

*“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**

**15<sup>th</sup>. ANNIVERSARY DINNER & DANCE**

**IN AID OF**

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

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

Date	Saturday, September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Place	Payal Banquet Hall -3410 Semenyk Crt. Miss. ON
Cocktails	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Appetizers
Formalities	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Dinner	8:30 p.m. - Musical Interlude
Entertainment	- D.J. “PAUL”
Donation	- \$55.00 per person

Endorsed By: The Guyana Distribution & Monitoring Committee, The Rotary Club  
of Georgetown Central, Guyana

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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” started in November 2002. This project involves feeding students in 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 of the educational information being passed on to them.

The Toronto Committee has successfully held Thirteen (13) fundraising banquets from which they were able to garner a total of \$160,958.00, (inclusive of 2015 Dinner/Dance that raised \$13,564.00). This amount has been utilized, with the assistance and administration of the Guyana Committee to feed students at the following NINE (9) 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, Essequibo |
| * St. Francis Xavier Boys Dorm. | Charity, Essequibo         |
| * Friendship Primary            | East Bank Berbice          |
| * Edingburgh Primary            | East Bank Berbice          |
| * Bush Lot Vedanta Academy      | West Coast Berbice         |

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

### **CANADIAN VISION CARE - GUYANA TEAM**

For over 25 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. Our ophthalmologists have performed cataract surgery with IOL implants and pterygium surgery. 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.

Our most recent project:

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. - Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. 2015 (Anna Regina Mandir – Essequibo Coast)

Patients Seen: 959

Eyeglasses Distributed: 833

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