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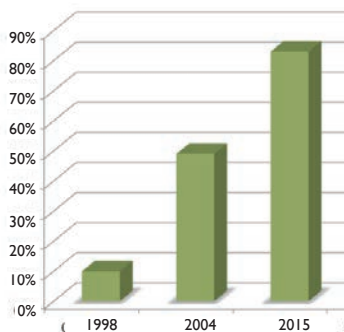
*The 13th Anniversary of our Flagship Project*



*A 3500 sq. ft. unit with six sterile rooms for inpatients stays and a clinic for outpatients.*

- Before the Burn Care Unit the chance of survival for severely burned patients was minimal, in 2004 the survival rate improved by almost 50%, now the survival rate has increased to 83%
- Patients being treated are suffering from 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns covering over 30% of their bodies.
- Has annually admitted about 75 severely burned patients.
- The number of patients the unit has treated is 1,320 since its opening.
- Burns are caused by electrical, open flame, or acid burns caused accidentally or otherwise.
- The unit is still the only one of its kind in the Caribbean.

Survival Rate  
for Severely Burned Patients



# CARIBBEAN NORTH



## CHARITIES FOUNDATION

Dear Supporters:

We are an elite team of volunteers who over the last 17 years have engaged in outreach programs empowering institutions and care providers to provide services that are not otherwise available. These programs span a wide range of areas in health care, poverty alleviation, basic education and mentoring.

In the process through the institutions that we serve, we have saved lives and improved the quality of life.

Our flagship project is the Burn Care Unit (BCU) which is a specialized critical care ward for severe burns patients within the Georgetown Public Hospital and was the first of its kind in the Caribbean. This was opened in 2002, is still fully functioning, and we continue supporting it on an ongoing basis, building its capacity to higher standards.

Our Mother & Child Nursing Education program was also first of its kind, where our accredited team of doctors and nurses delivered education to just over 300 nurses over the last 5 years, of which 125 successfully completed the Neonatal Resuscitation Program administered by the Canadian Pediatric Society and the another 75 participated in fetal surveillance.

We have cumulatively raised and disbursed just over \$1.5 million to fund these accomplishments, 97% was spent directly on outreach programs and the remaining 3% towards promotional publications. Out of the 20,000 volunteer hours, 60% was spent directing development programs and 40% spent soliciting technical expertise, promoting events and fundraising.

There were other initiatives along the way, and hopefully this booklet will give you a glimpse of the reach of our programs, both geographically and sectors.

Thank you for being part of our community and we look forward to your continuous support!



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RICHMOND HILL



## **GREETINGS from MP COSTAS MENEGAKIS**

### **Caribbean North 2015 Benefit Concert**

As Member of Parliament for Richmond Hill, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all guests, organizers, performers and sponsors attending the **Caribbean North 2015 Benefit Concert** organized by the Guyana Burn & Healthcare Charitable Foundation.

Tonight's spectacular gala raises funds in support of the Georgetown Hospital's Burn Care Unit, anti-poverty outreach strategies and certification to Canadian standards in maternity and child birth programs for nurses in Guyana, as well as local youth job experience and mentoring programs.

I would like to commend the organizers for their efforts in presenting this exciting evening of entertainment to the community and thank the many dedicated volunteers who have contributed to the success of this event. I am certain that everyone in attendance will be thoroughly delighted by the outstanding lineup of talented musicians and will take satisfaction in knowing that their support is helping a most worthy cause.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful and memorable evening.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Menegakis', written in a cursive style.

Costas Menegakis, MP



**Mayor Dave Barrow**  
Town of Richmond Hill

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the Members of Council for the Town of Richmond Hill, I am very pleased to bring greetings to everyone attending Caribbean North 2015 an Annual Gala Concert in support of the Guyana Burn and Healthcare Charitable Foundation.

Caribbean North is a medical charitable foundation that supplies Guyanese hospitals with equipment and education to better meet the needs of people in Guyana and the Caribbean region. The Foundation identifies projects based on need then develops, funds, implements and evaluates programs that provide humanitarian aid to unserved and under-served parts of the world.

We are delighted to welcome such a wonderful line up artists to perform at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. Including Smokey Burke, Bill 'The Crooner' Newman, George St. Kitts, Monty Hamma, and many more! Enjoy this wonderful line up and thank you for supporting this great cause.

Enjoy the Show!

Yours very truly,

Dave Barrow  
Mayor



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### **Congratulatory Message**

On behalf of the Guyana Consulate, I have the distinct privilege of extending most sincere congratulations and very best wishes to the Board and Members of the Caribbean North Charities Foundation on the occasion of your 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Concert in support of the Guyana Burn and Healthcare Charitable Foundation.

I must congratulate your founders on their vision - a vision that has brought relief to thousand of Guyanese and has even given them a second chance to life. You have given your time, money and effort without reward to making a difference. A difference that is tangible.

I must also extend special gratitude to your donors for their most generous donations of top quality medical equipment and supplies to Guyana. As a result of this effort, Guyanese have benefitted from the Unit's work since it first opened its doors. Your work, your generosity, your benevolence, and your never-say-die attitude have all been the impetus for the betterment of thousands of lives. Such a positive approach can only help to focus more attention on the needs of our People and their healthy and unhindered development.

To the supporters of this charity, please accept sincere gratitude on behalf of the people of Guyana for without your support the wonderful work of this charity could not happen.

Members and friends of the Guyana Burn Care Unit: Be proud, for you have done a great job so far. Be steadfast, for the country still relies on your good work in a crucial area. Be positive, for your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Have an enjoyable evening.

Sattie Sawh  
Honorary Consul General  
August 21, 2015





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**Message from the Consul General of Saint Lucia**

On behalf of the Government and people of Saint Lucia, I am elated and honored to bring greetings to the members, participants and sponsors who have supported the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean North Annual Gala Concert.

Over the past year, Caribbean North Charities Foundation has been a generous partner and contributor to the people of Saint Lucia by donating medical supplies and equipment, professional and technical resources with hands on approach to my country. It is commendable that Caribbean North Foundation has expanded its mandate to assist other Caribbean countries thus making us truly "One Caribbean".

I would like to thank all the organizers and supporters for their hard work and dedication to successfully put together an exciting evening of entertainment which will produce outputs that will continue to support the great work of this Foundation. We, the Caribbean need organizations like yours which epitomizes compassionate and humanitarian acts of kindness in furtherance of the aspirations of our people.

Tonight, we celebrate with each and every one of you here, who have taken the time to support this event and extend best wishes to all.

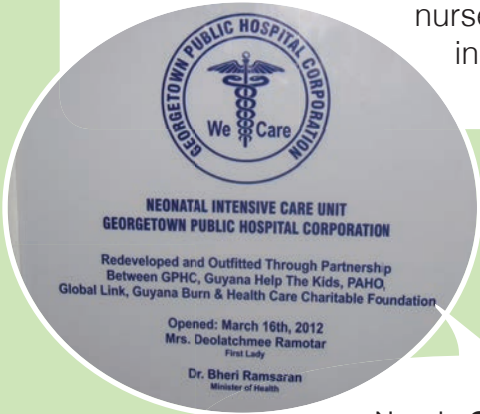
Michael Willius  
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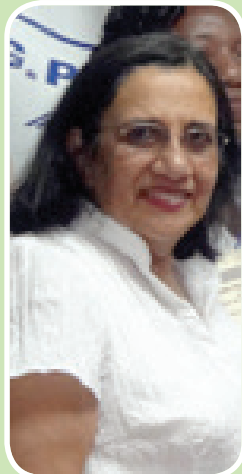
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Now the **Caribbean North Charities Foundation**





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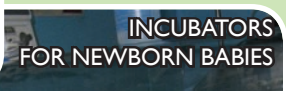
### EQUIPMENT CAPACITY BUILDING

WE DONATED IN 2011 AND ESTABLISHED THE FUNCTIONALITY AS FOLLOWED

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- 25 Bassinets
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# Continuous Improvement of GBCU

## Canadian NGO continues longstanding commitment

### – to Burn Care Unit at GPHC

PAMELA and Harry Harakh, representatives of the Canadian NGO, Caribbean North Charities Foundation, yesterday handed over a generous donation of skin grafting equipment to the Burn Care Unit of the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC).

Thanks to the Foundation, which was instrumental from inception, the Burn Care Unit was established in 2002 to increase the level of care provided to burn victims. The Unit received assistance from the Foundation for its establishment, including building materials purchased and shipped by the Foundation; and the Foundation has since supported the Unit with funding, equipment, training, and educational materials.

Charge d'Affaires of the High Commission of Canada, Mr Robert Hart, commended

“Canadians are generous people.” He explained that the Foundation’s support came from persons all over Canada, and that the Foundation took a capacity building approach in its work, and was fully confident in the Unit’s team.

Head of the Burns Care Unit, Dr. Rajkumar, said the mortality rate of burn victims was once 50%, but has been reduced to 17% since the Unit became operational.

GPHC CEO, Mr Michael Khan, said he was very proud of the Burn Care Unit, and emphasised on the significant contribution the Foundation has made on the well-being of patients.

Caribbean North Charities Foundation is located in Richmond Hill, Ontario. It was founded 12 years ago by Harry and Pamela Harakh, along with a few associ-

dian medical centres.

The Foundation also organises training of medical practitioners in Guyana and in Canada.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper first made the Americas a foreign policy priority in 2007 with the vision of a more prosperous, secure and democratic hemisphere.



Charge d'Affaires of the High Commission of Canada, Mr Robert Hart



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## Achieved



A Zimmer Dermatome Skin Grafting System was donated to the Guyana Burn Care Unit on June 30th, 2015, this equipment will help enhance the capacities of skin grafting.

## Seeking Funding



The Zimmer Skin Graft Mesher requires \$15,000 in clear donations.

# Scope Expansion

## Donated Ambulance - 2012



The ambulance that was donated in 2012, is still being put to good use. On the most recent trip to Guyana, a registered nurse delivered a baby in the ambulance.



## Residents of Cheshire Home



## Donated Wheelchair Bus - 2010

We have donated a wheelchair bus with a lift that has a 12 wheelchair capacity to Cheshire Home in Guyana. An anonymous donor contributed freight and Rotary Club funded the first 2 year operating expenses.

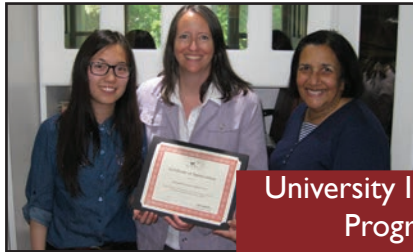


## Tina Insanally Foundation



Caribbean North has a partnership program with the Tina Insanally Foundation to improve the lives of the orphanage children in Guyana.

## Mentoring in Richmond Hill



## University Internship Program



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# St. Jude Hospital Vieux Fort St. Lucia

We were invited by the honorable Michael Willius, Consul General in Toronto, to visit St. Jude Hospital to conduct a needs assessment. This was successfully completed and a planned program evolved.



## St. Jude Hospital



Gutted by fire in 2009

George Odlum Stadium, temporary facility from 2009 to 2015



Occupancy 2016



In May 2015, the Caribbean North Charities Foundation went to St. Jude Hospital in Saint Lucia to formally engage in a number of projects. Training was provided to 25 medical personnel, 15 nurses were certified in neonatal resuscitation administered by the Canadian Pediatric Society and 10 participants were trained in fetal surveillance.



You can now donate to the Foundation online!

Please visit [www.caribbeannorth.ca](http://www.caribbeannorth.ca) and click on the PayPal button to make a secure donation




We sincerely thank our Deputy Mayor of Richmond Hill - Mr. Vito Spatafora for his visions, encouragement and support.

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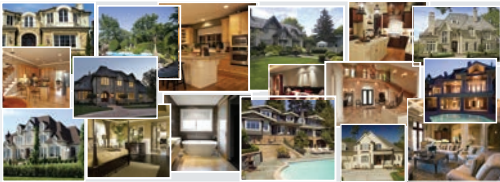
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