

# CPR TRAINING GETS A BOOST

## *JWOW presents Annie dolls to Red Cross MoBay*

By Volney Barrett

CPR or cardiopulmonary resuscitation training was on Thursday, August 25, 2011, given a boost yesterday after the Jamaica Women of Washington (JWOW) presented two Annie dolls to the Montego Bay branch of the Red Cross.

According to Branch Director and one of the CPR trainers in Western Jamaica, Edna Facey, the dolls could not have come at a better time, as their training sessions were being significantly impacted due to the fact that they only had one doll.

"We had just one red head CPR doll that was servicing St. James and Hanover and Westmoreland to a great extent and the demand is great for this kind of training," Harvey noted

She said that more persons as well as schools and organizations are becoming more interested in seeking CPR training and their just having one doll was hampering their speed of reach to these parties.

The initiative was spearheaded by corporate and celebrity personal trainer in Jamaica, Christopher Clarke, who had discovered the need by chance.

"Actually what I was doing was re-certifying for CPR and I noticed that the items they were using were deplorable so what I did ... I contacted a few people and then the Jamaican women of Washington, they finally took the steps to donate these items to the Red Cross," Clarke said in an interview after the presentation.

Jacqueline Watson, President of the Jamaica Women of Washington (JWOW), said that they were happy to have been able to assist in this venture.

"The Jamaica Women of Washington is a non-profit organization which was founded in 2003 and its membership comprises professional women all of Jamaican heritage," Dr. Watson said.

"We got the request via email and we thought that this was something that we had to do," she added.

JWOW organizes two major fundraising events per year dedicated to specific causes such as HIV/AIDS, mental health, substance abuse and the prevention of teenage pregnancy. JWOW has donated over US\$200,000 to Jamaica since its inception.



President of the Jamaica Women of Washington, Dr. Jacqueline Watson (left), presents one of the two Annie Dolls for CPR training to Head of the Montego Bay Branch of the Red Cross, Edna Facey (right). In the background is Fitness trainer, Christopher Clarke (centre).



Stacy-Ann Tomlinson (left). Programmes Director HIV and Youth, Marva Brissett (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Volunteer St. James Branch/Care Section Chairperson, Gary Palmer, Volunteer (partially hidden - 3<sup>rd</sup> left), Dr. Jacqueline Watson (4<sup>th</sup> left) President of the Jamaica Women of Washington, Christopher Clarke (centre), Fitness Trainer, Edna Facey (right) Head of the

Montego Bay Branch of the Red Cross, Dr. Stephen Price (2<sup>nd</sup> right and husband of Dr. Watson) and their son, Chad Price (right).

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