

Giving Back

It's good to have FancyFrenz.

Growing up poor in Jamaica, Vivienne Henry often went without many of the things we take for granted.

"Most of the time we wore hand-me-downs," Henry, an Inflight Crewmember since 2010, said. "Nothing was brand new. I never went to summer camp, or on vacation to a place like Disney World. Sometimes we didn't even have the school books we needed, so we had to borrow or go to the library."

Her mother did her best to make sure Henry and her siblings didn't go to bed hungry. But it was a struggle.

Those humble beginnings inspired Henry, 42, to start FancyFrenz, a non-profit that since 2017 has been assisting Jamaica's poor, particularly children, by distributing clothes, toys, sports equipment and household items.

"I was at a point in my life where I felt very grateful for what I have accomplished and able to experience," Henry said. "I wanted to give back and do something for those growing up like I did."

In just a few years, FancyFrenz has grown to a substantial operation. Henry and her cadre of volunteers shipped four barrels packed with items to Kingston in 2017. They shipped 15 barrels to Montego Bay last year. They are shipping 26 barrels for a pre-Christmas giveaway they will hold in Portland, Jamaica, on Dec. 7



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