



IMPACT REPORT

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BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS OF RESILIENCE

Recovery Blossoms into Resilience

Across Treasure Beach, new partnerships and investments are creating opportunities for young people, rebuilding critical community infrastructure, and strengthening pathways to healthier, more sustainable livelihoods.

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Impact Snapshot

\$ 155,641,000.00 ^{JMD} 
Aid Delivered

This report highlights the people and partnerships moving that work forward—from youth development and vocational training to agriculture, healthcare and the restoration of the BREDS Sports Park.

2000+

Local youth engaged in enrichment programming



300+

Farmers consulted for ECHO visit

2000+

Volunteers strong



10 %

Progress on repair of Sports Park Main Pavilion

20+

Partnerships



33

Number of students supported via scholarships issued by DESSO Foundation



\$ 3,845,000

Funds invested in woodworking training workshop



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Following Hurricanes Beryl and Melissa, BREDS adopted a phased recovery approach that addresses immediate needs while building long-term resilience. Guided by community priorities and strategic partnerships, the framework moves from emergency relief and livelihood recovery to health, shelter and legacy projects designed to strengthen Treasure Beach for generations to come.

Phase I Emergency Relief COMPLETE

BREDS worked to get into the hardest to reach places, many only accessible by water

- Key partners: Coast Guard and JDF
- Sports Park provided dynamic distribution and logistic key to the broader relief effort

Phase II Building Back Livelihoods ONGOING

Support for key economic sectors: fishing, farming and hospitality

- Key partners: H+L Hardware and RADA
- Fishing wire and seed distribution, farming vouchers and hospitality worker relief grants

Phase III Building Health & Shelter ONGOING

Structural repair of damage caused by Hurricane Melissa for community members

Healthcare went mobile

- Key Partners: Treasure Beach Women's Group, Patoula Parchment Foundation, H+L Hardware
- Structures rebuilt, roofs replaced with hurricane resilient techniques
- Pop ups and mobile unit deliver healthcare

Phase IV Legacy Project SEEKING FUNDING

The Treasure Beach Health Centre (TBHC) will serve the community healthcare needs of the greater Treasure Beach region and Southwest St Elizabeth for years to come.

Wood workshop built to HEART/NSTA specifications.

- Key Partners: Treasure Beach Women's Group, Patoula Parchment Foundation, Tourism Enhancement Fund and HEART/NSTA
- Located at the Sports Park, and will also serve as a permanent healthcare facility and climate resilient structure in future storms

YOUTH PROGRAMMES

One Team, One Dream: PMBL Returns to Treasure Beach



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Summer brought the highly anticipated return of the Philadelphia Men's Basketball League's One Team, One Dream youth camp to the BREDS Sports Park.

More than 1,500 young people from Greater Treasure Beach and surrounding communities participated in basketball drills, scrimmages, team-building and enrichment activities supported by over 60 volunteer coaches. Beyond the court, campers took part in yoga with Meredith Walker and Laura Henzell and received meals throughout the programme.

Meredith Walker, Mahoe Movement founder and PMBL volunteer coach shared, "It's an absolute honour and privilege to volunteer as a yoga coach for the PMBL at the TB basketball camp. Our classes explore yoga movement and meditation, and positive thinking skills by incorporating the camp theme of the day.

We step into stillness away from the heat and activity on the court, and learn respect for ourselves and others while on the mat, on the court and in the community. Coaching these beautiful campers makes me a better person and a better yoga teacher."

Founded in Philadelphia, PMBL has partnered with BREDS since 2012 to use basketball as a platform for confidence, discipline, teamwork and positive youth development. What began as a small international camp in Treasure Beach has grown into an enduring partnership connecting Jamaican youth with coaches, mentors and new possibilities.

Campers, coaches and volunteers celebrated another successful staging and are already looking forward to returning to the court next summer.

YOUTH PROGRAMMES

A Life-Saving Legacy: Likkle Swimmers celebrate 10 years



IMAGES CONTRIBUTED BY LIKKLE SWIMMERS



For nearly a decade, Likkle Swimmers has helped to make water safety accessible to the people of Treasure Beach. As the programme completed its final summer in 2026, it has left an extraordinary legacy: more than 1,500 children and adults equipped with the confidence and skills to swim.

The programme grew from personal tragedy. After a father drowned while saving his four-year-old son from a rip tide in Treasure Beach, family friend and experienced childcare professional Charlotte Holt returned to the community. She discovered that many children growing up beside the sea had no access to swimming lessons or a safe place to learn.

In 2017, Likkle Swimmers taught its first 87 children. The programme steadily expanded to include adults, train local instructors. In 2023, 15 local residents also earned Swimming Teachers' Association teaching and lifesaving qualifications.

BREDS provided access to the community pool at the BREDS Sports Park and continues to maintain the facility. Likkle Swimmers added changing rooms in 2020–2021, helping create a safer and more welcoming environment for swimmers.

Charlotte has recently become a mother and has chosen to dedicate this next chapter to her family. BREDS extends its heartfelt gratitude to Charlotte and the entire Likkle Swimmers team and many donors and sponsors for their remarkable contribution to Treasure Beach. The legacy of Likkle Swimmers will live on through every swimmer, teacher and lifesaver whose skills help make Treasure Beach safer.

Recognising the continuing need for water safety education, BREDS is seeking to partner with a local swimming programme to continue this vital, life-saving work beyond 2026.

Pictured L to R: Adina Parchment, Project Manager and Breds Director, Jason Henzell, Breds Chairman, Architect Craig Monteith, Gina Mair, Breds Programme Manager. Standing Duwayne 'Ratty' Davis and Micton Murray.



RESTORING THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

For many years, the 17-acre **BREDS Sports Park** has served as one of Greater Treasure Beach's most important community assets—a place for sport, education, vocational training, health outreach, public gatherings and emergency response.

At its centre is the main pavilion. Damage sustained during Hurricanes Beryl and Melissa, including the complete loss of its roof and upper level, rendered much of the building inoperable. Its loss has been felt across the community, interrupting programmes and reducing the Park's capacity to serve residents when they need it most.

A year-round hub for community development

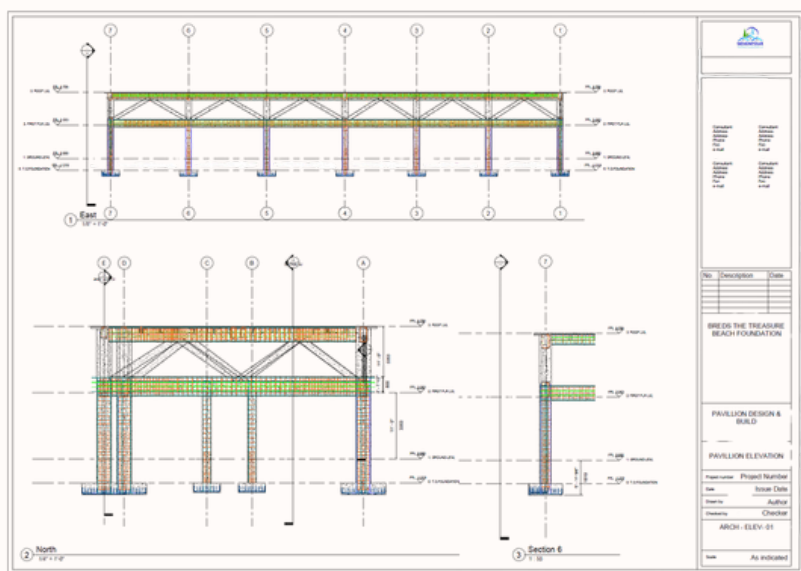
The Sports Park is home to Treasure Beach Football Club, and hosts local and international partners delivering camps in football, basketball, tennis, boxing and swimming.

The **Philadelphia Men's Basketball League's** annual camp combines coaching with mentorship, enrichment activities, meals and sporting equipment. The **Lennox Lewis League of Champions** has delivered boxing and life-skills training, while the **Venus and Serena Williams Tennis Camp** introduced local children to tennis.

Through **Likkle Swimmers**, the BREDS pool has supported life-saving swimming instruction for babies, children and adults during the Easter and summer holidays. Since 2017, the programme has taught more than 1,500 community members to swim.

The Park also creates pathways to education and employment. Photography, coding and other enrichment activities have been hosted at the facility. Through collaboration with **HEART/NSTA Trust**, it functions as a Community Training Intervention site, offering evening certification courses in bartending, housekeeping, food service and other hospitality skills. CPR and First Aid workshops further equip residents with skills that can save lives at home, in the workplace and during emergencies.

The pavilion hosts community meetings, public forums, workshops, funerals and cultural events. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sports Park served as a testing site, and its emergency treatment



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Pictured L to R: Captain Dennis Abrahams, Breds Director, Architect Craig Monteith, James Godfrey, Breds Director, Adina Parchment, Project Manager and Breds Director



room continues to support athletes and spectators during major sporting events.

Restoring essential community infrastructure

With the Tourism Enhancement Fund providing the majority of the financing, complemented by support from the Scotiabank Foundation, the restoration of the main pavilion is now underway. This critical investment will provide a stronger, more resilient roof and return the building to safe, year-round use.

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From recovery to resilience

The pavilion restoration is an important first phase in BREDS' wider vision to transform the Sports Park into the Treasure Beach Community Resilience Campus—an integrated, community-led hub combining emergency shelter, community health, disaster coordination, preparedness training and long-term recovery.

The need for this transformation was demonstrated during Hurricanes Beryl and Melissa, when the Sports Park served as an operational base for the Jamaica Defence Force, government agencies, international NGOs, volunteers and community members. That experience confirmed both the value of the existing site and the urgent need for permanent systems capable of functioning before, during and after a disaster.

The proposed campus will build on the Park's proven community role through:

- A purpose-built, Category 5-resilient emergency shelter
- The Treasure Beach Community Health Centre
- Emergency operations, communications and logistics capacity
- Renewable energy, battery storage and emergency water systems
- Temporary accommodation and coordinated recovery support
- Year-round disaster preparedness, First Aid and resilience training
- Facilities supporting youth development, livelihoods and community learning



Artist rendering of the proposed Treasure Beach Resilience Centre contributed by Atkins Design Studio in collaboration with Resilient Design, Southwest Architects and Consultants, Balfour Spence and students of Okanagan College.

Designed to benefit approximately 3,500 residents of Greater Treasure Beach while extending services to surrounding communities, the campus also has the potential to become a scalable model for rural coastal resilience across Jamaica and the Caribbean.

Planning is being informed by lessons from Hurricanes Beryl and Melissa, community consultation, site and climate analysis, regional best practices and technical collaboration with Jamaican and international partners. Engagement with government, academic and resilience institutions is helping BREDS shape a facility grounded in local needs and aligned with broader disaster-risk reduction and sustainable-development priorities.

Restoring the pavilion therefore represents far more than repairing a roof. It protects the heart of a trusted community institution and establishes a foundation upon which a stronger resilience system can be built.

BREDS now welcomes development, climate-finance and technical partners to help move the next phases of the Treasure Beach Community Resilience Campus from planning to construction—creating a safer, healthier and better-prepared future for Treasure Beach.

“BREDS has earned an outstanding reputation as a leading NGO in disaster relief and community development. I am encouraged by plans to create a resilience campus that include a Health centre and Disaster Shelter fit for purpose.”

- Commander Alvin Gayle, Director General of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) in Jamaica

BUILDING BACK LIVELIHOODS

Treasure Beach Joins a Regional Blue Foods Conversation

BREDS has been invited to participate in the inaugural Caribbean Blue Foods Stakeholder Workshop at Caribbean Maritime University in Kingston from 29 September to 1 October 2026.

The regional convening will bring together policymakers, researchers, producers, investors, youth and community organisations to explore pathways for climate-resilient aquaculture and blue food investment across the Caribbean.

"This workshop is about more than bringing people into the same room and changing the conversation about aquaculture in the Caribbean – from an overlooked sector to a recognised engine of food security, livelihoods, innovation, climate resilience and the blue economy," stated Dr Juli-Anne Royes Russo, Founder and CEO of the Caribbean Aquaculture Education and Innovation Hub (CAEIH). "We are bringing Caribbean voices, knowledge, science and solutions to the table – and beginning the work of turning conversation into action."

BREDS' participation will help bring the experiences of Treasure Beach's fishing communities and marine conservation partners into the conversation while identifying potential partnerships and livelihood opportunities for southern St Elizabeth.

Building Skills, Confidence and Opportunity

Fifteen participants are set to embark on a practical woodworking programme delivered through a partnership between BREDS and HEART/NSTA Trust. The training is designed to introduce participants to level one carpentry skills, while demonstrating the value of hands-on vocational training, supporting livelihoods, strengthening local capacity and creating pathways into employment, entrepreneurship and further certification.

The programme was endorsed by Philadelphia-based furniture designer and television personality Wendell Holland, founder and chief designer of Beve Unlimited. Holland shared insights on craftsmanship, creative enterprise and turning practical skills into sustainable careers.



Wendell Holland, pictured centre with Wayne "Soljie" Elliott left and Andrew "Paolo" Miller pictured right

EMBRACING NEW PATHWAYS for Sustainable Agriculture



Liz Solms, Treasure Beach Farming Advocate along with an international team from Echo, speak with WRIGHTOWN farmer on his pumpkin farm about the perils of farming in drought conditions.

BREDS welcomed representatives from ECHO, an international nonprofit specialising in sustainable agriculture, for an exploratory visit focused on the challenges and opportunities facing farmers in southern St Elizabeth.

Led locally by long-time Treasure Beach farming ally Liz Solms, the visit included tours of 10 area farms and a community consultation attended by over 300 farmers. Joined by the Minister of Agriculture, Honourable Floyd Green, the farmers shared their experiences of climate risk, water insecurity, access to inputs, market conditions and the practical knowledge already present across the region.

The visit marked an important first step in exploring the potential development of a demonstration farm and seed reservoir with local partners. Such a facility could test sustainable practices suited to local conditions and provide practical learning opportunities for farmers, students and visitors. Further consultation, technical assessment and site evaluation will be required before any decisions are made.



Pictured above:
The Echo team, Liz Solms, the Honorable Floyd Green Minister of Agriculture, and officers from the Agricultural Constabulary Force pose for a picture after presiding over a town hall of over 300 farmers hosted at Jack Sprat.



Southfield Farmer, Stacy, shows her greenhouse farming project to members of the Echo team.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Giving the Precious Gift of Sight

The Mission of Sight organisation and BREDS are preparing to host a Children's Vision Clinic in 2026, providing comprehensive eye examinations for approximately 150 children from the Greater Treasure Beach area, Black River and neighbouring communities.

The clinic will identify vision problems that can affect learning and development, provide prescription glasses where required and refer children needing specialised care. Glasses will be dispensed approximately six to eight weeks later.

Mission of Sight will provide three volunteer optometrists, a local clinical team, specialist equipment and clinical oversight. BREDS will coordinate with schools, families and community stakeholders to identify participants, obtain parental consent, arrange transportation and secure a suitable venue.

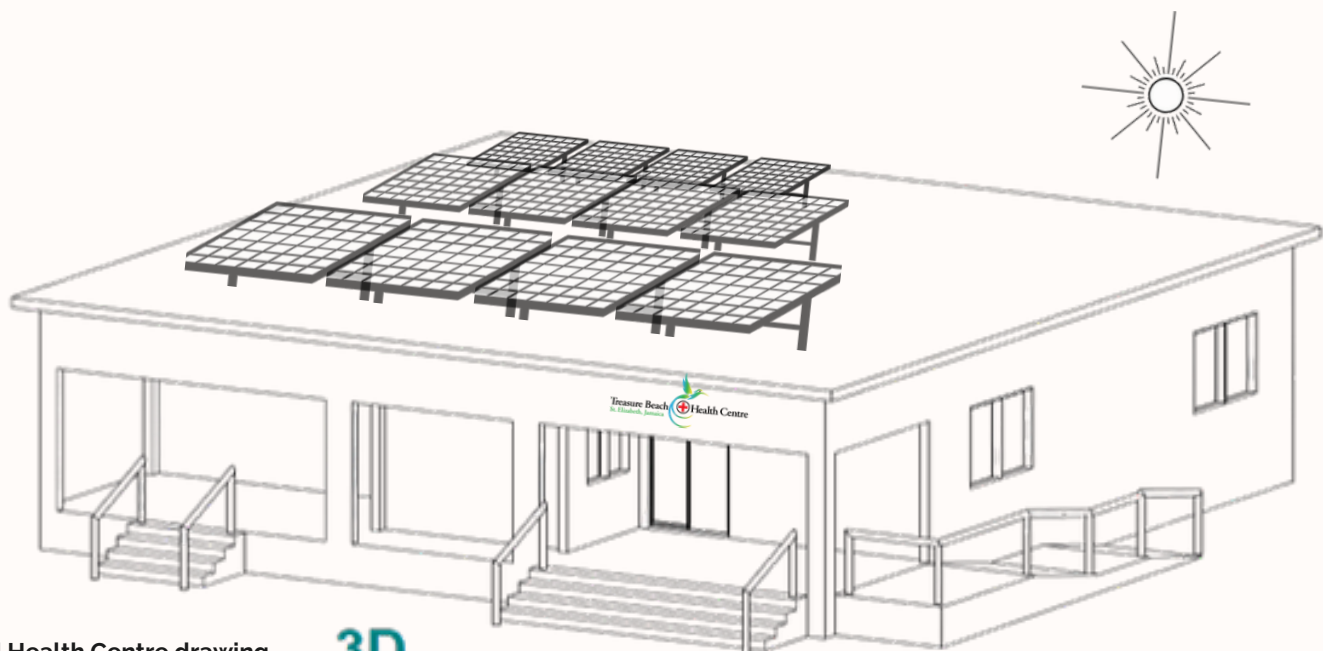
Partially funded by American Friends of Jamaica, the initiative marks the beginning of a partnership focused on expanding access to quality eye care for children across South St Elizabeth.

Treasure Beach Health Centre: Turning Commitment into Construction

The vision of a permanent health centre for Treasure Beach continues to move closer to reality. Since the June update, BREDS has secured new funding commitments from international NGO Direct Relief, whose work is committed to the expansion of access to medicine and healthcare bringing.

The Health Centre will provide access to primary care, chronic disease management, maternal and child health services, preventative education and visiting specialists. It will directly serve approximately 3,500 residents, with an extended catchment of up to 10,000 people.

As Phase I of the wider Treasure Beach Resilience Campus, the facility will support community health throughout the year and provide critical capacity during emergencies. BREDS is now advancing the project through preliminary planning, partner and supplier selection, and the necessary legal and regulatory reviews ahead of construction. This careful groundwork will help ensure that the facility is safe, sustainable and equipped to serve the community for years to come.



CONSERVATION



Protecting Treasure Beach's Sea Turtles

After two consecutive years of hurricanes, Treasure Beach's beaches have undergone significant erosion, reducing suitable nesting areas for sea turtles. The Treasure Beach Turtle Group recorded more false crawls than in previous seasons—indicating that nesting mothers are struggling to find safe sites—and relocated one nest from a rocky area where the eggs were unlikely to survive.

Despite these challenges, two turtles with only three flippers were observed successfully coming ashore to nest—an inspiring demonstration of the species' resilience when suitable habitat remains available.

The Group also captured 38 mongooses during the reporting period, helping to reduce the threat these predators pose to turtle nests and hatchlings. Monitoring continues as rising seas, extreme heat and vegetation loss place increasing pressure on nesting habitats.

With support from BREDS and a grant from the Blue Mahoe Charitable Fund, the Turtle Museum was able to reopen to the public and continue its important work in conservation education, community engagement and the protection of Treasure Beach's sea turtles.

Pictured right:
Field Supervisor,
Tanya Green setting a
mongoose trap.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation (HHJF) celebrated 20 years of giving back by rebuilding Fyffe's Pen School. Since inception, HHJF through support of its donors has built 28 schools and provided the tennis courts at BREDS Sports Park

Since 1998, partnerships have formed the foundation of BREDS' work. As recovery blossoms into resilience, the same spirit of partnership continues to guide the work of building a stronger, safer and more prepared Treasure Beach for generations to come.

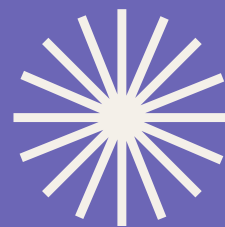


Teen advocate Cormac Corrigan pictured right with BREDS' Chairman Jason Henzell uses football to give back to children across Jamaica. His event held in August at Football Factory in Kingston was supported by over 60 young footballers. Together, they raised \$213,500 JMD for donation in Dunkley Basic School in Newell.



Pictured L to R: American Friends of Jamaica director Kathleen Newman and husband, Mark, pictured right were some of earliest to visit the site of the newly erected wood working shop at the BREDS Sports Park ahead of the first HEART/NTA Carpentry course.

Help build what comes next



The stories in this report show what becomes possible when people invest in Treasure Beach. Your gift can help BREDS continue supporting education and youth development, restoring livelihoods, protecting our environment and expanding access to community health services.

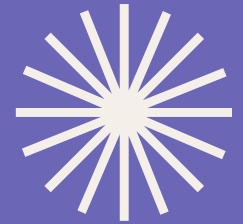
- **Donate** to support a specific programme area: education, youth development, healthcare, agriculture, fishing, small business development or conservation.
- **Become a corporate partner** to help expand our programmes and create the positive impact for the communities we serve.
- **Introduce us to a funding or grant opportunities** that align with our mission.
- **Share our stories** with your network - friends, family, colleagues and peers.

We would love to hear from you.

Contact info@bredsfoundation.org.

GIVE FOR GOOD

Recovery blossoms into resilience



To the donors, partners, volunteers and community members who have stood with Treasure Beach: thank you. Your generosity and commitment have helped families recover, kept vital programmes moving and supported the work described in these pages.

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