



THE PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATION OF JAMAICA

THE CARLTON ALEXANDER BUILDING, 39 HOPE ROAD, KINGSTON 10

TELEPHONE: (876) 927-6238, FAX: 927-5137

E-mail: psojinfo@psoj.org; Website: www.psoj.org

September 4, 2014

For Immediate Release

Pharmaceutical and Consumer Giant to Be Inducted into the PSOJ Hall of Fame

Kingston, Jamaica:

Mr. Glenford “Glen” Christian, OD, JP; CEO and Chairman of Cari-Med Limited and Kirk Distributors Limited, will be this year’s 22nd inductee into the prestigious Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) Hall of Fame. He will be officially inducted at a gala event scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel.

Mr. Christian rose from a childhood of poverty in rural Clarendon, to begin his career as a teacher in Kingston. He went into the distribution of pharmaceutical products at HD Hopwood, as a sales representative and was later promoted to Sales Manager - where he honed his passion for the industry. Mr. Christian soon branched out into entrepreneurship along with his wife Marva, operating the Portmore Pharmacy from 1979-1987.

In 1986, he established Cari-Med Ltd., with just 3 employees. Today, it is the leading distributor of pharmaceutical products in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean, with a staff complement of over 413 persons. In 2005, Mr. Christian acquired the assets of Colgate Palmolive and launched Kirk Distributors, which moves consumer products. Combined, both companies currently employ over 640 employees.

Glen Christian is also a well-known philanthropist; he is especially passionate about education, and has given generously to a number of educational initiatives across Jamaica. In 2010 he established the Evelyn Mitchell Infant School and Centre of Excellence, named in honour of his mother in Clarendon, and he recently completed refurbishing and re-equipping the computer lab at his alma mater, Brandon Hill Primary, also in Clarendon.

PSOJ President Chris Zacca, in commenting on Christian’s upcoming induction, said, “Glen is one of the most prolific examples of a home-grown entrepreneur and business leader. Having risen from the depths of poverty to be the success that he is

today, his story is one of hard work, integrity, determination and vision. We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming him as the 22nd inductee into the PSOJ's Hall of Fame."

Mr. Christian joins a list of 21 previous inductees, including last year's recipient, Antony "Tony" Hart, the man credited with developing Montego Bay into the second city it is today.

Each year, since 1992, the PSOJ pays tribute to a private sector leader who has made innovative and sustained contributions to the development of the private sector over a minimum of 25 years, has demonstrated in-depth knowledge of the industry in which his/her company operates and demonstrates an unwavering commitment to the advancement of his industry and to national development.

-END-

Contact: Ms. Kareen Cox, Marketing & Public Relations Manager
Email: kareenc@psoj.org
Tel: 927-6238 (Ext. 2052); Fax 927-5137