

1st Annual Report to residents of South East St. Andrew

from Julian J. Robinson, Member of Parliament

December 31, 2012

Dear residents,

On this, the first anniversary of my election, which took place on December 29, 2011, I am pleased to report on my stewardship as your Member of Parliament. Although the past year has been a particularly challenging one for us as a country and indeed in the constituency, we have been able to achieve much.

I wish to thank all the constituents of SE St. Andrew for the faith and confidence reposed in me and for your patience and understanding as we work together to build better communities and a strong nation. I also want to commend Councillors Andrew Swaby of the Vineyard Town Division and Kari Douglas of the Trafalgar Division for their support and work over the last year.

In the past year, activities within the constituency have focused on a few key areas, in keeping with commitments I made as a candidate. Below is a brief account of the activities and achievements of 2012:

1) Commitment to a participatory democracy – hosting Constituency Development Fund (CDF) consultations

As Member of Parliament, I hosted two community consultations to discuss the allocation and use of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF). The first took place on April 12, 2012 at the Unity Church Hall in the Trafalgar Division and the second on April 19, 2012 at the Christ Church Hall in the Vineyard Town Division. At the consultations, I presented the projects completed and the monies expended for the financial year 2011/12 and sought feedback and suggestions on how the CDF should be spent for the new financial year 2012/13. At the consultations, presentations were given by representatives of the CDF Project Office, the National Works Agency, the HEART Trust/NTA and the Social Development Commission (SDC).



CDF Consultation at Christ Church, Vineyard Town, April 19, 2012 (L-R) Pauline Scott-Blair-CDF Project Office, MP Julian Robinson, Moveta Munroe-CDF Project Office, and Father Jim Parkes-Rector, Christ Church, listen intently as Colin Morrison of the NWA makes a point.

2) Commitment to early childhood education- workshop for principals and board chairpersons of basic schools

On October 30, 2012, I hosted a workshop for the principals and board chairpersons of all the basic schools in the constituency. The workshop focused on assisting the schools in meeting the standards outlined by the Early Childhood Commission (ECC) and in identifying areas of collaboration among the schools. Presentations were made by the chairperson of the ECC Prof. Maureen Samms Vaughan, President of the National Parent Teachers Association, Everton Hannam and an early childhood practitioner and founder of El Centre, Rachael McDonald. Each principal gave a presentation on the status of their school with respect to meeting the ECC requirements.



(L) MP Julian Robinson, and (R) President of the National Parent Teachers Association Everton Hannam ponder a point made by Early Childhood Commission Chairperson Prof Maureen Samms Vaughan at the Workshop for basic school principals and board chairpersons, .

3) Commitment to early childhood education – building of additional classrooms at the Destowe Bennett Basic School on Langston Road

This year, the largest CDF project in the constituency, representing an expenditure of \$5.7 Million was the construction of additional classrooms at the Destowe Bennett Basic School on Langston Road. 90% of the work has been completed and we expect to hand over the building by February 2013.



Principal of Destowe Bennett Basic School, Mrs. Marcia Barnaby observing the construction

4) Commitment to improving education – hosted summer reading camps across constituency

During the month of July 2012, over 1,000 students from seven communities across the constituency participated in a series of two-week summer reading camps. The camps were supervised by a team of volunteers from the National Youth Service as well as trained early childhood teachers. Participants came from the communities of Swallowfield, Nannyville, Woodford Park, McGregor, Slipe Road, Jacques Road and Vineyard Town. The camps targeted four categories of students, 4-6 year olds at the pre-primary level; 7-9 year olds preparing for the Grade 4 Literacy and Numeracy Exams; 10-12 year olds preparing for GSAT and high school students aged 12-16 years old. All students were assessed at both the start and end of the programme to determine their progress in improving basic skills in critical reading.



MP Julian Robinson visiting students at the summer reading camp held at the Nannyville Basic School

5) Commitment to enhancing employment opportunities and career development – hosted career fair

In collaboration with the HEART Trust NTA, on June 28, 2012 I hosted a career and information fair for members of the constituency at the Sir Howard Cooke Centre for Career Development. There were over 220 registered participants, who received career guidance and coaching, and had opportunities to try out various different skills and disciplines including masonry, cosmetology, and computer repairs. HEART processed applications for a number of persons wishing to enter their programs. The Registrar General's Department (RGD) processed applications for birth certificates, while representatives of other government agencies assisted persons in obtaining vital documentation such as their TRN and NIS. A number of public and private sector companies participated in the fair and hosted display booths. These included:

- Citizens Security and Justice Programme (CSJP)
- City of Kingston Credit Union (COK)
- Jamaica Business Development Corporation (JBDC)
- Ministry of Health (MOH Mobile Unit)
- National Insurance Scheme (NIS)
- Serge Island Dairies
- Tax Registration Unit (TRN)
- Registrar General Department (RGD)
- Vocational Training Development Institute (VTDI)



A participant in the career fair has her nails done by a HEART cosmetology student

6) Commitment to promoting health lifestyles – hosted two dental health fairs

In collaboration with the University of Technology's Department of Oral Health Sciences and the Brush Up Jamaica team, I hosted two dental health fairs for members of the constituency. The first, a National Child Month Health Fair was held on May 26, 2012 and targeted children from the ages of 5 to 17. Over 250 participants received free dental health treatment and advice. There was also time for fun as well, and recreation included chess, football, a bounce about and learning about animals at the Hope Gardens petting zoo. The second dental health fair was held on October 17, 2012 and targeted adults. Over 200 persons received free dental care at that event.



MP Julian Robinson observing a dental procedure being done on a student

7) Commitment to improving and preserving our infrastructure – maintaining and repairing our roads and gullies

The state of roads in the constituency and in particular in Vineyard Town has been a source of concern for some time. We were able to get a number of roads repaired this year, while others are slated for repair early in the new year. While I recognize that this doesn't cover all the roads in need of repair, I am committed to tackling them as resources become available.

Vineyard Town (repaired)

- Deanery Avenue
- Francis Ave
- Langston Road
- Merrion Road (requires more work)
- Diana Drive

Vineyard Town (scheduled for repair in 1st quarter 2013)

- Vineyard Road
- First Avenue
- Central Avenue
- Heathfield Avenue

- Dorset Avenue
- Trees Avenue

Woodford Park

- Dames Road
- Anderson Road
- Hope Street

Nannyville

- Nanny Boulevard
- Repairs to gully wall

Swallowfield

- Providence Pen Lane
- Spaulding Lane
- Watson Avenue
- Central Avenue
- Swallowfield Road

New Kingston

- Argyle Road
- Musgrave Avenue
- Pawsey Road
- Lords Road
- Oval Road
- Worthington Avenue
- Haining Road
- Altamont Crescent
- Winchester Road
- Ripon Road
- Eureka Road
- Oxford Park Avenue
- Kensington Road
- Chelsea Avenue
- Dumfries Road
- Haughton Avenue

Trafalgar Park

- Hamilton Drive
- Lord Nelson Way
- Cornwall Close
- Mallet Avenue
- Breary Avenue

Other roads repaired

- Cliveden Avenue

- Tyndhurst Avenue
- Tremaine Road

Repairs to gullies

- Work has commenced to repair a breach to the gully that runs behind First Avenue in Vineyard Town – work should be completed in by February 2013
- Work will commence early in the new year to repair the gully in Woodford Park that runs below Dames Road

8) Additional activities

In addition to the above mentioned projects and activities, I utilized allocations from the CDF for the following purposes:

- Educational support (tuition and books) for needy primary, secondary and tertiary students
- Constituency-wide beautification (bushing, painting of curb walls) and drain cleaning program
- Support for sports teams – Mountain View football club, New Kingston football club, Swallowfield basketball team, Skibo netball team (McGregor)