



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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ABOUT US

The Association was founded in November 1962, shortly after Jamaica's Independence in August 1962. Our seal of Incorporation was granted in 1970. Since its inception, the Association has grown strong in attracting members.

It is recognized as the official organization representing Jamaicans in Montreal at Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels. We are a member of the United Council for Human Rights and have accompanied delegations and presented briefs to all levels of government. Given our commitment to community development, the Jamaica Association developed our Mission Statement as follows:

“To assist in improving and enhancing the quality of life for the Jamaican Community”

In fulfilling this Mission, the Association manages its operations to ensure the development of the community through economical, educational, cultural and social activities.



Mark Henry, President
Jamaica Association of Montreal

Members and Friends of the Jamaica Association,

On behalf of your Board of Directors, we hope that you are all well and keeping safe. While it may seem that there is no end in sight to this devastating pandemic, be confident that many scientists and health care professionals are working hard for humanity to find a solution. We can report that over the past months, while a few of our members have contracted the virus, they are recovering well or have recovered.

We are urging our members and friends to continue to be vigilant, to observe and respect the protocols implemented by our governments and continue to maintain social distancing guidelines, as much as possible, in your daily activities.

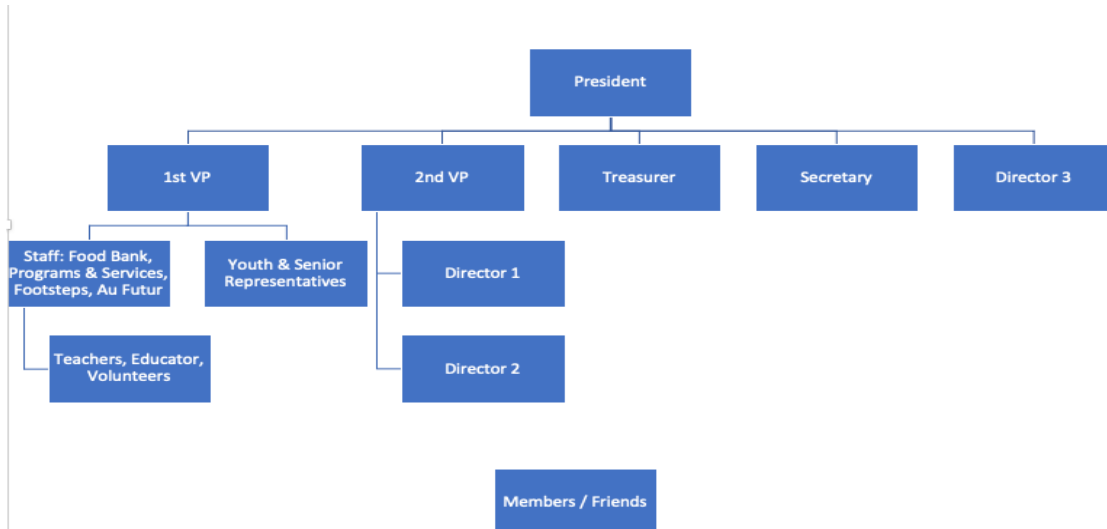
One year later, there are several vaccines on the market with the hope to abate the ravages of the virus. This is a worthy attempt by all involved to return the world's communities and economies to some levels of normalcy. While there is a sense of cautious relief and optimism there is also skepticism. These are all understandable reactions. As such, I would suggest we each take the time to inform ourselves using reliable news sources in order to clarify sometimes confusing information. While there can be skepticism, the focus has to be on a solution. Our organization, along with others, has been engaged in the fight urge the Provincial government to collect race-based data so that proper attention and resources can be allocated to Black and racialized communities, for these communities have been disproportionately impacted by this virus. (Statistics Canada COVID-19 Reports: <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/covid19>)

I continue to encourage our members and friends to research and use veritable data to inform your decision on the vaccine. We will be hosting an online information session on Monday, March 29 at 7 pm to provide adequate and critical data to help our members friends with this very important decision.

I wish you all health and may the Lord protect and keep. God bless.



NEW ORGANIZATION CHART – 2021








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FEATURE: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & REPS.

OFFICERS

 <p style="text-align: center;">MARK HENRY President</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oversees organizational operations & functional activities 2. Ensures the financial viability of the Association 3. Outreach to organizations & government 	 <p style="text-align: center;">SHARON NELSON 1st Vice President</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair, Women's Auxiliary 2. Director, Programs and Services
 <p style="text-align: center;">ALEXANDER TOWNSEND 2nd Vice President</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair, Social Committee 2. Director, Operations 	 <p style="text-align: center;">MELROSE CHRISTOPHER Treasurer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensures board & membership receives regular financial statements 2. Works in collaboration with the President on the the Association's budget and other financial matters 3. Works with the Auditor
 <p style="text-align: center;">KEISHA WILSON Secretary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepares meeting agenda , takes minutes & communicates with the board, members & friends 2. Creates programming for seniors (1-yr term) 	<p>Overview: The Board of Directors is comprised 9 persons: 5 Officers & 4 Directors. In this new election year, the roles have been slightly changed as shown in the new organization chart. Each person has assigned roles.</p> <p>Terms: Officers have two-year mandates while Directors have one-year mandates.</p> <p>Reporting: The Board of Directors are required to report activities at the membership meetings, as applicable.</p>	

DIRECTORS



 <p style="text-align: center;">BRIAN KOTLER Special Events</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creates and promotes special events 2. Manages performances at the Association as well as outside the Association 	 <p style="text-align: center;">UTON LYNCH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attends Board meetings 2. Works with 2nd Vice President, Operations
 <p style="text-align: center;">CLYDE WILLIAMS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attends Board meetings 2. Works with 2nd Vice President, Operations <p>Co-opted to the Board on December 14, 2020</p>	<p>DIRECTOR POSITION NOT FILLED</p>	

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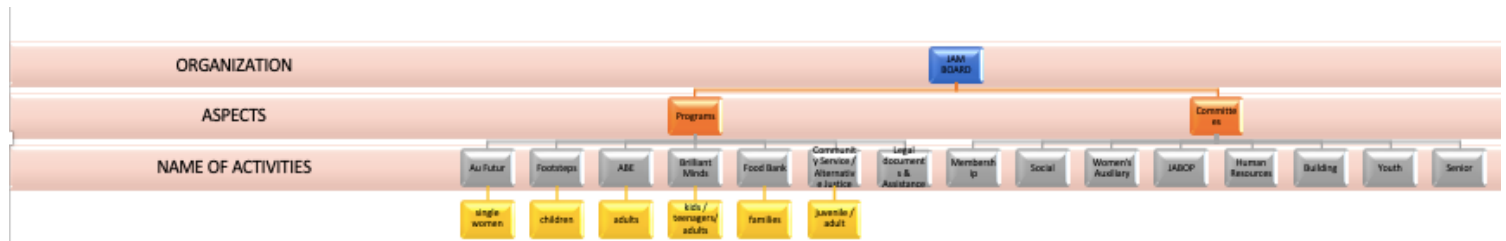
REPRESENTATIVES

 <p>OMAR RAMUS Youth Representative</p>	<p>Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creates events targetting youth with Youth Outreach Representative 2. Updates Instagram account 	 <p>AUDLEY COLEY Senior Representative</p>	<p>Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engages with seniors
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PICTOGRAM OF THE JAMAICA ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES !

The Jamaica Association is a large community organization comprised of many moving parts and different activities for different populations and age groups. In all these aspects, the Jamaica Association Board has a legal responsibility to oversee these activities and to ensure that they are managed well.

The Association has been historically divided in two parts namely: **Programs & Social Activities**. Take a look at all that our Board, Staff & Volunteers do !



GET INVOLVED !

A) Committees & Chairs

1. **Jamaica Association Business Owners & Professionals (JABOP)**, Molly Young
2. **Membership Committee**, Sharon Nelson
3. **Social Committee**, Alexander Townsend
4. **Women's Auxiliary (WA)**, Sharon Nelson
5. **Building Committee**, Mark Henry
6. **Youth Committee**, Omar Ramus
7. **Senior Committee**, Audley Coley

B) Share your ideas for programs, events or improvements

C) Volunteer for an event

Call or email the JAM office to speak with the Chairs of these Committees.
 (Ph): 514-737-8229
 (E): info@jam-montreal.com

MEMBERSHIP!

PRIVILEGES

1. Preferred pricing on certain events
2. An updated membership card*
3. Voting rights at the Annual General meetings
4. Contributing to the growth of our Association
- 5.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Sign the registry at all member's meetings
2. Update your contact information
3. **Pay your membership dues for the 2021 year** (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30)
4. Respect the rules of membership

DUES & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Family **\$40** (2 children (under 17 yrs old) & 2 adults),
 Adult **\$25** (18 - 59 yrs) * Students **\$10** (12 -17 yrs)
 & Seniors **\$10** (60+ yrs)

There are a number of benefits of getting your card. Contact us today to find out more. Thanks to the management at Kane and Fetterly for your support !



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OUR 7 PROGRAMS

1. Au Futur Program (Young Mothers)

For women between **15 and 35** years old with one or more children. Click [here](#) for more information on this confidential service. Service offered online due to COVID-19 pandemic. *Cost: **FREE. (Federally Funded by Health Canada)** Contact: **Sue Hamilton**, Program Coordinator Cell: **438-499-8229**

2. Footsteps Program

A [program](#) run on Saturdays from 1 pm to 3 pm for toddlers and children aged 0 to 9 yrs old. Due to the pandemic, the program which is **online**, includes reading activities, arts and crafts. There are qualified volunteers and an educator online to assist. Contact **Sue Hamilton**

3. Adult Basic Education (ABE) Programs

We offer individual, as well as small classes with qualified & experienced teachers in a variety of subjects. Classes take place in the evenings with one-to-one tutoring also available. Per term registration fee gives access to all courses: **\$10.00**. Click [here](#) to view course descriptions and schedule. **All ABE courses are offered online.** Contact **Kim Payton**, Coordinator of Programs and Services during office hours at jamprogramservices@gmail.com to register for classes

4. Brilliant Minds Tutoring for high school students – help with schoolwork and career planning. Online sessions. Contact **Kim Payton**

5. Food Bank in collaboration with Moisson Montréal. The Food Bank is open **Thursdays (10 am to 5 pm) & Fridays (2 pm to 5 pm).**

January to December, holiday notices posted as necessary. Registration: Mandatory.
Cost: \$5.00 per person, standard fee.
Call or email the Association for more information
Registration and collection at the Association.
Note: *New arrivals to Canada and new users of the food bank are asked to call one day in advance*

6. Tax Preparation

Updates to the Program coming - more information to follow.

7. Steel Pan Classes

Fatima Wilson of Salah Steel Pan will be offering courses on Sundays for kids and adults.

Contact number: **514-655-6239**

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

- Food Bank** Thurs. (10 am – 5 pm) & Fri. (2 pm to 5 pm), \$5.00
- ABE Program Spring session** Jan 18 – Mar 13, 2021
Contact **Kim Payton**, jamprogramservices@gmail.com
- Member's Meetings.** Sat. Feb. 13, & Mar. 13, 7 pm
- WA Speaker Series** Thurs., Jan. 21 & 28, 7 pm
Women's Rights (Eva Goudji) & Jamaica (Tracy Robinson)
- Valentine's Day Special** Sun., Feb. 14, 2 pm
Mark Passion
- Let's Talk About Sex** Tues., Feb 16 & Tues. Mar. 23, 7 pm
Part 1 – Consent (Jan) & Part 2 – Anatomy (Mar.) with Nora Jean-Baptiste
- Moving Forward: Next Steps for Black Communities**
Sat., Feb. 27, 7 pm
Dr. Julius Garvey, Michael Sutherland, PhD, Claudine Bonner, PhD (moderator)
- WA Speaker Series** Mon. Mar. 8, 7 pm
Women & Money (Sophia Khan)
- Saturdays with DJ King Farre** Saturdays, 2 pm
Online streaming
- COVID-19 Information Session** Mon. Mar. 29, 7 pm
Archchun Ariyarahaj & Alison Simmons (Eventbrite registration)
PhD Candidates
- Traveling after COVID-19 restrictions** Wed., Mar. 31, 7 pm
Angella Bennett & Louise Paquette (Eventbrite registration)
Jamaica Tourist Board

OUR 6 SERVICES

Office Hours: **Mon – Fri.: 10 am to 6 pm * (514) 737-8229**

COVID-19 RED ZONE RESTRICTIONS

NO ONE CAN ENTER THE ASSOCIATION

- Documents** – Passports, Permanent Resident Card, Commissioner of Oaths (forms can be mailed to you)
- Space rental** for your small gatherings up to 15 persons. Special events (birthdays, private parties, baby showers, shows, etc... - includes tables & chairs (table & chair coverings extra)). **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- Community Service Program** – for persons needing to complete mandated community hours. **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- Licensed Restaurant** – The Jerk Pit – Open Friday evenings as of 8 pm to 1 am. **CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- Fully Licensed Bar** – Open Fridays as of 8 pm. Saturdays on certain occasions, for rentals for small gatherings (up to 15 persons). **CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- A fun & secure place to come together** to enjoy each other's company and friendships. **CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Created by Sharon Nelson, next issue April 2021

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