading our kitchen we have enhanced its functionality and ensured that it provides a healthy environment meal preparation and promoted the overall well-being of the children.

The impact of these initiatives serve as a testament to the tangible difference that God's provision and your support has made in the lives of the children. We are incredibly grateful to God for what He has enabled us to achieve together and remain dedicated to furthering His impact in the lives of the children at the Nest in the years ahead.



## Celebrating Moments of Joy

Throughout the year there are so many precious and heartwarming moments experienced at the Nest. We celebrate the smiles, laughter and camaraderie shared by the children in our care as well as our dedicated staff and volunteers who selflessly give their time and energy to support our mission. Daily life at the Nest is a testament to God's love and compassion, and to the sense of community that permeates the Nest. Please rejoice with us for the profound impact of your support on the lives of these resilient children. Thank you for being a part of their journey and for helping us create cherished and lasting memories for them.





#### **Future Plans**

## Planned Initiatives and Projects for 2024

As we reflect on 2023, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our donors. We are excited to continue this journey with you in 2024. In 2024, we are committed to enhancing our support for the children at the Nest. Some of the ways that we are looking to do that with your support include:

- enhancing appropriate access to emotional support programs for our children in need:
- repair and maintenance of the Salter's Hill road leading to the Nest, to improve accessibility and safety for all;
- acquiring a tipper truck and other vehicles to support ongoing capital work at the Nest;
- introducing Dave & Robin Laney as new onsite co-directors with the Hewitt's;
- enhancing the pre-school playground;
- supporting our older children in their transition to independent living.

## Opportunities for Donor Involvement and Support

- Prayer for the children, staff and leadership. Your prayers are the foundation of our support.
- Mission trips and visits to Robin's Nest
- Child Sponsorhips
- Serving on the volunteer Board or Committees
- Sharing our social media posts with friends
- Financial Donations
- Participating in special fundraisers (12x12 in September 2024, Giving Tuesday in November 2024)





## Remembering Our Founder

In 2023, we experienced a profound loss with the passing of our beloved founder, Michelle Robinette. Michelle dedicated her life to serving children at the Nest, and her vision and passion continue to inspire us every day. In honor of her memory, many generous donors contributed to memorials in her name, furthering her legacy of compassion and generosity. As we reflect on her remarkable life and legacy, we

are reminded of the importance of honoring those who have made God's work at the Nest possible. Memorials and honorariums play a vital role in sustaining our mission and ensuring that future generations of children in our care continue to receive the love and support they deserve. We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of support in Michelle's memory and recognize the significance of estate planning in leaving a lasting impact on the lives of the children at the Nest for years to come.

# Gratitude and Acknowledgments

We extend our deepest gratitude to our donors and partners whose generous contributions have made an eternal impact on the lives of the children at Robin's Nest. Your sacrificial support and dedication have enabled us to continue to provide a safe and nurturing Christian home environment with the essential services that are vital for the children at Robin's Nest to thrive. Your donations have directly impacted their lives, giving them hope for a brighter future. We are incredibly grateful for your partnership and commitment to making a difference in the lives of these children.

We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated staff and volunteers at Robin's Nest who tirelessly work each day to ensure the well-being and happiness of our children. Your compassion and hard work are the driving force behind our success, and we thank you for all that you do. Your commitment to fulfilling God's mission is truly inspiring and we are privileged to have you as part of our Robin's Nest family.

Yours sincerely,

On Behalf of the Board of Directors, Robin's Nest Children's Home