

Bradshaw, Maurice



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Belleville retiree Maurice Bradshaw with wheelchair wheel moulds he's bringing back to Jamaica.

Work with the handicapped in Jamaica has brought Bradshaw rewards he can't carry to the bank but are every bit as valuable as a regular pay cheque.

"We've worked on some beautiful projects," he said. "It's very satisfying to see the people making do for themselves — getting

the clothing they need through programs like Goodwill Industries — and now, hopefully, with the appliances we can provide to help them live a more enjoyable life."

He says he will return to Jamaica "and more or less work out of my backyard. But, it will add

some continuity to programs (for existing handicapped aid services providing such devices as those Bradshaw is making).

"You have to remember," he smiles, "the goal in going into a place like Jamaica — which is a wonderful, wonderful place — and doing volunteer work is that

you are there to work yourself out of a job.

"That's the reward — when you are no longer needed and the people are doing things for themselves. It's extremely rewarding work and not just work for young, university students, as I've found."

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