

18th Annual Charles Town Maroon Festival Message from CHASE Fund

The CHASE Fund extends its proud commendations to the organizers and participants of the 18th annual Charles Town Maroon Conference and Festival.

By anchoring this year's staging on the theme "Resilience: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," you actively safeguard a vital pillar of Jamaica's national identity. The preservation of Maroon heritage is not merely an act of remembering. It is a profound responsibility that ensures our ancestral triumphs continue to fortify our future.

Our mandate at the CHASE Fund is deeply rooted in the promotion of arts and culture, serving as the bedrock for national identity and community empowerment. We recognize that documenting, celebrating, and sustaining our indigenous arts and cultural heritage is essential to keeping Jamaica's rich legacy alive.

We stand firmly with the Charles Town Maroon community in this noble endeavour. May this festival inspire a renewed commitment to cultural continuity, unity, and strength for generations to come.

- W. Billy Heaven, OD, JP
CEO, CHASE Fund