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AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Awards Encouraging Philanthropy and Social Responsibility



2011 AMCHAM Business & Civic Leadership Awardees

The American Chamber of Commerce of Jamaica (AMCHAM) honoured Jamaican corporate and civic leaders for the second year, in their AMCHAM Business & Civic Leadership Awards programme launched last year, which celebrates and encourages philanthropy and social responsibility in Jamaica.

The awards ceremony took place at the Jamaica Pegasus hotel on Monday, September 26, 2011.

This year, the organization presented two Lifetime Achievement Awards, one to Hon. Maurice Facey,

O.J., outstanding civic leader and the other to cultural icon, Olive Lewin. Eight other awards were presented in three categories as follows:

Two awards were presented for "**Corporate Social Responsibility**" which celebrates corporate citizenship and a company's business strategy and programmes or projects which improve communities. The award for small companies went to Capital & Credit Financial Group and to large company, Digicel Jamaica Foundation.

Three awards were presented for "**Civic Leadership**",

which recognizes sustained commitment by individuals and non-profit organizations to national and community development through projects that enhance development and engender civic responsibility. Dr. Henley Morgan copped the individual award while the Jamaica National Building Society won in the corporate organization category and the St. Patrick's Foundation was the leader among charitable organizations.

AMCHAM, noted that the awards programme "is designed to showcase businesses, individuals and non-profit organizations that are driving and achieving economic and social progress in Jamaica, through ethical leadership, stewardship and community building activities".

AMCHAM President, Diana Stewart said the gala was "a celebration of the best of Jamaica no matter how small or large: NGO's, companies and Foundations on their great works, for those who are spreading Jamaica's unique culture and talents around the world."

The 2011 AMCHAM Business & Civic Leadership Awards was adjudged by an independent panel of judges chaired by Lady Rheima Hall and including: Laurel de Mercado, Philanthropist; Pauline Findlay, Attorney-at-Law; Mike Fennell, President, Jamaica Olympic Association and Vivian Crawford, Executive Director, Institute of Jamaica.

Three awards were presented for "Arts & Culture". This award recognizes outstanding contribution to the positive promotion of "Brand Jamaica" in a range of spheres including promotions, the visual and the literary arts, by individuals, companies and non-profit organizations. Dr. L'Antoinette Stines, the Jamaica Folk Singers and the Wolmers Dance Troupe, won awards in the individual, organization and school or community based organization categories, respectively.

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The **Wolmers Dance Troupe**, the Honouree for the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Arts & Culture (School or Community Based Organization) has earned critical acclaim as one of Jamaica's most innovative dance companies.

The twenty-one year old troupe, which is associated with one of Jamaica's most prestigious preparatory schools, has been an invaluable artistic outlet for young students, many with no formal dance training, has been celebrated for its intuitive blend of local dance traditions with influences from the Caribbean, South America and beyond.

This troupe has won innumerable awards and has toured extensively and has shared their love of dance and earned much-needed funding for a range of charitable causes, including the Dare To Care Hospice, Women's Crisis Centre, Missionaries of the Poor and St. Christopher's School for the Deaf.



AMCHAM Director, Ken Mabry, presents the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Arts & Culture (Organization) to Christine McDonald-Nevers of the Jamaica Folk Singers.

Students of music, teachers, aficionados, look to this group as a musical encyclopedia of Jamaican folk music.



AMCHAM Director, Ron McKay, presents the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Arts & Culture (School or Community Based Organization) to Barbara McDaniel, Head of the Wolmers Dance Troupe.

The **Jamaica Folk Singers**, the honouree for the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Arts & Culture (Organization) was founded in 1967 with the aim of exposing the beauty and artistic worth of Jamaica's folk music heritage.

The group has been instrumental in making popular and keeping alive, the folk foundations of Jamaica's music, with presentations that maintain the integrity of our musical heritage. Under the direction of the esteemed Dr. Olive Lewin, this group has performed extensively in Jamaica and overseas and has hosted education through entertainment workshops in schools and communities – all in a bid to increase awareness and appreciation of Jamaica's folk music culture.

L'**Antoinette Stines**, the Honouree for the 2011 AMCHAM Business & Civic Leadership Award for Arts & Culture (Individual) is an artistic director, choreographer, actress, teacher, administrator and author.

Building on a dance career which began in Jamaica in 1965 under the tutelage of the legendary Alma Mock Yen, our honouree went on to the acclaimed US dance institutions the Martha Graham School and the Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre before returning to Jamaica and creating her own modern contemporary Caribbean dance company.

Her dance company, now boasting a Caribbean repertoire, is one



AMCHAM Director, Annette Samuels (left), presents the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Arts & Culture (Individual) to Dr. L'Antoinette Stines.

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of the region's leading contemporary dance companies appearing in concerts, commercials, workshops and dance demonstrations.

Her training, experience and research have been embodied in a new modern Caribbean dance technique, a blend of classical ballet and Caribbean folklore forms which, along with an annual dance conference she hosts, are helping to preserve Caribbean retentions.



AMCHAM Director, Michelle Wilson-Reynolds (left), presents the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Civic Leadership (Charitable Organization) to the St. Patrick's Foundation team led by Chairman, Mark Mckenzie (2nd left).

The **St. Patrick's Foundation**, the Honouree for the 2011 AMCHAM Business & Civic Leadership Award for Arts & Culture (Charitable Organization) is a non-profit human and community development organization established since 1994 in Kingston which now serves a wide community including the innercity communities of Olympic Gardens, Waterhouse, Seaview Gardens, Riverton Meadows and Calaloo Mews.

Founded by Monsignor Richard Albert, this organization encompasses a home for the aged; two Early Childhood Development Centres, which provide quality care for over 170 students between the ages of 3-6; two Human Resource Centres empowering youth, offer remedial education, skills, health services and skills training including woodwork, food preparation, electrical installation, computer technology.

Entertainment as a tool for youth development is utilized in a active Performing Arts Marching Band and students have the opportunity to earn HEART Trust/NTA certification through three full-time certified skills training programmes at the Institution.

As a means of generating income for its projects and providing employment opportunities for participants, the institution offers a range of services at competitive prices, including catering, cosmetology, drapery and bedding manufacturing, furniture building, carpentry, music and entertainment services.

The **Jamaica National Foundation**, the Honouree for the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Civic Leadership (Corporate Organization) was established in 1990 to manage and execute the philanthropic efforts of one of Jamaica's foremost financial institutions and to contribute to the development needs of Jamaica.

One of the many impactful programmes initiated and funded by this entity has been "The Source" – a social enterprise franchise with civic and private sector partners, which has provided tens of thousands of residents of underserved communities like August Town, Marverly, and Treasure Beach, with access to information technology facilities and other services.

Their "Make it Click" seatbelt awareness campaign has been a call to action which has helped to decrease the level of road fatalities.

Their "Resolution Project" – an annual photography and advocacy programme, has equipped and trained more than 800 high school students outside of the Kingston metropolitan area in photography.

The Jamaica Partnership for Education which has channeled financial and technical resources from Jamaicans in Diaspora and at home to assist Jamaican schools in need and the provision of grant funding for some 184 community projects including the restoration of Junitavan Lagoon in the Maroon community of



AMCHAM Director, Michael Subratie, presents the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Civic Leadership (Corporate Organization) to Saffrey Brown, General Manager, Jamaica National Foundation.

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Accompanying, the Rural Family Support Roving Caregivers Programme; the Hanover Bee Farmers Association Bee Project; the Violence Prevention Alliance training programme for at-risk youth at the Point Hill Diagnostic Centre's programme aimed at boosting literacy and numeracy in this remote St. Catherine community.



AMCHAM Director, William Mahfood (right), presents the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Civic Leadership (Individual) to Dr. Henley Morgan.

Dr. Henley Morgan, the Honouree for the 2011 AMCHAM Business & Civic Leadership Award for Civic Leadership (Individual) took the bold decision seven years ago to relocate his consultancy and water tank manufacturing business from New Kingston's corporate centre to the innercity community of Trench Town.

He has since implemented a number of innovative projects, bringing education, training and employment to a large number of persons in the depressed community, including the implementation of the Agency for Innercity Renewal (AIR) which has among other things negotiated a memorandum of understanding with the UTECH Technology Innovation Centre and has reached agreement with the National Housing Trust to build a J\$40 million facility to house a business incubator demonstration site in Trench Town.

He established the "Miracle Club" – a mentoring institution in Trench Town which is linked to a scholarship programme with the University College of the Caribbean, a job placement programme and continuous training/ education in weekend programmes conducted by him and some of Jamaica's leading professionals.

The Capital & Credit Financial Group, the Honouree for the 2011 AMCHAM Business & Civic Leadership Award for Corporate Social Responsibility (Small Company) has proudly achieved over 17 years of success as a home-grown, respected and profitable financial institution.

The journey began in 1994 with the establishment of one of Jamaica's smallest merchant banks which by 2002 became the island's first Merchant Bank to achieve the historic milestone of one billion dollars in shareholders' equity and in 2003, the first Jamaican Merchant Bank to have listed on the Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago Stock Exchanges.

The Group has demonstrated its commitment to corporate social responsibility through its partnership with the United Way of Jamaica; has provided scholarships since 1997 for more than 100 Jamaican students to attend secondary and tertiary institutions locally; and proudly provides sponsorship for sports and cultural events including the JCDC festival celebrations, the Jamaica Cricket Association's Under-19 Youth Development Cricket Camp and the All-Island Limited Overs Cricket Competition.

With the combined effort of staff, customers, family and friends, the group has raised over \$10 million through the staging of their annual concert Pickney Love at Christmas, which funds have benefitted the schools of Hope for handicapped children and the Dare to Care Homes of the Mustard Seed Communities.



AMCHAM Director, Derrick Nembhard (left), presents the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Corporate Social Responsibility (small company) to Curtis Martin & Michelle Wilson-Reynolds of the Capital & Credit Financial Group.

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AMCHAM Executive Director, Becky Stockhausen (left), presents the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Corporate Social Responsibility (large company) to (l-r) Lisa Lewis, Executive Director; Kerry Jo Lyn, Operations Manager and Board member, Jason Corrigan of the Digicel Jamaica Foundation.

Digicel Jamaica Foundation, the Honouree for the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Award for Corporate Social Responsibility (Large Company) was established to help people and communities and to build sustainable meaningful programmes for the good of Jamaica. Focusing on education, special needs, sports and culture, community empowerment and the environment, its goal is 100% literacy for Jamaica by 2015.

The Digicel Jamaica Foundation, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, has established 25 Enrichment Centres in a holistic approach to improving the quality of and access to education which has impacted students, teachers, parents and the wider community all over Jamaica.

More than \$70M has been invested in improving literacy at primary school level and the Enrichment Centres which are designed to foster a life-long love of learning and a thirst for knowledge. It has already started to positively impact the performance of students and teachers as evidenced by the average improvement across all grades of two grade levels and improved performances in the Grade Four Literacy exam.

"The road to success is not crowded. Because while most are looking for ways to take, the truly successful people are finding ways to give. With a giving attitude, every situation is an opportunity for success." - Unknown

Dr. Olive Lewin, O.J., the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award for Arts & Culture has dedicated 45 years to the nurturing and preservation of Jamaica's folk music heritage.

Dr. Lewin was in 1966 appointed to lead a project spearheaded by the Government of Jamaica to collect and research Jamaica's folk music.

She later founded the Jamaica Folk Singers and the Jamaica Orchestra for Youth with a mission of preserving Jamaica's folk music tradition - keeping alive the folk foundations of the island's musical heritage.

Under her leadership, both entities have earned international recognition and acclaim performing to audiences in Jamaica and internationally. She has also written extensively about Jamaican folk music providing a treasure of research knowledge from which many have benefitted.



AMCHAM President, Diana Stewart, presents the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award for Arts & Culture to Dr. Olive Lewin, O.J.

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AMCHAM President, Diana Stewart (right) and Executive Director, Becky Stockhausen (left), present the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award for Civic Leadership to Hon. Maurice Facey, O.J., J.P.

The Hon. Maurice Facey, O.J., the 2011 AMCHAM Jamaica Business & Civic Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award for Civic Leadership has worked tirelessly over six decades to make his vision a reality across the corporate and social sectors.

Beginning his business career in 1946 at Cecil B. Facey Ltd., his father's commission agency company, he has served as chairman of the prestigious Pan Jamaican Group since 1966, presiding over its remarkable expansion into investment banking, life insurance, food manufacturing, hardware, agriculture, tourism and other vital areas of the economy.

In 1984 he established the Cecil Boswell Facey Foundation which contributes to many worthy causes including the Cecil Boswell Facey Basic School (formally Boys Town Basic School) which caters to children in the Trench Town and Denham Town communities; the Lalyce Gray Basic School in Cassava Piece and

several other educational institutions. The Foundation also awards an annual scholarship to the Caribbean School of Architecture at the University of Technology.

Hon. Maurice Facey, O.J., has been deeply immersed in on-going efforts for the restoration of the downtown district of the city of Kingston for over 28 years and has since 1983, been the Founder/Chairman of the Kingston Restoration Company, working for the transformation of innercity communities.

The KRC has impacted the lives of many providing and encouraging education and capacity-building, facilitating micro-enterprises and improving environment and shelter. The success of their targeted interventions and infrastructure developments can be seen today in the number of buildings being renovated and refurbished and the movement of several corporate entities and international organizations from New Kingston to Downtown Kingston.

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