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**MBJ AIRPORTS LIMITED MEETS TARGET FOR BAHAMAS RELIEF FUNDRAISER**

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 9 December 2019 // The inaugural Team Sangster 5K Run/Walk hosted by MBJ Airports Limited, operator of the Sangster International Airport (SIA), raised USD 19,000 for charity on Saturday, November 30, 2019.

The initiative will see USD 15,000 donated to hurricane relief for The Abaco Islands in the Bahamas and USD 4,000 towards upgrades at the Victory Whitehouse Early Childhood Centre, an MBJ community outreach project.

“We are grateful to the Team Sangster community, which includes airport staff, partners and friends, who turned out for this good cause,” said Dr. Rafael Echevarne, CEO of MBJ Airports Ltd.

The chip-timed race, coordinated by Running Events Jamaica, took over 500 participants on a little-known part of the airport that provides unhindered views of the apron, then out to the Elegant Corridor and back.

The overall winner for the run category, Tyrese Reid, collected an airline ticket courtesy of Spirit Airlines, a timely gift as he takes up a scholarship at the University of Texas in 2020. Second place, Garth Abbott, received a ticket for two on Virgin Atlantic, while third place, Ricardo Cunningham, received a weekend for two at Secrets St. James.

In the walk category, top placer, Julliet Reeves, collected a ticket Spirit Airlines. Second place, Noel Wedderburn, received two airline tickets courtesy of COPA Airlines, while third place, Monique Samuels, received dinner for two at Sugar Mill at Half Moon.

Patrons were treated to an exciting post-run programme, which included the announcement of the winner for the airport’s Talent Showcase competition and complimentary breakfast catered by airport partners, Express Catering, GCG Catering and VIP Attractions.

The 5K run/walk was staged in partnership with Airports Authority of Jamaica; Hospiten; GCG Ground Services; Dufry; Club Mobay; Avis; Bhavela Jamaica; Communicase; Global Exchange; Interspace – Clear Channel; MBJ Concessionaires’ Association; and Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA).

The 5K also launched the airport’s Safety Week, a series of events from December 2 – 7, to educate stakeholders and the public on MBJ Airport Limited’s commitment to a culture of safety at the airport.





**About MJB Airports:**

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record 4.5m passenger used the airport in 2018. MJB operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and the airport provides employment to more than 7,000 persons. SIA has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for the past 11 years in a row.

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