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NFL Linebacker Stephen Tulloch to Build School in Mother's Hometown of Negril, Jamaica

Negril, Jamaica: NFL Veterans linebacker Stephen Tulloch has partnered with the Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation to build a school in his mother's hometown of Negril, Jamaica this June.

Tulloch, along with other NFL friends and several enthusiastic volunteers, will roll up their sleeves to work with Helping Hands Jamaica on a four-day build of a new Infant School (Pre-K–7 years of age), just a mile from his mother Mercedes' childhood home.

“My family roots are in Jamaica,” said Tulloch. “My Dad was born in Kingston, my Mom in Little London, just outside of Negril, and I still have family here. Jamaica holds a special place in my heart. By building this school, we will be able to not only positively effect the current students, but help provide a safe and effective learning environment for years to come for the children here.”

The new school will house 125 children and will include running water to allow the students to have a kitchen and indoor bathrooms, which are not available at many schools in the area. It will have 5 classrooms total, with desks and learning supplies, and an outdoor playscape. The building will be located next to the Little London Primary School to ease the transition for children as their education advances.

It's no surprise Tulloch is extending his charitable efforts to the children of Jamaica with this school. He has been a staunch supporter of children and causes throughout his 11-year NFL professional career. He launched the Stephen Tulloch Foundation in 2009 to help underprivileged youth when he was in Nashville, Tennessee by hosting camps and providing educational materials to the schools in the area.

Tulloch then launched Operation 55 while playing for the Detroit Lions. He adopted 55 Detroit schools and provided students with books, technology and supplies, provided area children with dental care, and adopted Metro Detroit families for the holidays. Tulloch also helps to provide a Christmas for families that have been affected by cancer, and an *Evening of Hope* for breast cancer survivors each year. In 2016 he published his first children's book, “The Little Linebacker” that has been placed in schools across the country teaching children that by hard work and determination, you can be anything you want in life.

Foundation partner, Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation has built 12 schools in partnership with organizations, individuals, and professional athletes like Serena Williams and Donovan Bailey, over the past 6 years.

For more information on the Stephen Tulloch Foundation please visit www.Tulloch55.com

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