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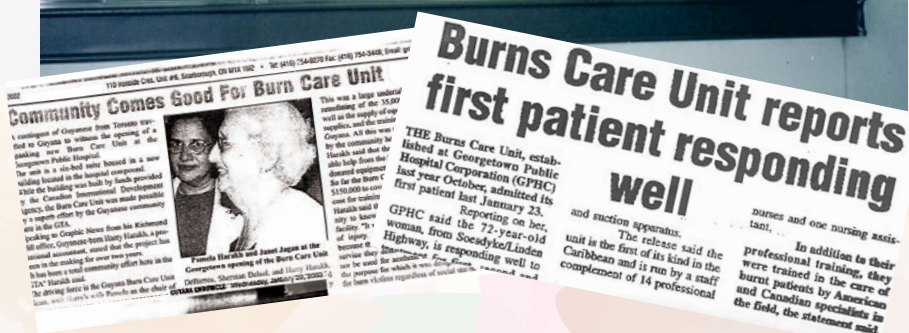
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WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT

## The 15th Anniversary of Our Burn Care Unit



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## CHARITIES FOUNDATION

Canadian Registered Charity serving the Caribbean since 1998

### 1. Areas of Focus

- Health Care Institutions - EMS, mother and child programs, physical facilities, specialized burn care, surgical equipment, continuous professional development, and other programs
- Relief from poverty programs for children - clothing, literacy/libraries, sports and music and other basic necessities
- Support programs for those living in Assisted Living Residences

### 2. Next Steps

- Refurbish and improve capacity and care for the Guyana Burn Care Unit
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) for health care professionals
- Combine efforts to implement best practices for nurses and other disciplines
- Expand our scope to provide a place of association for seniors to exchange cultural values and to form support groups to improve their quality of life.

### 3. Our Principal Contributors



**Harry Harakh**

MBA, CPA, CA  
President



**Pamela Harakh**

Chief Operating Officer  
Vice President



**Desmond de Barros**

Retired Community Philanthropist  
Vice President



**Geeta Singh**

BScN, RN  
Secretary



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**Bill Newman**

Executive Producer  
of CNCF Gala Concert



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Event Coordinator  
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Event Coordinator  
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**Jeanette Khan**

Event Coordinator  
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**Sandy Panday**

Event Coordinator  
2017

### A message from Harry Harakh, MBA, CPA, CA

President, Caribbean North Charities Foundation

## WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED

- Raised and disbursed cumulatively CDN \$1.67 million to fund our programs.
- Over 97% of our donations go directly towards our projects with the remaining 3% spent promoting our fund-raisers and publications.
- Of the 21,400 total volunteer hours donated since 1998, 60% was spent on programs and 40% was spent soliciting technical expertise, promoting events, and fundraising.
- We were the first of its kind non-governmental VOLUNTEER diaspora organization to directly partner with an institution GPHC when in 2000 we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgetown Public Hospital to provide a specialized burn care ward within the 3500 sq feet open space of the hospital, which was originally the pharmacy.
- We designed, and configured the 6 beds unit to hospital standards, and equip it to be a much needed burn care specialty ward. GPHC contributed local labor and ongoing operating expenses since then..
- Our initial expenditure was USD \$150,000.
- On memorial day November, 11 2002 the former President of Guyana Mrs. Janet Jagan O.E. formally opened the Unit in the presence of invited dignitaries and stakeholders and newly trained the nurses assumed their role as burn care nurses.
- Since its opening we have expended another USD \$125,000 towards further refurbishment, special equipment and specific training for the staff.
- The unit has treated over 1,570 in and out patients since its opening.

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided a variety of Continuing Nursing Education Programs
- Partnering with Rotary Guyana, we, CNCF purchased and delivered an 18 wheelchair capacity mobility bus to Cheshire Home, for the residents.

- Donated 25 Philips ECG Machines, where none previously existed and arranged for an ECG doctor trainer to teach how to use these
- Purchased 18 new Hand-held Fetal Dopplers for the maternity ward.  
Purchased a new Diathermy Machine for use in surgery to reduce bleeding.
- Purchased skin grafting and mesher equipment with blades for burn surgery.
- Donated 10 desktop computers and 7 laptop computers for staff.
- Donated equipment to maternity as follows:
  - 18 infant Incubators
  - 25 Bassinets
  - 6 Critical Care Ventilators
  - Baby Scales
  - 2 Birthing Beds Hill-Rom
  - 6 Fetal Monitors, for maternity effectiveness and training of its use.  
These were not available in Guyana at the time.
- We coordinated the York Region donation of 3 decommissioned ambulances of which two were for the GPHC in Guyana and one for St Jude Hospital in St Lucia.
- We partnered with the Tina Insanally Foundation in contributing to outreach programs for after school music, and distributed soccer clothing donated by the Richmond Hill Soccer Club.
- We coordinated the donation of three thousand (3,000 units) Back Packs with school supplies donated to us and shipped by a special donor. This was distributed to designated schools in St Lucia & Dominica as part of a Back to School Program

## PLEASE HELP US TO CHANGE LIVES

### WHAT CAN YOU DO

Working together as a team, we can make a difference in the lives of so many. We provide volunteer opportunities for you to help in your discipline.

- Nursing Education Programs
- Governance & Management
- Mentorship Program
- Adding Literacy
- Providing After School Programs, such as music and athletics
- Capacity building for the Institution
- Resources and networking



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**Majid Jowhari**  
Member of Parliament  
Richmond Hill



August 25, 2017

**Greetings from Majid Jowhari, MP**

As the Member of Parliament for Richmond Hill, I am honoured to present my greetings to all those attending the Caribbean North Charities Foundation - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Gala Concert.

We are delighted to welcome talented artists such as Bill Newman, Faith Amour, Tarana Dance Company, Jay Douglas, Itah Sadu and many more culturally diverse communities join together and support this great cause.

The Caribbean North Charities Foundation has continually worked towards bettering critical care facilities within the public health system in the Caribbean and has helped save many lives. Their ongoing Canadian mentoring program for co-op students in Richmond Hill and university internship placements has provided invaluable work experience.

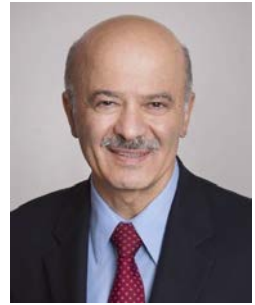
As a Member of Parliament, I commend and congratulate all the organizers and volunteers for their commitment to such an important cause and celebration of our multiculturalism. I extend my warmest regards, and wish all in attendance an enjoyable time at the event.

*Majid Jowhari, M.P.*  
*Richmond Hill*



**Reza Moridi, M.P.P.**

Richmond Hill



August 25, 2017

**GREETINGS FROM REZA MORIDI**

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Caribbean North Charities Foundation's 7<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising concert.

Made up of hard-working volunteers who tirelessly dedicate their time and efforts, I commend your organization for its continued commitment to providing care benefits to those who are less fortunate in the Caribbean by providing medical equipment to train nurses and to care for patients.

As you enjoy tonight's concert, you may take great pride in your organization's valuable contributions to Ontario's cultural diversity and economic vitality.

I wish you an enjoyable evening, and continued success in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reza Moridi'.

Reza Moridi, MPP

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 2017 the 7<sup>th</sup> 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, Mon-T- Hamma, Faith Amour, Itah Sadu, Jay Douglas 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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## Office of Vito Spatafora - Deputy Mayor



Caribbean North Charities Foundation



My wife, Frances and I have witnessed the amazing charitable work that Caribbean North and their founders, Pam and Harry Harakh, have made to improve the medical and health needs within the Caribbean community. This self-funding charity has made a huge difference in the quality of health care available in the Caribbean.

We visited the Burn Care Unit that Caribbean North provided within the Georgetown Hospital, Guyana and saw the positive impact of the organized medical training programs for newborns and burn victims to improve the survival rate of patients.

In 2012, with the assistance of many volunteers including my wife and myself, Caribbean North shipped two decommissioned ambulances donated by the Regional Municipality of York, to the Georgetown Hospital as well as 500 library books donated by the Richmond Hill Library to start a small community library and soccer uniforms and equipment for local orphanages that was contributed by the Richmond Hill Soccer Club.

This year we joined the mission to St. Jude's Hospital in St. Lucia that had burned down several years ago. We were impressed with the ingenuity of local official to revamp a sports stadium into a medical care centre that services the airport and southern half of the island. However, serious medical emergencies were being moved by ambulance over the mountains to the better equipped hospitals in Castries. Although St. Jude's had two older ambulances, they were not repairable. As a result, St. Jude's Hospital had to rely on external partners to transport patients until Caribbean North delivered the ambulance donated by the Regional Municipality of York. To ensure the new ambulance was service ready, York Region Ambulance Chief Barrett made the trip to provide medical training for paramedics and care givers as well as instruction on maintaining the equipment.

Caribbean North could not provide this lifesaving support without the generous contributions of volunteers and kind people like you. To quote John Holmes, "There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

Thank you for caring!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vito Spatafora".

Vito Spatafora  
Deputy Mayor  
Regional and Local Councillor  
Richmond Hill



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Guyana Ambulance and paramedics



St. Lucia ribbon cutting ceremony



St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital



York Region donating ambulances to Caribbean North



Joseph's Mercy Hospital



Dignitaries in Guyana and St. Lucia



Cheshire Home



St. Lucia and Dominica



Canadian volunteers unpacking donations for distribution in St. Lucia



Distribution of Donations, Guyana



Tina Insanally Foundation Music Program, Guyana

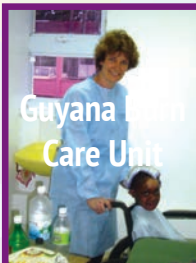




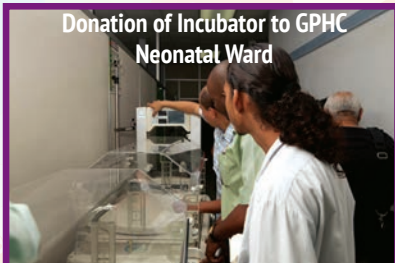
Mentoring students in  
Richmond Hill



Cheshire Home



Guyana Burn  
Care Unit



Donation of Incubator to GPHC  
Neonatal Ward



Nursing Education



Donation of Diathermy Surgical Equipment to the Burn Unit



Nursing Education



Canadian Biomedics training the staff



Donations of ECG  
Machines



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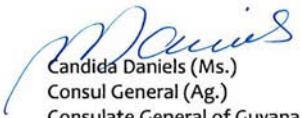
### **Congratulatory Message from the Acting Consul General of Guyana**

August 9, 2017

On behalf of the Consulate General of Guyana in Toronto, I am pleased to extend warm congratulations to the Caribbean North Charities Foundation on the occasion of its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Gala Concert.

Over past fifteen years, Caribbean North Charities Foundation has proven itself to be a valuable partner to the Government of Guyana in the provision of quality health care to burn patients with the establishment of the *Guyana Burn Care Unit* at the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation. Additionally, the *Mother and Child Hospital Programme* has been contributing significantly to the reduction of infant mortality through the provision valuable training to nurses and midwives in this very important area of Guyana's health care system.

I wish to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Government of Guyana, to extend profound gratitude to the Foundation for all its support to the Guyana Burn Care Unit and in assisting in the reduction of infant mortality in Guyana. The Government of Guyana looks forward to continuing this partnership with the Caribbean North Charities Foundation. I also wish to extend best wishes to the Foundation for every success in all its future endeavours.

  
Candida Daniels (Ms.)  
Consul General (Ag.)  
Consulate General of Guyana  
Toronto





### Message from Consul General of Saint Lucia

On behalf of the Consulate General of Saint Lucia in Toronto, Canada, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Caribbean North Charities Foundation on your Seventh Annual Fundraising Gala Concert, and for your dedication to providing lifesaving medical support and equipment to the people of the Caribbean.

In February 2017, the Consulate was the proud recipient of an ambulance from Caribbean North Charities for the St. Jude's Hospital in Saint Lucia. Along with the ambulance, the Foundation provided St. Jude's with a donation of computers and related accessories. They also donated children's books and other school supplies to several local schools.

Caribbean North Charities has generously been providing professional and technical assistance in specialty services to St. Jude's Hospital since 2014. Your donations mean a lot to Saint Lucia and we are profoundly grateful.

It has truly been a pleasure partnering with your dedicated and hardworking team who are passionate about helping to improve the lives of Saint Lucians and other fellow Caribbean nationals.

We wish you all the best for the future and look forward to celebrating many more years of success with you!

May God continue to bless you for your eagerness to help and to guide you towards achieving all your goals.

*Best Wishes,*

Cheryl Francis  
Consul General of Saint Lucia  
Toronto, Canada



### Trade & Investment Commission for The Commonwealth of Dominica, in Canada Trade Investment & Tourism

August 2017

Caribbean North Charities  
Richmond Hill, ON

On behalf of the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Dominica, kindly accept our congratulations on your 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Gala. Your Annual Gala brings out the best in Caribbean and Canadian entertainment while raising funds for the Caribbean islands. The work done by Caribbean North Charities is worthy of world-wide recognition...ranging from the Burn unit in Guyana to helping the less fortunate in St. Lucia and Dominica.

We, from the Commonwealth of Dominica express our sincerest thanks for your support Pre and Post Tropical Storm Erika, and most recently your donation of 1500 fully equipped backpacks to students in the Commonwealth of Dominica, for start of the 2017 school year.

Kindly accept our thanks, as we wish you a great evening of entertainment and Caribbean celebrations.

With Highest Regards,

Frances Delsol  
Trade & Investment Commissioner for Dominica (in Canada)

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# Our Community Work

## 3 Decommissioned Ambulances Donated by York Region

K NEWS, Tuesday, November 27, 2012 Page 13  
**Canada-based charity donates two  
ambulances to Georgetown Hospital**



Dignitaries from Canada and Guyana at the offices of the Canadian High Commissioner in Guyana

## Guyana Burn Care Unit



Our Canadian volunteer visiting a burn patient. We are currently celebrating our 15th anniversary since it's opening.



2017 March handover of ambulance to St. Jude Hospital - St. Lucia

## Tina Insanally Foundation



Provided support for the After School Free Music Program for children from the orphanages.

## Student Mentorship Program

Our ongoing student mentoring program of co-op students in Richmond Hill and university internship placement assists students in achieving valuable experiences



# Our Community Work

## Continuing Nursing Education



Since 2002, we have been providing continuing professional development modules for nursing education in Guyana and St. Lucia



## Cheshire Home for the Disabled

Purchased and shipped an 18 wheelchair capacity bus to provide transportation for it's residents.



## Education Programs in St. Lucia, Dominica, and Guyana



Donation of library books for the Literacy Program, donated by the Richmond Hill Public Library



Donation of backpacks for the Back to School Program



Soccer uniforms and equipment donated by the Richmond Hill Soccer Club for the After School Athletic Program.

*Thank you to our donors for their generosity*



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## Caribbean North Charities Foundation

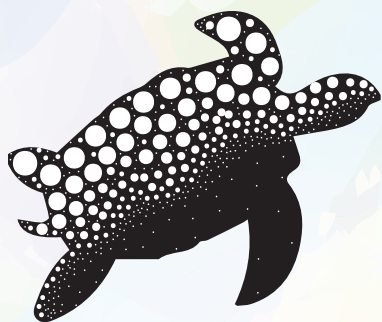


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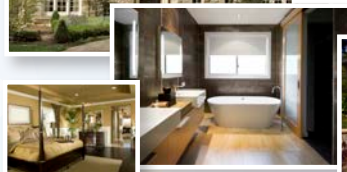
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