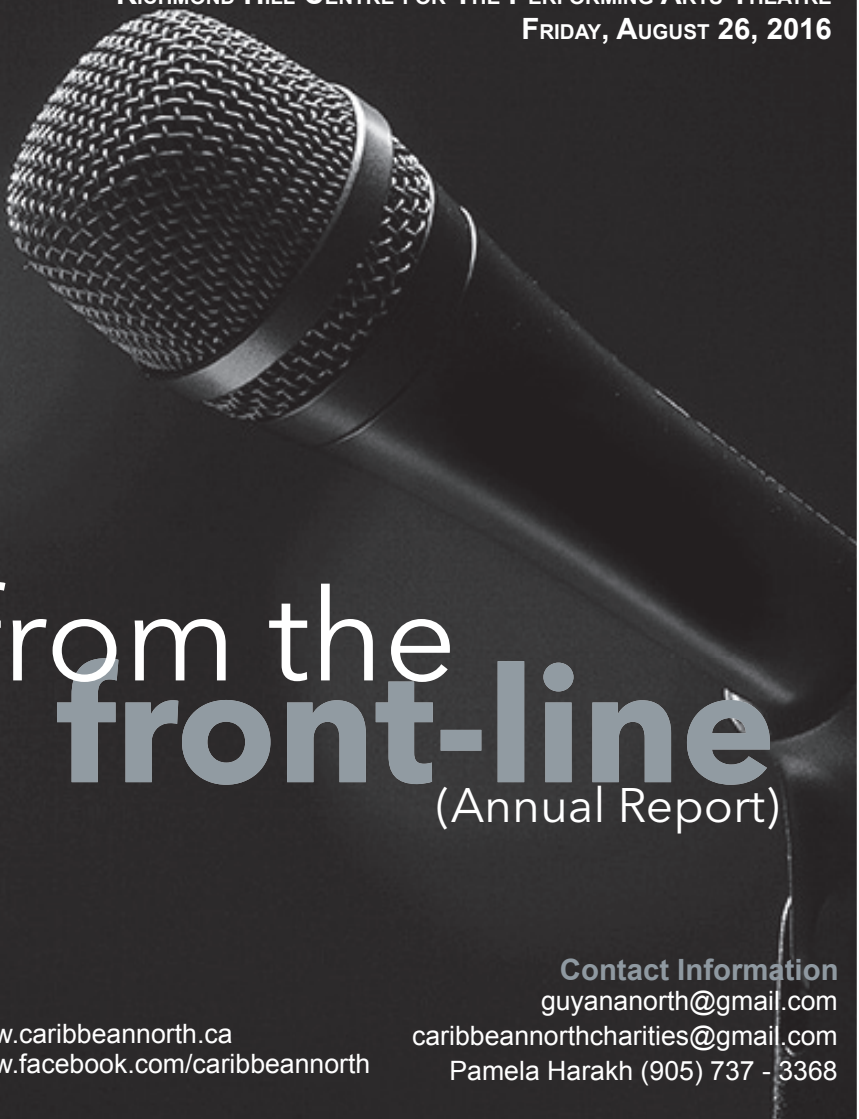


Caribbean North 2016

WELCOMES YOU TO OUR 6TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2016



from the
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(Annual Report)

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Since 2002, the chances for survival for severely burnt patients has improved because of the Burn Care Unit (BCU). The BCU has saved lives and alleviated pain and suffering.

With the generous support of Caribbean North Charities Foundation (CNCF) the BCU has pioneered burn care treatment in Guyana and is now accepting patients and sharing technical expertise with neighbouring countries.

Based on published reports of BCU doctors, individuals with extensive third degree burns who previously rarely survived have now increased their chance of survival by 75%.

2017 CNCF goals

- Improving care standards and implementing “Nursing Best Practice Guidelines Program” in collaboration with partner organizations.
- Upgrading facilities.
- Acquiring needed medical equipment and computers.
- Implementing a nationwide public education campaign for fire prevention and early burn treatment.



CARIBBEAN NORTH



CHARITIES FOUNDATION

A message from

Harry Harakh, CNCF President

Dear Friends and Supporters:

Welcome to 18 years of community service and service learning. Our first five years were dedicated to taking teams of cosmetic surgeons to Guyana to correct cleft lip and palate birth defects. These surgeries were done at facilities and their staff of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and the Georgetown Public Hospital, at no cost to the patients. These programs save individual lives. However, our surgical program presented unacceptable risks on a post surgery basis once the surgical team departed. Hence we shifted.

Our strategy evolved into creating sustainable ongoing programs that builds capacity of our partnering institution in terms of equipment and training. We have earned significant recognition in this area and remain committed. Our stakeholders benefit strategically and our teams of volunteers are becoming better at preparing strategic programs for local needs.

The Burn Care Unit (BCU) was the first such project and we have expanded to include program for neonatal nursing training, biomedical training and equipment, other capacity building items as ventilators, IV poles and pumps, ECG machines, and 2 ambulance to enhance the EMS program, and a wheelchair bus for the Cheshire home. While at the same time we include assistance to children's after school program collaborating with Tina Insanally Foundation in Guyana, St. Jude Hospital in St. Lucia, and the Richmond Hill Soccer Club in York Region.

Our Caribbean programs include assistance in capacity building with St. Jude in St. Lucia. Recently, we have received a generous donation of an ambulance by York Region for use by St. Jude Hospital in Vieux-Fort and the southern half of the island of St. Lucia. We are seeking funds for transportation and retrofitting costs. The task is expected to be complete in November.

For 2015, 75% of our donations was spent on maintaining the BCU; 22% was spend with our Caribbean partners. We continue our efforts with no overhead expenses. The maintenance of our website, graphics, social media and content are donated time by volunteer experts. The remaining 3% goes towards promotional publications.

Thank you for being part of our community. This is all made possible by your generous contributions and your continuing support to Caribbean North Charities Foundation.





Majid Jowhari
Member of Parliament
Richmond Hill



August 26, 2016

Greetings from Majid Jowhari, MP

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I am honoured to present my greetings to all those attending the Caribbean North Charities Foundation - 6th Annual Fundraising Gala Concert.

This will be a memorable evening as people across the GTA will come together to celebrate Canada's vibrant cultural diversity, while contributing to a great cause. With an amazing array of renowned artists giving performances in Reggae, Calypso, Jazz, Folk, Classical Indian Dance and even Broadway, there is so much for attendees to look forward to.

The Caribbean North Charities Foundation has made a significant impact on the lives of those in need of medical help in some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

As a Member of Parliament, I commend and congratulate all the organizers and volunteers for their commitment to such an important cause and celebration of our multiculturalism. I extend my warmest regards, and wish all in attendance an enjoyable time at the event.

Majid Jowhari, MP
Richmond Hill



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 2016 the 6th 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 Bill 'The Crooner' Newman, George St. Kitts, Monty Hamma, Reshmi Chetram, Macomere Fifi 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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August 8, 2016

Caribbean North Charities Foundation
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Re: Sixth Annual Fundraising Concert

Congratulations to the Caribbean North Charitable Foundation on your Sixth Annual Fundraising Concert dedicated to providing medical support, lifesaving equipment and programs to our Caribbean neighbours.

Since 1998 Pam and Harry Harakh, with the help of friends, have raised funds to provide medical assistance and save the lives of burn victims in the Georgetown Hospital in Guyana. Over time, the program grew to include incubators for premature babies and training nurses.

Unfortunately, the Georgetown Hospital did not have a safe ambulance service for accident victims. In 2010, Pam and Harry requested York Region to donate a decommissioned ambulance to the Georgetown Hospital. York Region Council donated two ambulances, which were shipped in 2012 with the support of generous donors and the Foundation.

Following their amazing success, the Caribbean North Foundation expanded its services to all Caribbean nations. I am proud to announce that York Region Council approved the donation of a decommissioned Ambulance to St. Jude Hospital in Vieux Fort, St Lucia. The hospital serves 40% of the population in the poor southern tip of the island.

Your generous support will help Caribbean North outfit the ambulance with equipment and transport it to St. Lucia. To quote Steve Maraboli "a kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal."

Best wishes,

Vito Spatafora

Deputy Mayor

Town of Richmond Hill

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



As Consul General of Saint Lucia in Toronto, I bring you warmest wishes and congratulations from the Government and people of Saint Lucia.

Your work with St. Jude Hospital has served as a beacon of friendship and great service to our Saint Lucian people—better trained nurses, enhanced care for our new born babies and their mothers, and better equipped Health Information Department, more knowledgeable management team are some of the many improvements and benefits Caribbean North Charities Foundation has brought to the health sector in Saint Lucia.

I extend a heartfelt thank you to all the members, sponsors and supporters of Caribbean North Charities who work very hard to assist us in Saint Lucia.

I know it takes great effort to put together events like this 6th Annual Gala Fundraising Concert. It shows great commitment to helping our Caribbean people.

Accept my celebrating with you as a show of profound gratitude and well wishes on behalf of my country.

Have an enjoyable evening

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Willius".

Michael Willius
Consul General of Saint Lucia
Toronto, Canada

2015 - 2016

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The Zimmer Dermatome Skin Grafting System was delivered to the Burn Care Unit in Guyana. This equipment will help enhance skin grafting.



St. Jude Hospital, Vieux-Fort, St. Lucia

We delivered:

- 19 fully equipped desktops and LCD monitors including keyboard and mouse
- 3 laptops
- 2 multifunction printers
- 50 backpacks stocked school supplies



Dominica

We provided relief to Dominica after it was devastated by the tropical storm Erika.

We sent 300 school supplied backpacks and, donated by the Richmond Hill Soccer Club, 10 full barrels worth of soccer clothing.



Achievements



In early May 2016 Mr. Harry Harakh and the Canadian High Commissioner, H.E. Pierre Giroux (left), handed over the Zimmer Skin Grafting system and 2 laptops to Georgetown Public Hospital's CEO, Mr. Allan Johnson and Dr. Shilindra Rajkumar.



ADDITIONALLY

An ambulance has just been donated by York Region. It is in the process of being equipped with medical equipment before being shipped to the hospital.



In mid July 2016, 3 laptops were donated to Princess Margret Hospital in Dominica.





Death by burns down 33%

May 6, 2016

By Navendra Seoraj

THE hard work of the team at the Georgetown Public Hospital's Burns Care Unit is paying dividends as the mortality rate due to burns has decreased by 33 per cent compared to statistics over the past five years. Head of the Burns Care Unit, Dr Shilindra Rajkumar, in a recent presentation, noted that despite this achievement more can be done, but lack of resources and trained professionals continue to be major limitations.

The unit has been transformed from the state it was in 17 years ago when it was run by general surgeons in the male and female surgical wards. During that period, patients were left in the open, and care was not optimum. Conditions at the unit changed when a group of Chinese doctors came to Guyana to work there.

The Caribbean North Charities Foundation has, over the years, also made donations which have contributed to the improvement of operations at the unit. Those donations included vital equipment, in addition to helping to acquire training programmes for general surgeons and other medical professionals.

Dr Rajkumar said the good gesture of the charitable organization has helped the unit to build a full team, comprising two surgeons and other support staff, who together work to ensure that there are regular clinics and surgeries.

Though the unit still faces major challenges, it continues to work towards providing better health care and saving lives.

"We know how expensive it is to run a state-of-the-art Burn Care Unit, since they are only present in First World countries. However, we will work with what we have, along with the support given, to provide quality service to the Guyanese public," Dr Rajkumar said.

The Guyana founder of the Caribbean North Charities Foundation, Harry

Harakh, has said he is more than pleased to give back to the unit and the hospital as a whole. Recently, the non-governmental organization donated Cdn\$13,500 worth of surgical equipment and laptop computers to the unit. Minister of Public Health, Dr George Norton, thanking the foundation for its support, has said the Government welcomes any other support from the foundation and from Canada as a whole.

“This donation adds further to the many years of invaluable assistance and longstanding commitment of the foundation to the Burns Care Unit at the GPHC,” the Minister said. He has contended that the skin graft mesher, expansion ratio cutters, autoclave case, skin graft mesher carrier and dermatome blades will no doubt improve the quality of recovery of burn patients.

That apart, the computers will help the unit to keep up with the technological advancements by significantly aiding the process of keeping policies and procedures in digital format easily accessible online.

“All of your efforts have contributed to better care of thousands of patients which the Burns Care Unit has served, and the Guyana Government is eternally grateful for all of your support, and we at the Ministry of Public Health are very enthusiastic about these donations,” Dr Norton said.

This article was originally published in the Guyana Chronicle.

Caregiver Recognition

The front line doctors, paramedics, nurses, clinicians, technicians and supportive staff are dedicated to their work in an intense environment. Our charity expresses gratitude to their unwavering dedication and hard work.

Thank you care providers!



Community & Partnerships

Local Co-op and Internships



Our local Co-op and Internship program has been running for 6 years. It provides local graduating high school students with business experience during their placement and university students with internship qualifying hours.

Tina Insanally Foundation



In Guyana, we continue our partnership with the Tina Insanally Foundation to provide an after school opportunity for children in need. Children are given the chance to learn, to play musical instruments, such as the guitar and drums, and to sing in a choir.

How Can You Help?

CNCF has evolved into showcasing the best of Caribbean culture and values in the York Region and is committed to improving the lives of people in the Caribbean.

Your generous support and contributions are essential to saving lives and carrying out this mission.

You can support CNCF in the following ways:

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2. Sign up as a volunteer
3. Make a donation
 - Tax receipts will be issued for donations made today.
 - Go online to www.CaribbeanNorth.ca

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