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The Heritage and Archives Committee is featuring our international chapter in this article;
the Jamaica Alumnae Chapter

Jamaica Alumnae Chapter was chartered on April 4, 2004 by sorors: Carol Ann Dexter, Patrice Antonia Dwyer, Ellan A. Edwards, Jessica Anthea Edwards, Christine Anna-Kay MacDonald, Marcia Onika McClenan-McDonald, Deborah Michelle McIntosh, Janique Mishael Ricketts, Jennifer Renee Simon, Latoya Anthea Smart and Christine A. Walters. The chapter celebrated its 15th Anniversary with ten (10) financially active sorors. Strategic planning retreats were hosted in December 2018 and August 2019.

Officers of the chapter are:

Jewel Daniels Radford, President

Kerry Ann Dyce, Internal Audit Chair

Shelia McKeithen, Recording Secretary

Kerry Ann Dyce- Vice President

Janice Anderson, Chair, Nominating Committee

Ilana Dickson, Treasurer/ Corresponding Secretary

Soror Jewel W. Radford described the past year as doing what Deltas do best; serving communities. "The Jamaica Alumnae Chapter welcomed nearly 10 groups of sorors, including various U.S. and international chapter sorors, as well as those celebrating their Deltaversary." Members of the Chapter gathered with about two hundred Sorors on mission to serve. Traveling from North to West coast and visiting in between, the sorors stopped at the Basic School in Anchovy. They read to the children and gave gifts of books, clothing and a stove.

Serving educational needs of youth is fundamental. Traveling to the Montego Bay Home for Girls, a 15-bed facility also known as Melody House, was established in 1979. It is a private, nonprofit organization located outside Montego Bay, Jamaica that provides housing to abandoned and abused girls. Sorors sang songs, recited poems, and read letters to the youth as means of encouragement.

The Jamaica Alumnae Chapter has a long history of supporting young ladies at 'Eve for Life', founded in 2008 in response to a dire need for support to women and children living with or affected by HIV and AIDS.

Jamaica Alumnae sponsors the "Beautiful Me Project" as a part of the Chapter's programming with Mary's Child, a government home for unwed mothers where many of the girls were impregnated through rape. A program was held on November 24, 2018 in Kingston utilizing services of a local make-up artist teaching personal hygiene and giving makeovers.

Jamaica's Shortwood Library was the location for a book reading hosted by Soror Primrose Cameron, author of [Princess Goes to Washington](#). Soror Sheila McKeithen, recording secretary, led a book discussion of, [Becoming](#), by former First Lady Michelle Obama.

Jamaica Alumnae Chapter is on the move and taking care of the business of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

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