

# PAVE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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## LIGHT THE WAY GALA 2024: A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

We are thrilled to announce that the Light The Way Gala on September 14, 2024, was a tremendous success, raising over \$100,000! We extend our sincere appreciation to all our guests and sponsors for their generous support. One-hundred-percent of the donations from the gala will go towards transforming the lives of at-risk youth in Jamaica.

The night kicked off with a fabulous cocktail hour, where performers Tahirah and Jesse Royer gave acoustic renditions of Bob Marley's iconic music, setting the tone for an unforgettable evening. Guests enjoyed a varied silent auction with items ranging from hotel stays, gift certificates, baskets, to sporting event tickets, offering something for everyone. The evening flowed seamlessly into a delightful dinner and dancing, accompanied by themed performers, creating a vibrant atmosphere of celebration. It was truly a fabulous night all around!

PAVE Centre is dedicated to empowering young individuals through educational programs, mentorship, and skill development initiatives. Our mission is to provide them with the resources and support they need to overcome challenges and build a brighter future. This year's theme, "One Love," resonates deeply with our mission, embodying a message embraced by people from all walks of life. It inspires unity and hope for a better tomorrow, reminding us of the importance of coming together to uplift one another.

A special thank you goes out to everyone involved for their incredible dedication and hard work in making the Light The Way 2024 Gala truly memorable.

Together, we are making a difference, and we appreciate your unwavering support. Here's to continuing our journey to transform lives!

*Thank you*

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Gala Recap

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Light The Way  
Humanitarian  
Award

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Gala Photos

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PAVE  
Graduation

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## LIGHT THE WAY HUMANITARIAN AWARD

We were thrilled to honor Gulu Chanrai with the Light The Way Humanitarian Award, recognizing his extraordinary contributions that have transformed countless lives. A dedicated philanthropist and influential leader, Gulu had been a pivotal member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO) since 1991, where he founded the Lagos Chapter and established the Jamaica Chapter. His commitment to service shone through his role as a trustee at Jaslok Hospital in Mumbai and as a board member of the PAVE Centre, where he had been a steadfast supporter since its inception. Gulu exemplified the principles of Time, Treasure, and Talents; he actively participated in board meetings and engaged with students during PAVE graduations, provided substantial financial contributions that advanced our programs, and generously shared his business acumen to guide our board, staff, and students. Together with his wife, Veena, he offered unwavering support and mentorship, creating a lasting impact on the community. His exceptional ability to blend philanthropy with meaningful change spanned healthcare, education, and economic empowerment, greatly benefiting underserved populations. At our 5th annual gala, we celebrated Gulu Chanrai for his relentless pursuit of a brighter future. His humanitarian efforts and dedication to PAVE truly illuminated the path forward, embodying the spirit of this award. Thank you, Gulu, for being a beacon of hope and inspiration!



We want to extend our deepest gratitude to our remarkable 2023 and 2024 Gala Chairs, Chris and Tanya Roberts. Your exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication to the PAVE Centre have truly made a lasting impact. Through your hard work, creativity, and passion, you have not only elevated our gala events but have also inspired countless individuals to support our mission. Thank you for your vision, and the positivity you've fostered!

As we turn the page to our next chapter, we are thrilled to welcome Brian Fennell and Luisa Evans as our incoming Gala Chairs for the Light The Way Gala. We are excited to see how their fresh ideas and enthusiasm will shape next year's event. Together, we will continue to shine a light on our cause and bring our community together in support of our mission.

Here's to an exciting future filled with new possibilities and continued impact. Thank you all for being such an integral part of our journey!





# One Love





# PAVE GRADUATION CEREMONY: CELEBRATING 43 GRADUATES MAKING A DIFFERENCE



On August 25, 2024, the PAVE Centre proudly celebrated the graduation of 43 students who completed various training programs, marking a significant milestone in their journey toward success. These students, who specialized in Industrial Security, Restaurant Server, Interior Decorating, Kitchen Cook, and Lifeguard, are now equipped with valuable knowledge and skills to positively impact the Portland community.

We were honored to have U.S. Ambassador Nick Perry and Mrs. Perry in attendance, alongside many of our esteemed Board Directors. The ceremony was a heartfelt celebration, with family, friends, and community members beaming with pride as they witnessed the graduates' accomplishments.

These graduates have not only gained technical expertise but also a sense of purpose and readiness to contribute to their communities. Whether securing safety, serving in hospitality, or working in culinary and lifeguarding roles, these students will play an essential role in the growth and development of Portland.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that the funds raised in July have already been put to great use. The much-needed road repair has begun, with the installation of drains and gutters to improve water flow and reduce flooding, creating a safer and more accessible campus for all.

As we celebrate our graduates' success, we also look to the future with the start of new classes. Our Restaurant Server and Industrial Security programs have just kicked off, and we are thrilled to announce that our Lifeguard program will begin in October.

PAVE is committed to providing continued support and education to our students, empowering them with the skills to build a better tomorrow. Congratulations to the Class of 2024—your journey is just beginning, and we can't wait to see all you will accomplish!

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