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#### **Jamaica open for business**

Just five days after the passage of category 4 Hurricane Dean, most of Jamaica's tourism infrastructure is now up and running. Damage to these properties was minimal to non-existent and most resorts, attractions, seaports and airports are open for business. In the meantime, forty per cent of customers of the nation's power supply company are now with electricity and many more will receive the service by this weekend. Regarding the nation's water supply, sixty (60) per cent of the island's capacity has been restored. Hurricane Dean passed within 50 miles of Jamaica's South Coast on Sunday, August 19.

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#### **American Friends of Jamaica makes donation for hurricane relief**

Following the passage of Hurricane Dean on August 19, the American Friends of Jamaica (AFJ), has responded to the needs of Jamaican citizens with **A Thousand Roofs of Love** in partnership with Jamaica's Missionaries of the Poor.

The project, which was initiated by former United States Ambassador to Jamaica, Sue Cobb and her husband Chuck, has gained the support of the current U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica, Brenda LaGrange Johnson and husband J. Howard Johnson along with AFJ President, Ambassador Glen Holden and wife Gloria. Each has personally pledged US\$20,000.00 to support roof rebuilding and repairs as well as providing food for 1,000 homes. The support of individuals and companies is being solicited to help the group to reach a target of US\$250, 000.00 to provide each of the 1000 Jamaican homes with US\$200.00 for roofing material and US\$50.00 for food.

[For further information telephone: 212-626-6883]

#### **Hurricane Dean postpones crowning of Miss Jamaica World**

The grand coronation show for the 2007 Miss Jamaica World title will take place tomorrow, Saturday, August 25 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston. The event was originally scheduled to take place on August 18 but had to be postponed because of Hurricane Dean. Sixteen contestants will vie for the chance to represent Jamaica at the Miss World Show in Sanya, China on December 1. This year's competition provides patrons the opportunity to judge the contestants themselves through an online voting process at the contest's website at [www.missjamaicaworld.com](http://www.missjamaicaworld.com) .

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### **REMINDERS**

#### **CVM TV Port Royal Music Festival**

The second staging of the CVM TV Port Royal Music Festival will take place from September 7- 9 at the Morgan's Harbour Hotel and Marina as well as the Port Royal Entertainment Centre. The festival includes an array of highly acclaimed artistes including Regina Belle, Brian McKnight, Maxi Priest and Dean Fraser.

[For further information visit: [www.portroyalmusicfestival.com](http://www.portroyalmusicfestival.com) ]

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