Bringing brighter smiles to Jamaica

Annually, our local pediatric dentist, Dr. Jamie Diament-Golub, with practices in Westwood and Fort Lee, spends ten days on the island of Jamaica doing volunteer dental work. Through an organization known as Health Care International, she provides free dental care to rural communities in the southern and central areas of Jamaica. Founded by Dr. Noel Brown, a dental alum of NYU, the organization brings dental students from Columbia, NYU, Harlem and Michigan's dental schools each year to these under-served areas. The team also consists of MD's and nurses who provided blood pressure and glucose screenings, as well as providing free medications and antibiotics. Dr. Diament-Golub, a part time faculty at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, her 15 dental students and the rest of the team treat an estimated 1600 patients throughout the week. The team provides dental extractions, cleanings, fillings and offers preventative care, oral health education, free toothbrushes and toothpaste to the communities.