

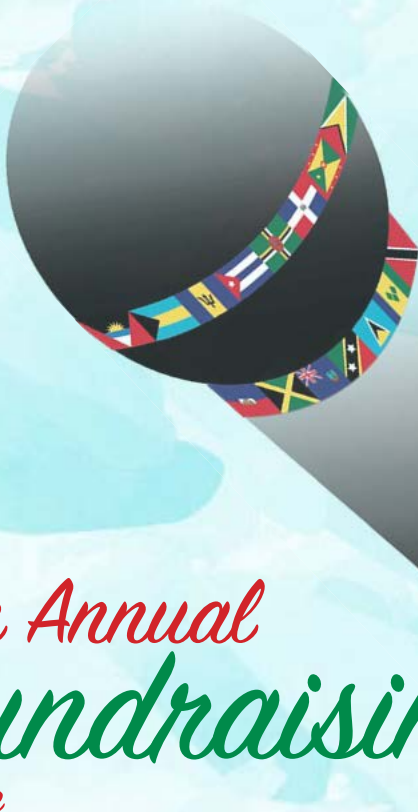


#CaribbeanNorthCharities

Canadian Registered Charity #875225401

# CARIBBEAN

# *North 2018*



*8th Annual*

# *Fundraising Gala*

*at the*

*Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts*

Friday, August 24, 2018

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# We are proud to present The 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Flagship Project



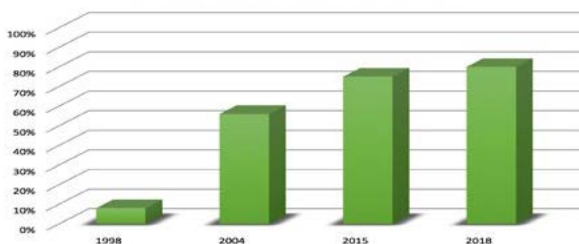
## Starbroek News 2004 - as reported by Dr. Wu



• As early as 2004, two years after the opening of the unit, the then burn surgeon, Dr. Wu, who has been instrumental in providing early training, reported in the article that over 100 cases have been treated in the 2yrs of being open, majority being young women.

- The types of burns that had been treated: 129 thermal (fire), 20 chemical, 20 acid, and a few electrical burns
- Burn victims had a mortality rate of a mark reduction from 44% to 16% and these statistics apply to patients of surface burn from between 20%-60%.
- He further reported that; up to that time, 37 patients had a total of 67 surgeries, including skin grafting.

**Recovery Rate for Patients  
with surface burns 55% or less**



The unit continues this positive impact on care as it matures into a high class burn care facility. We continue our support of the unit and in July 2018, donated replacement skin grafting equipment.

# CARIBBEAN *North*

## CHARITIES FOUNDATION *Message From The Foundation*

Friends, donors, volunteers, local & outreach communities, our thanks to all for contributing so much of your time, expertise, resources, and most importantly, for supporting our charity in delivering its programs.

In the beginning with the cooperation from the Guyana Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC) and the volunteer burn specialists at Sunnybrook's Ross Tilsley Burn Care Centre, we engaged in a memorandum of understanding to take 3000 square feet of empty hospital space and provide resources, finances and expertise to transform it into a functioning critical care unit. It was a great privilege to obtain expertise from the burn care professionals. We obtained bricks and mortars, medical equipment, technical training, and everything required to have a fully functional burn care unit. We expended US \$250,000 of which one half was spent on the brick and mortar aspect of the unit. We do not provide any compensation to anyone within our foundation.

We have parlayed our experience from the above unit into several other vulnerable areas where we match needs and available resources. These include contributing to relief from natural disasters, EMS programs, neonatal programs, etc.

### Principal Contributors and Volunteers



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President



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Event Coordinator

# Major Donations (\$) from 1998-2018

We have contributed over US \$1.3 million of equipment and resources over the 20 years of operation. In our recent audit, a significant amount of the equipment are now nearing their end-of-life, and are being retired. While we currently do not have a mandate to replace these equipments, some of the equipment are being repurposed.

## Burn Care Unit Costs



\$250,000

## Afterschool and Cheshire Home Donations



\$18,600

## Nursing Education and Training



\$274,614

## Other Contributions to Guyana Public Hospital & St. Joseph Mercy Hospital



\$349,375

## Medical Equipment (ECG, Ventilators, etc.)



\$145,800

## Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery



\$135,000

## EMS (Ambulances)



\$123,080

## Smaller Outreach Programs



\$14,604

## Total Costs to Date

(including smaller expenses and donations)

US \$1,311,073



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
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CANADA

**Majid Jowhari**

Member of Parliament  
Richmond Hill



August 24, 2018

**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 - 8<sup>th</sup> 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, there is so much for attendees to look forward to.

Not only is the event special in itself, but this year we recognize the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization and all the hard work they have put into bettering lives both in Canada and internationally. 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. These accomplishments include designing a 6 bed unit for a burn care specialty ward, donating medical equipment such as 18 infant incubators, 25 bassinets, 6 critical care ventilators, baby scales, and much more. Not only is their work significant across the globe, but they have greatly contributed to the Canadian community by expanding their seniors programs and providing mentorship for university students in the GTA. We truly appreciate the work that has been done over the past 20 years.

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*

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*Ontario*

## CARIBBEAN NORTH CHARITIES FOUNDATION 8TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CONCERT

August 24, 2018

*On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings and congratulate the Caribbean North Charities Foundation on holding their 8th annual fundraising concert.*

*The Caribbean North Charities Foundation has made a difference in the lives of burn victims in Guyana and ensuring they are able to live a long, healthy, and prosperous life by providing medical equipment and training in the region.*

*I commend your efforts in improving people's lives and would like to especially thank all the volunteers and organizers that put their time and effort in ensuring the Guyana Burn Care Unit project is a success.*

*Please accept my sincere best wishes and congratulations for a spectacular event.*

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Michael Parsa.

**Michael Parsa, MPP**

*Aurora-Oak Ridges-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 2018 the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Concert in support of the Guyana Burn Unit and Mackenzie Health Hospital.

Caribbean North Charities Foundation 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, Allana Craig, Monty Hamma, Tarana Dance Company, 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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# *Program Catalogue*

## *Burn Care Unit*



## *Nursing Education*



## *Equipment Donation*



## *Ambulance Donation to St. Lucia, Guyana & St. Vincent*





# Program Catalogue

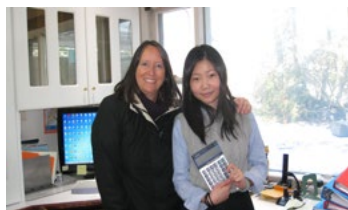
## Community Work



## Natural Disaster Relief



## Mentorship Program



## Cheshire Home



# Office of Vito Spatafora - Deputy Mayor



August 24, 2018

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## RE: Eighth Annual Fundraising Concert

Congratulations to the Caribbean North Charitable Foundation on sponsoring the Eighth Annual Fundraising Concert to provide the Caribbean community with medical support and lifesaving equipment.

Congratulations also to Pam and Harry Harakh who are celebrating 20 years in providing medical assistance and funding for the life-saving burn unit within the Georgetown Hospital in Guyana.

Over the past six years three decommissioned ambulances donated by York Region were sent to Guyana and St. Lucia providing patients with a safe, medically equipped transportation service.

I am pleased to announce that through Caribbean North's appeal, York Region is donating a fourth decommissioned ambulance destined for the hurricane torn island of the Republic of Dominica. Hurricane Maria destroyed the Island's hospital, its infrastructure and left many people homeless.

Your generous support for this concert will go a long way to help Caribbean North to provide much needed medical assistance and ship the donated ambulance to Dominica.

To quote John Holmes..."There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

Thank you for your generosity!

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



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July 24, 2018

Welcome to Caribbean North Charities Foundation's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Gala Concert benefiting the Mental Health program at the future Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital.

To all guests and generous supporters, thank you for supporting Mackenzie Health. Your attendance this evening will ultimately improve the lives and well-being of many children and their families in our community.

At Mackenzie Health, our vision for the new Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital, Canada's first "smart" hospital, includes a dedicated Mental Health unit featuring 32 inpatient mental health rooms with increased privacy and natural light. Expanded programs and spaces will help get more patients the responsive care they need in hospital and the community support they need to remain healthy. The new Magna Emergency Department will also house a private area for emergency psychiatric care.

Building on our expertise and by attracting the best and brightest specialists in the medical community, we are creating a world-class experience for mental health care in York Region.

Mackenzie Health Foundation's \$250-million Exceptional Care Belongs Here campaign continues to gain momentum, engaging people like you and inspiring philanthropy across our region. With more than \$100 million in confirmed pledges and gifts, we are confident we will achieve our goals with the continued support of our extraordinary community.

On behalf of Mackenzie Health Foundation, we extend our congratulations and appreciation to Caribbean North Charities Foundation, your talented and dedicated volunteer group who have worked tirelessly to bring you a spectacular evening and everyone here tonight. We are honoured by your investment in the health and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Rina Pillitteri.

Rina Pillitteri  
Chair  
Mackenzie Health Foundation

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Ingrid Perry.

Ingrid Perry  
President & CEO  
Mackenzie Health Foundation

# Looking to the Future

## Community Assimilation Project



This project aims to provide access to information and support to ease the challenges of social conflicts and cultural adjustments.

## Equipment Maintenance Training

We are initiating arrangement to repurpose and reuse equipment valued at US \$100,000. If this materializes, it will provide training to a new set of beneficiaries. Within this we plan to launch equipment maintenance training programs, in cooperation with other not-for-profit entities in Canada and the Caribbean.

## Self-Funded Activities Annual Family Day Celebrations



In 2017 we held a Caribbean Family Day Celebration for Canada 150. Our goal was to bring a piece of the Caribbean to Richmond Hill and give the community a chance to experience some Caribbean culture. There were Caribbean dishes, Caribbean music and great performances which drew large crowds. We will continue this Caribbean Family Day tradition every year. The event is completely self-funded and will benefit not only the local Caribbean community, but everyone near and far.

## Seniors Social Club

Every month, the Seniors Social Club organizes an event to bring seniors together. This gathering is the perfect opportunity for everyone to experience and appreciate different cultures. Through sharing common interests such as food, music and dance, many friendships will be built and all kinds of barriers will be bridged.



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*Thank you for your support over the years. It has been an honour to serve you.*

**Vito Spatafora**  
Deputy Mayor  
Regional and Local Councillor



We would like to give our most sincere thanks to our Deputy Mayor of Richmond Hill, Mr. Vito Spatafora for his visions, encouragement and continuous support.



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# Look Out for Caribbean Family Day 2019

Journée familiale des Caraïbes

# CARIBBEAN Family Day 2019



## Taste the unique Caribbean dishes!

Jerk Chicken ♦ Curry Roti ♦ Bake and Saltfish ♦ Pepperpot ♦  
Black Pudding ♦ Coconut Water

## Enjoy the unique musical culture and colourful costumes!

Steelpan ♦ Limbo Dancing ♦ Stilt Walking ♦ Calypsonian Music ♦ Traditional Music

## Experience unique indigenous flavours!

Dominica ♦ Essential Oils and Soaps ♦ St. Lucia ♦ Cocoa ♦ Guyana ♦ Casareep

## Immerse yourself in the unique art and history!

Guest Speakers ♦ Fables and Tales



#CaribbeanNorthCharities

