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Message from our President

It's extraordinary to think of how long it has been since we founded the Sandals Foundation and how much we have achieved together.

Growing up, my mother said, "You don't have to have anything to help." My father said, "You have to work hard so that you have the means to help others." Somewhere in the middle, that gave us the idea to form the Sandals Foundation.

Travel empowers. For 16 years, our vision to create a space that takes a structured look at meeting local needs and solving real challenges within our Caribbean communities has become more significant than we ever imagined. The unique identities of our islands have been found to share commonalities in the problems they face. Together, we have taken a strategic approach to tackle these cross-cutting themes - ensuring human capacity is developed, infrastructure is enhanced, essential services are accessible, and people are confident they can count on our word.

More than 100 million USD has been pumped into development projects, changing lives every day. As we continue to look for the gaps, we will work with governments on how to achieve national agendas and elevate this beautiful region to align with first-world nations. From renewable energy sources and more comprehensive conservation efforts to investments in education and skills training, we will continue to engage the support of our travel and airline partners, our team members, and most importantly, our guests to inspire hope.

Best of all: we're just warming up.

Adam Stewart, Executive Chairman of Sandals Resorts International President of the Sandals Foundation CD, Hon. LLD





to transform lives, economies, futures - and all of it begins with a deep respect for the environment, its people, and culture."

– Adam Stewart

Message from our **Executive** Director



Our mission to inspire hope is achieved when Caribbean people gain the confidence they need to make decisions to improve their lives, and organizations are empowered with the authority to act.

In so many ways, we have witnessed the effects of hope come full circle. School water systems installed to improve the academic fraternity's sanitation needs now serve the wider community. Care for Kids scholarship recipients have forged careers and formed their foundations to continue the change cycle. A network of farmers trained in business management and critical infrastructure now support the needs of their communities, counsel next generation producers, and offer unique farm-to-table tour experiences for local and international guests. Lives saved due to infrastructure upgrades to healthcare facilities continue to increase, and marine conservation efforts have changed community behavior - with once reluctant residents becoming the most prominent advocates.

We have seen firsthand the positive transformation that can be made when we collaborate with local partners who share our vision to do good. We are continuously grateful o every stakeholder within the travel industry who pulls upon the strength of their network and resources for the love of the Caribbean.

For 16 years, we have witnessed the strength of tourism and how it drives change. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Heidi Clarke

Heidi Clarke, **Executive Director of the Sandals Foundation**





Our passionate team is dedicated to providing opportunities through investments in **education**, the **environment**, and **community** so that the quality of life for Caribbean families will be better today, tomorrow, and beyond.

GUIDED BY OUR

WE INSPIRE HOPE

We are driving positive sustainable change.
We serve all with love and passion.
We lead with trust and integrity.
We are committed to excellence through innovation and adaptability.
Together, we make each moment count.

EDUCATION

Tools for Today, Dreams for Tomorrow.

Education changes everything. It's the light of a new day, sparking dreams and unlocking potential. At the Sandals Foundation, we take that spark and fan it into a flame. From building schools to equipping teachers with the tools to inspire, we're dedicated to making every learning space as nurturing as the Caribbean sun. Whether we're helping local schools flourish or giving our guests a taste of island wisdom through hands-on experiences, our mission is simple: share the power of education to create a brighter future. Together, we're inspiring the next generation to dream bigger, reach further, and write their own success stories.

PROJECTS EMPOWERING BRIGHTER FUTURES

Care for Kids Scholarship Program (Caribbean-Wide): Providing financial support for high-performing students to achieve their academic dreams.

USAID Positive Pathways Project (Jamaica): Engaging youth in life skills programs to build relationships with families and communities.

Freedom Skatepark Homework Program (Jamaica): Offering mentorship, positive outlets, and academic support to at-risk youth.

King's Trust International TEAMS Program (Barbados and Saint Lucia): Helping youth develop life skills and gain mentorship through holistic programs.

Ocean Connect Swim Program (Grenada): Teaching safe water habits and changing cultural attitudes towards swimming. Workforce Development/Training and Certification (Caribbean-Wide): Providing young people with job training and certifications to increase employability.

Alpha School of Music (Jamaica): Empowering aspiring musicians through professional training and mentorship.

Early Pages Literacy Program (Eastern Caribbean): Supporting early childhood literacy with the region's first literacy manual.

Floating Classroom (Antigua and Barbuda): Combining education and environmental awareness on immersive field trips.

Lessons Alive Digital Learning Initiative (Caribbean-Wide): Bridging the digital divide by increasing students' access to learning devices.









Opening Doors, One Scholarship at a Time.

When the Sandals Foundation launched the Care for Kids Scholarship in 2009, the dream was simple: give high-achieving students from underserved Caribbean communities the tools to rewrite their stories. Today, more than 200 scholars are proof of what's possible when you pair ambition with support.

This isn't just about covering tuition. It's about delivering essentials like books, uniforms, and transportation — everything students need to thrive. It's about walking alongside them, celebrating their wins, and lifting them through challenges.

Take Dr. Nicole Nation, who rose above the odds of a tough neighborhood to become a doctor and a force for good through her own foundation. Or Kelsey Jones, who's gearing up to graduate from St. George's University in 2026, ready to bring better animal care to Grenada's shores. Then, there's Waydeja, Richard, Nyla, and so many others — each one a spark lighting up the future of the Caribbean.

"The Sandals Foundation is more than financial support," Kelsey shares. "They're family, rooting for me every step of the way."

This is what impact looks like: brighter futures, stronger communities, and generations ready to rise. Want to join us? Support a scholar and be part of the story at sandalsfoundation.org.





Richard started in the Care for Kids program at the age of twelve. He remained involved in the program throughout his four years of tertiary-level studies at Moneague College, where he studied Finance and Management. With a passion for giving back, he aims to use his education to empower his Jamaican community through financial literacy. **Richard Johnson, Jamaica**

"My goal is to earn my Association of Chartered Certified Accountants qualification and become a professional accountant. I want to use that achievement to refine my skills, excel in my role, and grow into the best version of myself. Giving back to my community is a priority I'll carry with me every step of the way."



Shaquana, a proud Grenadian, is a testament to the impact of the Care for Kids program. Grateful for the help she received, Shaquana is driven by a deep desire to give back to her family, her community, and future generations. **Shaquana Charles, Grenada**

"I was part of the Care for Kids program throughout high school, from 2015 to 2020. Math was always my favorite subject, and now I'm in college studying natural sciences. I'm so grateful for the support. My dream is to become a pediatrician – to give back to my family, my community, and those who need it most."



ENVIRONMENT

Our Planet, Our Responsibility.

The Caribbean's natural beauty is our greatest asset, and protecting it is our sacred responsibility. From marine conservation to community-driven sustainability programs, the Sandals Foundation is committed to leaving a legacy that keeps the Caribbean's ecosystems thriving for generations to come.

PROJECTS PROTECTING OUR ECOSYSTEMS

Boscobel Marine Sanctuary Management (Jamaica): Protecting marine ecosystems and promoting biodiversity through managed sanctuaries.

Whitehouse Marine Sanctuary Management (Jamaica): Preserving marine life and encouraging sustainable fishing practices.

Salt Marsh Mangrove Conservation Project (Jamaica): Enhancing mangrove coverage for coastal protection and biodiversity.

Sea Turtle Conservation (Curaçao): Safeguarding sea turtles through habitat protection and conservation education.

Coral Restoration and Outreach Project (Jamaica): Restoring coral reefs and raising awareness about their ecological importance.

Bluefields Bay Fishermen's Friendly Society Sea Turtle Project (Jamaica): Protecting nesting turtles and supporting community-driven conservation efforts.

Reef Rescue Project (Nassau): Restoring coral reefs to promote healthier marine ecosystems.

Johnson's Point Community Coastal Stewardship (Antigua and Barbuda): Educating and mobilizing communities to protect coastlines.

Coastal Rehabilitation and Awareness Projects with Grenada Conservation Trust (Grenada): Promoting eco-tourism and coastal restoration.

Future Goals (Curaçao): Recycling plastics and lost fishing nets into useful items like football goals.

Tree Planting and Enhanced Visitor Experiences at Lucayan National Park (Bahamas): Supporting eco-tourism and environmental restoration through tree planting.

Shark Education (Jamaica & Turks and Caicos): Teaching students about the importance of sharks in marine ecosystems.

Mangrove Conservation Project (Jamaica): Rehabilitating mangroves to support biodiversity and coastal resilience.

Floating Classroom (Antigua and Barbuda): Introducing youth to offshore ecosystems through experiential field trips.

Adopt A Coastline's Coastal Stewardship Program (Antigua): Conducting coastal clean-ups and planting trees to educate and empower youth and women in coastal communities.

Paws, Purrs, and **Partmerships**







In the Caribbean, we don't just love the sun and sea we've got a soft spot for paws and wagging tails, too. Animals aren't just companions here, they're part of the rhythm of island life. They greet the day with us, wander our resort grounds, and remind us of the simple joys in life.

At Sandals, we're making sure every furry friend has the care they deserve. Just a month after opening our doors in Saint Vincent and The Grenadines in 2024, we teamed up with the Vincentian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (VSPCA). Together, we rolled out a four-day spay and neuter clinic, caring for more than 2,000 cats and dogs.

And this is no one-off effort. Since 2013, Sandals Royal Bahamian and the Sandals Foundation have partnered with the Bahamas Humane Society, BAARK!, and Animal Balance to look after more than 6,000 dogs. In Saint Lucia, our support of the Animal Protection Society ensures strays and pets alike get proper nutrition, medical care, and lots of tender loving care.

Why does this matter? Because the wellbeing of animals touches everything — from the health of our communities to the sustainability of our islands. It's why we'll keep working hand-in-paw with local partners to care for the creatures that call the Caribbean home.

So, next time you visit, say "hi" to our resort's four-legged friends. They're happy, healthy, and proof that at Sandals and Beaches Resorts, love really is all-inclusive.















The Sandals Foundation was born and hit the ground running with Great Shape! Inc.



Partners with Pack For A Purpose.

Launches Reading Road Trip.

Establishes partnership with Hasbro for toy distribution in the Caribbean every Chirstmas.





Care for Kids scholarship program expands to include The Bahamas, Saint Lucia, and Turks and Caicos Islands.

Establishment of Sandals Whitehouse Special Fishery Conservation Area.

Launch of Turtle Tours with Island Routes in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, and Antigua and Barbuda.





Partnership commences with SickKids Caribbean Initiative.

Establishment of the Sandals Boscobel Special Fishery Conservation Area.

Establishment of partnership with Hands Across the Sea for upgrades of libraries in Saint Lucia.



The beginning of coral conservation with the establishment of two coral nurseries on the north and south coasts of Jamaica.

Launch of Island Impact.

Voluntourism program in partnership with Beaches and Island Routes.



Launch of artisan program in partnership with Sandals Resorts' retail division.

Launch of Women Helping Others Achieve (WHOA) partnership with ambassador Cedella Marley.



Established two new coral nurseries in partnership with CLEAR Caribbean within the Soufrière Marine Protected Area.

Sandals Foundation undertakes 14 hurricane relief projects in Turks and Caicos, Haiti, Dominica, Barbuda, and The Bahamas.



Sandals Foundation partnership with National Education Trust using Coca Cola Latin America designated funds to support water catchment and sanitization in 7 schools in Jamaica.

The Sandals Foundation receives approval for association with The Department of Global Communications (DGC) of the United Nations. Attended the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference in Salt Lake City.

Launches Ocean Connect, an umbrella program which aims to safeguard island nationals around water and teach swimming skills.

Coral Nursery Diver Specialty Course developed and accredited as a PADI Distinctive specialty. Program acts as a sustainable funding mechanism for the Saint Lucia Coral Restoration Project, completed in March 2020.

Lessons Alive social media campaign launches to increase students' access to digital learning devices and help prepare schools to support the evolving needs of the education system due to the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Creation of the island's first primary-level environmental curriculum for The Bahamas.

Intensifies its Caribbean conservation efforts by committing to plant 10,000 trees by June 2022.



2020



Becomes a member of the Caribbean Development Partners Group (CDPG) of the Caribbean Disaster

Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).

Sandals Foundation and Sandals Resorts partner with international football club AFC Ajax from The Netherlands to launch Future Goals.



Intensifies its efforts to bolster the region's capacity to meet nutritional needs through food security initiatives.

Hosts first Island Run Antigua to benefit the Pediatric Unit of Mount St. John's Medical Center.

Funds the creation of the Eastern Caribbean's first literacy manual, Early Pages Program.



The Sandals Foundation proudly commemorated its 15th anniversary and reaffirmed its commitment to improving Caribbean communities and empowering lives.

Hosted the 26th RedLAC Congress in Saint Lucia, marking a historic first for a Caribbean island. More than 200 delegates representing 34 conservation trust funds and 25 countries convened to share strategies, explore new opportunities, and strengthen their pledge to protect 30% of terrestrial and marine ecosystems by 2030.

Funded the first Third Sector meeting in Barbados. Nearly 100 representatives from non-governmental organizations, voluntary groups, welfare entities, and private-sector charitable arms gathered to establish a collective framework for charitable operations in Barbados.



COMMUNITY

Your Vacation Creates a Wave of Change

Change starts small — like planting a seed, teaching a skill, or opening a door. At the Sandals Foundation, we collaborate with local leaders, governments, and donors to empower at-risk youth, women, and entrepreneurs. Every investment — whether it's a book, a workshop, or a business loan strengthens families and communities, creating a ripple that spreads across our islands.

Together, we're not just changing lives; we're shaping a brighter Caribbean, one person and one community at a time.

PROJECTS STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES

Steer Town Youth Engagement and Economic Empowerment Program (Jamaica): Promoting peace and employment opportunities through youth-focused programs.

Swetes Village Basketball & Netball Court (Antigua): Providing safe recreational spaces and encouraging life skill development through sports.

Upgrades to New Beginnings Transit Home (Saint Lucia): Creating a safe haven for abused and neglected children aged 2 to 16.

Vetiver Livelihood Rehabilitation Program (Saint Vincent and The Grenadines): Equipping prisoners with craft and farming skills to reduce recidivism rates. Women Helping Others Achieve (WHOA) Program (Caribbean-Wide): Supporting women through cancer care, skills training, and economic empowerment.

Farm-to-Table Female Farmer Tours (Grenada): Empowering women farmers to supply hotels and lead eco-friendly tours.

Community Health Fairs (Caribbean-Wide): Bringing essential healthcare services to underserved rural communities.

Animal Welfare Partnerships: Collaborating with organizations like the Vincentian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Bahamas Humane Society to provide spay/neuter clinics and improve animal welfare.

EMPOWERING THE FUTURE: NURTURING DREAMS AND TALENTS IN CARIBBEAN YOUTH.

King's Trust International TEAMS Program (Barbados & Saint Lucia): Youth engagement program to help participants develop key life skills, work experience, and holistic mentorship.



The Sandals Foundation fundamentally believes that in empowering the next generation, we are creating a future in which they can thrive. By investing in academics, sports, music, skills training, and workforce development at every stage of their growth, we are opening opportunities for young people to dream big and make their dreams a reality.

Our holistic approach also taps into their psychosocial needs, helping them develop key life skills and get connected to mentors they can trust. Together with partner organizations, we have seen how introducing golf into the life of a sevenyear-old has helped him grow into a world-class athlete. Now, over 20 years later, he represents his country and wins medals on the international stage. Music students have now curated professions that entertain, and job opportunities have helped many find direction.

YOUTH PROGRAMS DRIVING CHANGE

Care for Kids Junior Golf Program (Jamaica): Introducing children ages 7 to 18 to the game of golf — providing lessons, mentorship, healthy meals and academic guidance.

USAID Positive Pathways Project (Jamaica): Program to engage some 240 youth aged 10 to 24 in critical life skills and supporting their relationships with their families, schools, communities, and other state institutions.

Tiger Tennis (Saint Lucia): Providing free weekly tennis lessons to primary school students.

Freedom Skatepark Homework Program (Jamaica): Funding mentors and teachers at the largest skate park in Jamaica. Offering at-risk youth with a positive, constructive and healthy outlet for expression. Steer Town Youth Engagement and Economic

Empowerment Programme (Jamaica): Partnership with the Violence Prevention Alliance alongside Coca Cola Latin America and the Social Development Commission geared at educating youth, parents, teachers, and community members on alternative positive pathways to build community peace, well-being, and increase employment opportunities for youth.

Ocean Connect (Grenada): Swim program teaching safe water habits and changing an island's culture towards swimming.

Nelson Ranger Golf Summer Camp (Exuma): Personal development program for underserved youth in Exuma providing free golf lessons and mentorship to young men and women ages 7 to 17.

Swetes Village Basketball & Netball Court (Antigua): Resurfaced basketball and netball courts providing healthy recreation and life-skill development.

Upgrades to the New Beginnings Transit Home (Saint Lucia): A temporary place of safety for children ages 2 to 16 who are victims of abuse, neglect, and in need of care and protection.

Grow Well Golf (Saint Lucia): After-school youth program introducing the game of golf to more than 100 youths.

Project STAR (Jamaica): Five-year community-led program of the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica implementing social transformation initiatives in key communities.



"Our primary goal is to invest in sustainable projects that empower lives and provide second chances," says Heidi Clarke, Executive Director of the Sandals Foundation. "Together, we're helping society's most marginalized members find their purpose and guiding at-risk youth to channel their energy into life-changing opportunities."

Second Chances, New Beginnings.





On the island of Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, we've teamed up with Hand2Earth to offer second chances through the Vetiver Livelihood Prisoner Rehabilitation and Re-Socializing Training Program. Since 2015, we've trained over 160 incarcerated individuals in skills like craftsmanship, sales, sustainable farming, and ecoentrepreneurship. But it's more than just learning a trade this initiative helps them regain a sense of purpose. A portion of the income they generate through these products goes directly to support their families, creating a positive ripple effect in the community.

We didn't stop there. Together with Hand2Earth, we established the Vetiver Heritage Craft and Design Center. Here, incarcerated persons not only hone their craft and entrepreneurial skills but also build confidence and selfesteem — crucial tools for a fresh start. Our commitment to giving second chances goes far beyond Saint Vincent. We've partnered with:

Stand Up Jamaica, where inmates receive academic lessons and the opportunity to take secondary school exams.

Women Helping Others Achieve (WHOA), a Caribbeanbased initiative dedicated to supporting marginalized women through mentorship, education, and essential tools.

PACE Foundation in The Bahamas, where teen mothers complete their education and rewrite their future for themselves and their little ones.

At Sandals, we believe everyone deserves the chance to right their wrongs and create a brighter future – for themselves, their families, and their communities.



The Caribbean's story is written in its land and traditions, each island adding its own chapter. At the Sandals Foundation, we're proud to help preserve these roots ensuring that future generations can learn, connect, and grow from the natural and cultural heritage that makes this region extraordinary.

Roots to Rise: Honoring the Caribbean's Natural and Cultural Heritage.



In Barbados, the Andromeda Ethnobotanical Garden is where tradition blooms. Together with Passiflora Ltd., we've created a sanctuary of native plants that speak to the island's rich culture, medicine, and crafts.

This garden doesn't just preserve plants: it inspires, serving as a hub for education, research, and the preservation of traditional practices. From artisans weaving history into every craft to researchers uncovering the secrets of ethnobotany, the Andromeda garden nurtures Barbados' roots in every sense.

Antigua's Silston Public Library is more than a building – it's a vault of stories. In partnership with the Silston Library Restoration Committee, we've restored this historic gem, giving more than 600 Antiguans and Barbudans annual access to invaluable cultural artifacts and intellectual materials. By safeguarding this treasure, we're protecting Antigua's history for generations to come.

In Jamaica's UNESCO-designated Blue and John Crow Mountains, we've planted more than 7,000 trees to preserve the island's bio diversity. These trees not only restore the land, but also enhance the scenic trails that bring hikers and bikers face-to-face with Jamaica's natural wonders.

Across the island of Turks and Caicos, the Cultural Marketplace and Pineapple Craft Market have found new life under our care. By investing in their development, we're giving local artisans a platform to share their creations and visitors a piece of the Caribbean to take home.

Preserving the Caribbean's natural and cultural heritage is about more than safeguarding the past. It's about building a bridge to the future — one that strengthens communities, sustains ecosystems, and celebrates the vibrant soul of the islands we call home.

For Health and Well-Being

In 2015, one hundred and ninety-one countries affirmed with the United Nations the importance of promoting good health for everyone of all ages. The Sandals Foundation fundamentally believes in the importance of all members of Caribbean communities having access to services and information that foster healthy lifestyles, support preventive measures, and ensure equity in modern and efficient health programs.

To help meet these global goals, we have invested in developing the infrastructure, expertise, and resources needed to fight childhood cancer, support broader pediatric healthcare, reduce mortality from non-communicable diseases, and promote mental health and physical exercise. We have supported programs that provide access to sexual and reproductive care, family planning, and education; facilitated access to quality essential healthcare services in some of our region's most rural areas; sought the training and professional development of healthcare providers; and made continued research and development possible.

Our partnership with the SickKids Caribbean Initiative has advanced the study, diagnosis, and treatment of pediatric cancer in children across the Caribbean. By connecting medical professionals across six countries to study, consult, diagnose, and treat pediatric cancer and serious blood disorders like sickle cell disease, we have provided hope to families.







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For 16 years, the Sandals Foundation, through Island Routes, has offered transformational tour experiences to vacationers visiting the Caribbean. One-of-a-kind excursions connecting guests to the unique customs, rhythm, and way of life of local communities.



One of the most beloved tours is the Reading Road Trip, an experience that invites Sandals and Beaches Resorts guests to share the joy of reading with elementary school students. Since the first Reading Road Trip, thousands of books and classroom resources have been donated, with some guests raising funds for school upgrades.

Bringing guests closer to the natural world, the Sea Turtle Watching Tour is designed to protect young, endangered turtles and ensure they make it safely from sand to sea. The program began in 2018 and has since raised nearly \$75,000 USD for beach rehabilitation, warden employment, and local sea turtle conservation efforts.

Additional tours that give back to local communities:

Farm to Table Tour - Grenada

Oistins Express and Fiesta – Barbados

Gros Islet Street Party – Saint Lucia

Blue Mountains Tours – Jamaica

Mini Routes Tours – Jamaica

When we open our minds and hearts to a world beyond our own, true growth and humanity can thrive.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- **1** Harnessing the power of the Caribbean sun for brighter tomorrows.
- **5** Caribbean creatures you protect with sustainable marine efforts.
- **9** The wisdom that comes from experience.
- **11** Second Chances, ____ Beginnings.
- 12 Athlete who swings for the green?
- **13** A poetic tribute to the beauty of the Caribbean.
- **14** Where dreams grow on our Reading Road Trip.
- **18** The starting letter of each of our Pillars: Community, Education, Environment.
- **20** Music genre that moves the soul in Saint Vincent and The Grenadines.
- **22** What the Sandals Foundation helps transform every day.
- 25 ____-profit, where every cent fuels empowerment.
- 26 What we do to empower resilience in our communities.
- **27** A reflection of knowledge shared for lasting change.
- 28 Wall-art that celebrates our communities and culture.

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- **1** The perfect weather for clean solar energy.
- **2** Guidelines we respect to preserve the environment.
- **4** The music genre of Jamaica, inspiring connection and pride.
- 6 What we share to empower education and awareness.
- 7 The first step in growing a brighter, greener future.
- 8 Quick like the efforts of our volunteers.
- **15** A changemaker, the first name of our Executive Director.
- **16** Someone whose generosity transforms lives across the Caribbean.
- 17 Solar _____ that helps us illuminate brighter futures.
- **18** Paws, but for cats.
- **19** To rescue or protect, but in reverse.
- 24 Short for 'Saint,' as in Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent.

HARNESSING THE ENERGY OF THE SUN

We're working toward a brighter future. In celebration of 16 years of empowering the people and places we call home, we will soon be installing solar panels in schools throughout the Caribbean providing a reliable source of sustainable, renewable energy. By illuminating computer labs with solar power, we aim to help reduce the carbon footprint and ensure uninterrupted digital learning through solar-powered Wi-Fi connections.

On average, a single kilowatt of electricity in the Caribbean costs more than twice the North American average. Because Caribbean

islands are particularly vulnerable to fluctuating global oil prices, the cost of generating electricity can exceed \$0.51 per kWh. By installing solar panels in schools, we're working to combat these challenges and bring lasting energy solutions to communities in need.

In today's interconnected world, power is everything — determining who can stay connected and who may be left behind. By harnessing the power of the Caribbean sun, we're taking steps to bridge the digital divide — starting in 2025 and creating a lasting impact for generations to come.





100% of your donation directly supports Caribbean communities. Even \$5 a month can change a life.

Make a difference by donating at sandalsfoundation.org.



THE ISLAND 411

(Your Most Popular Questions, Answered)

What percentage of donations go directly toward investment in projects?

Sandals Resorts supports all costs associated with the administration and management of the Sandals Foundation so 100% of every dollar donated goes towards the funding of initiatives in education, community and the environment.

What are the different ways readers can support the Sandals Foundation? Make a difference in many ways – donate,

sponsor a child's education, or support local schools by buying a brick. Pack for a Purpose by bringing school supplies when you travel, or take a Community Routes tour to give back while exploring. Shop with purpose at our resort boutiques, or add the Sandals Foundation to your wedding registry and make your love go even further.

How does the Sandals Foundation decide which projects to support? The Sandals Foundation is keen on supporting programs and projects that meet a key need within the space, reach a wide section of beneficiaries, or are sustainable in scope. We also seek to align our work with the areas of focus under the UN's global sustainable development goals.

Who are the partners that help bring projects to life?

We are honored to have great partners within our network who help us make a difference. Our team members bring ideas to the table and are the boots on the ground who help execute numerous projects. Guests, corporate partners, local organizations, and travel partners all help bring projects to life.