The increase in need for humanitarian assistance is in the forefront of today’s news. Due to increased need and overwhelming interest, there will be two trips bound for Jamaica in 2018. On January 13 and 27, 2018, Doug Dahms will lead educators and students from Wilson High School to Jamaica on a trip filled with both incredible education opportunities as well as much needed humanitarian efforts. Doug and his team have been taking students on this incredible journey for 22 years.

Many of the students who have participated in the past have described the experience as “life-changing”. While Doug conducts hands-on lessons in marine biology, Carolyn Houtz and Susie Olson organize the humanitarian efforts of the trip. The students take their second checked luggage bag and a carry-on bag filled with donations. Each day the students will visit the local infirmary to take donated items and items of “comfort”. They also help the staff at the Infirmary and the hotel. They take most anything including medical supplies. In addition to items, they also accept monetary donations to purchase requested items both here and in Jamaica. This year they have received requests for used, workable laptops, workable and unlocked cell phones, radios, phone cards, propane gas for cooking and groceries for the patients and staff. The patients receive their main meal at lunch and a very modest dinner normally consisting of tea and crackers. This year the team is planning to provide a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with a fruit drink. This will be a very special treat!

Doug and his team would like to thank everyone who has donated in the past and hope that you will continue to help them with this very worthy endeavor. The people who receive the donated items are thankful beyond words. Although Doug and Susie have compiled a “wish list” of items they are seeking to be donated, the greater need this year is for monetary donations. Donations can be dropped off at the Wilson High School Lower House Office with “Dahms-Jamaica” marked on the package. Monetary donations should be made payable to “Doug Dahms” and can either be dropped off at the Wilson High School or mailed to: Wilson High School, Attn: Dahms-Jamaica, 2601 Grandview Boulevard, West Lawn, PA 19609. All items are needed by Thursday, January 4, 2018. They will pack the items for the trip the weekend of January 6 and 7, so it is important items are received by that time to be packed and so they do not go and purchase needed items.

Please note: Please do NOT send any clothing, shoes or children’s books. They have a large inventory of these items.
Thank you to everyone who has donated in the past and plan to donate this year as well!

Wish List

- **MONEY**: This is the greatest need this year! Cash or checks are accepted and welcomed. Checks should be made payable to “Doug Dahms” or “Susie Olson”. The monetary donations are used to purchase food including crackers and juice for the patients, CD radios, DVD players, cell phone cards as well as any needed item that is not donated.

- A small toiletry bag is filled for all of the Infirmary workers, patients, hotel workers, and some locals. Approximately 125 bags are needed. These can be generic items and Dollar store items.
  
  1. **TOILETRIES** (large bottles) Shampoo, Lotion, Deodorant (men's and women's), Toothpaste, and Bath Soap. Already have a large supply of toothbrushes.

  2. **HOTEL TOILETRIES**: (small hotel-size) Lotion, Shampoo, Soap, and a Small Toothpaste. These items are added to the school supplies bag for the children in the hills. You can ask your dentist if he/she would donate these. 400 sets are needed.

  3. **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**: School supplies include: Composition books or 1-subject notebooks, Glue Sticks, 8-10 pack Pencils, 24-pack Crayons (Crazy Art), and Pencil Sharpeners, Rulers, Pink Erasers, and 2.5 gallon baggies to put the things inside.

    **Please note**: The school supplies and the hotel toiletries are packaged together, however, they do have a healthy amount of school supplies. There is a greater need this year for the toiletries than the school supplies. Doug and Susie purchased and took 400+ sets of school supplies on their summer trip.

- **NURSES**: Scrub Tops and Pants, Crock shoes, light-colors or white. Watches.

- **WORKING LAPTOPS, TABLETS, ELECTRONICS, GAMES, Unlocked CELLPHONES**
  GSM network phones, with SIM Cards - Used is fine, but working please. AT&T is GSM.

- **MEDICAL SUPPLIES**: Band aides, Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen ($1 store and generic is fine), Gauze, Tape, Triple Antibiotic, Wheelchairs, Diabetes Strips and Tester, Sanitary Pads, Hair Shears, Colostomy Bags, Blood pressure cuffs, Sphygmomanometers, etc. JUST ABOUT ANYTHING MEDICAL, but can fit in a suitcase.

- **BATTERIES**: All sizes - AAA, AA, C, D, and 9 Volt. Rechargeable batteries with a charger is great!
SOME SPECIFIC ITEMS REQUESTED: (Subject to change)

- Baby Girl Clothing - 18-month to 2 year
- Yarn - Rasta colors - Red, Yellow, Black, Green - or any
- Clasps/buckles for bracelets (they make bracelets/necklaces out of yarn.
- Small Beads - Rasta colors - Red, Yellow, Black Green - or any
- Sandals and FlipFlops
- Multi-Vitamins
- Fans ($20-$25 stand/pedestal fans)
- DVD Players
- CD Players (small $20-$25)
- Small Flat screen TV's for the Infirmary Wards - 19” max
- Backpack School Bags (they love Jansport!)
- Electric Kettles (Walmart - $12-$16)
- Hair Shears
- Pressure Cooker (smaller)
- Electronic devices (contact Susie)

Anything you care to donate will be greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Susie at ddso495@aol.com and please put “Jamaica” as the subject. THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generosity on this worthwhile trip.

REMEMBER, NO CLOTHING or SHOES. They have quite a large inventory of clothing and each year, they barely have the room to take it all. Everything is hand-carried in suitcases, and hand delivered to people by them. There are no middle people involved. THANKS!