



**GREETINGS BY  
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**JAMAICA SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND  
AT  
THE OPENING CEREMONY**

**FOR  
THE MAXFIELD PARK DAY CARE CENTRE  
ON  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010**

Salutations:

- Pastor Al Miller-
- Mr. Ian Roberts- Board Member
- Mrs. Thompson- Principal
- Mrs. Maurine Downer- Head of Children's Ministry,  
Fellowship Tabernacle
- Other distinguished ladies and gentlemen
- Residents of the Maxfield Park community
- The Media

Good evening:

Colleagues I am very grateful for the opportunity to say a few words on behalf of the Jamaica Social Investment Fund at yet another handing over ceremony. This venture represents JSIF's Commitment to engage the community in a partnership aimed at providing basic infrastructure to the Maxfield Park Community as well as to develop human resources as the primary tool for

personal, social and economic development.

Beneficiaries in and around the community of Maxfield Park will benefit from a new building complete with a baby room; two rooms; one all- purpose room, an enclosed play area, office and a sick bay.

Recruiting and retaining good quality staff in the Childcare world seems to be a recurrent problem but key to ensuring that children receive the best care. More than 40 women are to be trained in this area and an unlimited number of children from birth to five years old will be cared for at the facility per year, over the expected 25 year life span of the facility.

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund has invested a total of seven million, five- hundred and eighty- five thousand and twenty-

five dollars in building a first class day care facility that will be

used to care for children from birth to five years old as well as

to provide training and certification to mainly young women who are seeking

a career in early childhood care and development. Good quality

early years education and care is the key to unlocking the cycle of

poverty and reducing inequalities in educational achievement, so

we must above all, ensure the best possible start in life for all our children who are our strength and our future.

Life is a struggle for hard working families and so, this childcare

facility will offer parents more choice and flexibility with childcare

to help them with their busy lives and give children the best

possible start in life.

The relief that comes with the knowledge of knowing that your

child is being properly taken care of in a stable, caring

environment, will hopefully set parents' mind at ease and lead to

happier, less stressed and more motivated individuals, that

ultimately translates to increased productivity and efficiency at the workplace, which we all know is a contributing factor to economic growth and nation building.

It is in that context that I am delighted to hand over this new facility to another deserving community.

On behalf of JSIF, I wish you every success in the future, as I am sure that you will continue to make progress and play an influential role in early childhood development and care.

Thank you.