Help Us Ship Classroom Furniture Home to Jamaica

An appeal for donor funds and volunteer hands. Containers depart South Florida on or around December 15, 2026

September 5, 2026

The Opportunity

A large quantity of quality school furniture has become available in South Florida, student desk-and-chair combinations, teachers' desks, computer desks, laboratory tables and stools. Much of it is in excellent condition and would cost tens of thousands of dollars to purchase new. Rather than see it go to waste, a group of Jamaican old boys has secured it for schools back home.

This effort is being spearheaded by **Mr. Neville Bell, Cornwall College Old Boys Association Mid Atlantic, Trevor Tomlinson, CCOBA-New York and Phillip Wallace, CCAA-South Florida**, working alongside alumni of many schools including Calabar High School. The furniture has been inspected and measured (see photos), and it is ready to be loaded.

What stands between these desks and Jamaican classrooms is the cost of getting them there.



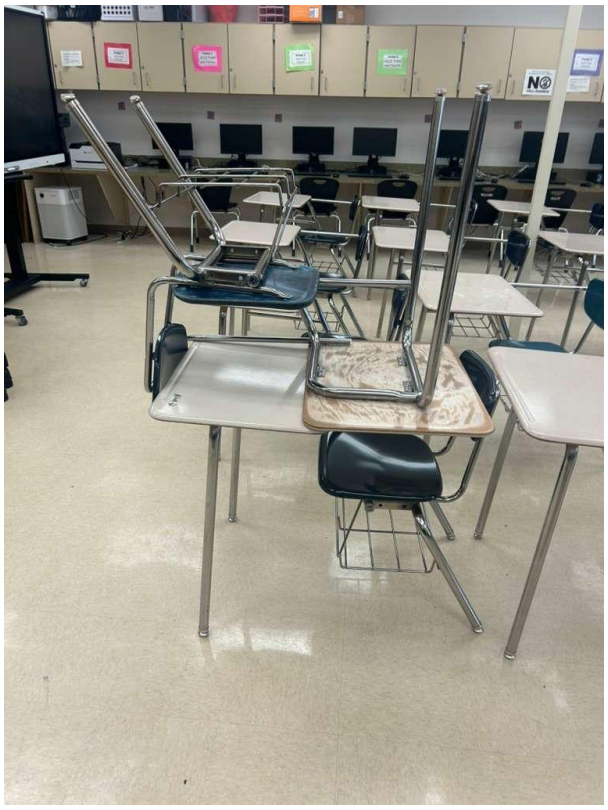


What Calabar High School Will Receive

Two of the containers are earmarked for **Calabar High School**. The list below was developed in consultation with **Ms. Sian Wilson, Principal of Calabar High School** and reflects the school's actual needs. Calabar intends to use the furniture to outfit its **Grade 7 classrooms**, its **Student Research and Resource Centre**, and its **Electrical Technology Lab**.

Item	Quantity
Student desk-and-chair combinations	350
Teachers' desks with accompanying chairs	8
Computer desks with chairs	25
Laboratory stools	60
Laboratory tables	6

That is 350 students who will have a proper place to sit and work, eight teachers with a proper desk, and a research centre and tech lab fitted out to serve the whole school.





What We Need

1. Donor funds for shipping

We are seeking donations to defray the cost of shipping the containers to Jamaica. These funds will cover the transport of the containers and furniture from **West Palm Beach and Miami, Florida**, with departure planned for **on or around December 15, 2026**.

Every dollar goes directly toward freight, container and handling costs. The furniture itself has already been sourced and we need your contribution to move the items across the water.

2. Volunteers to load

We are also asking Old Boys in the South Florida area to lend a hand loading the furniture onto the trailers. Desks and chairs are heavy and there are hundreds of them, so many hands will make this a short day's work. If you can give a few hours in the days leading up to the mid-December departure, please let us know.

How to Help

Please reach out to either of us to make a donation, pledge your time, or ask questions:

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856-780-7242

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Whether you attended Calabar, Cornwall College, or any school in Jamaica, this is a chance to make a direct, visible difference in the classrooms where the next generation is being shaped. Thank you for your support.