

“Helping to Feed and Educate Underprivileged Students in Guyana” – Information Letter

TORONTO FOUNDATION

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

CANADIAN VISION CARE – GUYANA TEAM

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO OUR

DINNER & DANCE

IN AID OF

**HELPING TO FEED & EDUCATE
UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS IN GUYANA
&**

**BRINGING THE GIFT OF SIGHT TO THE PEOPLE
OF GUYANA BY THE CANADIAN VISION CARE –
GUYANA TEAM**

Date	Saturday, September 17 th . 2011.
Place	Elite Banquet Hall, 1850 Albion Road, Rexdale
Cocktails	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. –Vince on the Steel Pan
Dinner	7:45 p.m. - Jan Morgan –Trumpeter
Entertainment	Popular D.J. “PAUL” - Narie Mahabir on the Sax.
Donation	\$55.00 per person

Endorsed By: The Consulate General of Guyana, The Rotary Club of Bramalea, Brampton, ON, and the Rotary Club of Georgetown Central.

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“HELPING TO FEED AND EDUCATE UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS IN GUYANA”

The Toronto Foundation: “ Helping to Feed and Educate Underprivileged Students in Guyana” came into being in November 2002. This project involves feeding schools in the general Guyana Diaspora where it has been identified that the nutritional needs of the students are not being effectively met. Through participation in this initiative, students are enabled to reap full benefits for the educational information being passed on to them.

The Toronto Committee has successfully held seven (7) fundraising banquets from which they were able to garner a total of \$86,224.00, (inclusive of 2010 Dinner/Dance that raised \$13,200.00). This amount has been utilized, with the assistance and administration of the Guyana Committee to feed the following seven (7) schools.

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| * Malgre Tout Primary | West Bank Demerara |
| * La Grange Primary | West Bank Demerara |
| * Kuru Kururu Primary | Linden Highway |
| * Supply Primary | East Bank of Demerara |
| * Mashabo Primary | Ituribisci Lake (Hot & Cold) |
| * St. Francis Xavier Boys Dorm. | Charity, Essequibo |
| * Abram’s Creek Primary | Pomeroon River |

The Toronto Committee is effectively and efficiently monitoring the situation in Guyana and even participates in the feeding of the children at the schools. In essence, this program is working and needs your continued support.

CANADIAN VISION CARE - GUYANA TEAM

For over 20 years, the Canadian Vision Care - Guyana Team has been travelling to Guyana to provide free eye care to areas where these services do not exist and to the people who are not able to afford this care. We work in partnership with Guyana’s Ministry of Health and local service clubs, who assist with the planning and logistics for the projects.

Our team provides a complete eye examination, including free prescription eyeglasses if required. Our nurse conducts a diabetic and hypertension clinic with counseling for disease management. Cataract surgery with IOL implants and pterygium surgery have been performed by our ophthalmologists. As well, vision screening at local schools is often conducted to identify children with eye-related problems.

Our team is made up of volunteer ophthalmologists, optometrists, opticians, nurses and assistants, who not only give their time and skills but cover all related costs for their travel, meals and accommodation. However, other expenses such as purchasing supplies, equipment, medications, eyeglasses, etc. must be financed through fundraising activities such as this gala. Your support is greatly appreciated. In advance we thank you for your help as we bring this Gift of Sight to the people of Guyana.

**February 2011, 6-day Clinic in Anna Regina, Essequibo:
Patients Seen: 1300
Eyeglasses Distributed: 1050
Patients Referred to MOH for Eye Surgery/Treatment: 42**

A wonderful program is planned and you are assured of a great time.