Gibson Foundation, INMED Join to Promote Youth Development through Music in Jamaica

Sterling, VA, April 26, 2007—In an event today hosted by the Bob Marley Foundation at the Marley Estate in Kingston, Jamaica, INMED Partnerships for Children, a Sterling, VA-based international non-profit organization, and the Gibson Foundation announced the donation of 25 guitars for children in Jamaica. This event officially launched INMED’s Gibson IAMusic program to promote self-esteem and develop opportunities for at-risk youth.

INMED and the Gibson Foundation, with partners including the Bob Marley Foundation, local Rotary Clubs and the Organization of American States, are distributing these guitars to schools that have an established music program and are in need of instruments. Two of the schools in the program are located in Trenchtown, where reggae music legend Bob Marley grew up. An Epiphone Gibson guitar, a model of one used by Marley, was presented today at the Marley Museum in Kingston.

The Gibson Foundation’s support of INMED’s IAMusic programs also includes Trinidad and Tobago, South Los Angeles and Brazil. “INMED provides opportunities and experiences that would not otherwise exist. It instills a positive and life-long impact that will help children living in extremely difficult situations develop into healthy, productive adults,” said Henry Juszkiewicz, Chairman and CEO of Gibson Guitar.

About the Gibson Foundation - The Gibson Foundation is the philanthropic division of musical giant Gibson Guitar Corp. Founded in 2002, the Gibson Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to making the world a better place for children by creating, developing and supporting programs and other non-profit organizations in its efforts to advance education, music and the arts, the environment and health and welfare causes.

About INMED Partnerships for Children - INMED Partnerships for Children is a non-profit 501(c)(3) development organization dedicated to inspiring communities in the United States and globally and strengthening their capacity to support the development of healthy, educated children who have increased opportunities for the future. To learn more
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