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Why We Do What We Do! Global Homelessness

The United States has the largest number of homeless women and children of any industrialized nation.

LET US LOOK AT SOME FACTS:

- One in 50 children in the US are homeless.
- On any give day, 200,000 children have no place to live.
- Homeless families comprise 34% of the home- less population.
- Almost 40% of the entire homeless population is under 18.
- Forty-two percent (42%) of these homeless children are younger than 6.

Health Problems Due to Homelessness

- Homeless children are sick four times more often than other children. They have:
 - ✦ Four times as many respiratory infections.

- ✦ Twice as many ear infections.
- ✦ Five times more gastro-intestinal problems.
- ✦ Four times more likely to have asthma.
- Go hungry at twice the rate of other children.
- Have high rates of obesity due to nutritional deficiencies.
- Have three times the rate of emotional and behavioral problems compared to non-homeless children.

Experiences of Violence

Violence plays a major role in the lives of homeless children.

- By age 12, 83% had been exposed to at least one serious violent event.
- Almost 25% have witnessed acts of violence within their families.

Educational and Developmental Issues

- Children experiencing homelessness are:
 - ✦ Four times more likely to show delayed development.
 - ✦ Twice as likely to have learning disabilities as non-homeless children.
 - ✦ At least 20 % of homeless children are unable to attend school.
- Within a year, 41% will attend two different schools and 28% will attend three or more schools and each change sets them back 4-6 months.
- Of homeless children in grades 3-12, only 48% were proficient in reading and only 43% were proficient in math.
- Thirty-six percent (36%) of homeless children repeat a grade.
- Approximately 1.16 million of homeless children today will not graduate from high school.

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WHY A MEDICAL MISSION TO GUYANA 2012

Why Deskan Addresses Prostate Cancer in Guyana

NEED FOR PREDICTED CHANGES FOR THE GUYANESE POPULATION

CONDITION	ESTIMATED NUMBERS	PREDICTED TO CHANGE	AGES AFFECTED	DISTRIBUTION	NATIONAL PROGRAM	PRIMARY CARE
PROSTATE CANCER	30,000	STABLE	ALL	HINTERLAND	YES	YES

Every Man Who Lives in Guyana is at Risk for Prostate Cancer

What is Prostate Cancer?

- Prostate cancer is a type of cancer that starts in the prostate, a walnut-sized gland found right below the bladder, but only in men. (Women can not get prostate cancer!)
- If it isn't treated, prostate cancer follows a natural course, starting as a tiny group of cancer cells that can grow into a full blown tumor.
- In some men, prostate cancer that isn't treated can spread (metastasize) and cause death.
- Probably about 125 Guyana men are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year, and many more may have prostate cancer but not know about it.
- It is one of the most common forms of cancer in men around the world.

- Every man who lives in Guyana is at risk for prostate cancer.
- Prostate cancer is most common in older men (over about 50 years of age).
- If your father, grandfather, brother or uncle has had prostate cancer, you are at risk.

Prevention Education

Everyone should be able to recognize the Signs and Symptoms of Prostate Cancer:

- A regular physical examination and a sample blood test (called a PSA test) are the keys to early diagnosis.
- Deskan encourages and promotes regular exams and PSA tests in your mid-40s or

early 50s.

- If men have a family history of prostate cancer, they should start having regular tests in their 40s.
- Men must have an early diagnosis that will allow them to have early treatment, if this is necessary.
- If prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, then the risk of dying from this illness is small.

DESKAN made more than 5 referrals for follow-up to local doctors in Guyana during its July to August 2012 Medical Mission and Prevention Education Screening Clinic and Provided a Training Institute and Train-the-Trainer workshops on Prostate and Breast Cancer

Prostate, colon and lung cancers were most common in males. Breast and cervix were most common in females. The Cumulative Incidence Rate, calculated by regions, shows the highest to be Region 4 (369.5). In the second place was Region 10 with a rate of (324.4) and Regions 6 and 5 with rates of 261.3 and 254.2 per 100,000 respectively.

Afro-Guyanese men accounted for over 65% of prostate cancers. Among women, Indo-Guyanese presented with the most cases of breast cancer (45%) while Afro-Guyanese had the majority of cervical cancer cases (39%). When the proportion of cervical cancer cases for all cancers in an ethnic group was analyzed however, cervical cancer was significantly more common ($p < 0.0001$) among Indigenous ($p = 0.014$) among women.

Among indigenous women Amerindian women. Similarly, by age-group analysis, there were significantly more cases of cervical than breast cancer.

The Cancer Registry of Guyana reflects a high incidence of prostate, cervical and breast cancers among Afro-Guyanese. Socio-economic, dietary and genetic influences on the observed pattern of incidence within this ethnic sub-group, as well as those of Indo-Guyanese and Indigenous Amerindians warrant further investigation.

Why a Medical Mission To Guyana 2012?

Cervical Cancer

What is cervical cancer?

Cervical cancer occurs when cells in the cervix grow out of control. The Cervix is the part of the uterus that opens into the vagina. If the cancer is found early enough, it can often be cured. The pap test is normally where it can be detected at an early stage.

What causes cervical cancer?

Cervical cancer is caused by a virus called the Human Papillomavirus or HPV. A person gets HPV by having sexual intercourse with someone who has it. There are different types of HPV and not all HPV can cause cervical cancer. Other types of HPV can cause genital warts, while others have no symptoms at all. A person can have HPV for years and not know it. If undetected, it can stay in your body and cause cervical cancer years after you were infected by it. A Pap test can detect HPV before it turns into cervical cancer.

What are its symptoms?

The HPV virus rarely causes symptoms, but if the virus has caused cervical cancer some of the symptoms might be included:

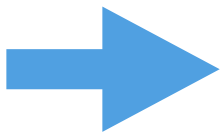
- Bleeding from the vagina that is not normal or problems in the menstrual cycle.
- Bleeding when something touches your cervix, such as during sex or while putting in a diaphragm.
- Unusual pain during sex.
- Vaginal discharge that has blood in it.

How is it diagnosed?

If during your regular pap test your doctor sees cells that are not normal, the doctor will do other tests to look for pre-cancerous or cancerous cells in your cervix. Your doctor may take a sample of tissue to better diagnose your condition; this procedure is called a biopsy.

HOW CERVICAL CANCER CAN BE PREVENTED AND HOW IS IT TREATED?

If the cervical cancer is caught early, the cancer is both survivable and curable. If it is caught very early, the person may still be able to have children. Otherwise, the three most common treatments will not allow the patient to have children. These treatments are: Hysterectomy, which is the removal of pelvic lymph nodes. It can--but does not have to--include removal of fallopian tubes and the ovaries, radiation therapy and Chemotherapy. By going to the doctor regularly and getting a pap test, your doctor will be able to see changes that may lead to cervical cancer. The virus that causes cervical cancer is spread through sexual contact.



**From July to October 2012,
DESKAN SCREENING PROGRAM
found an increase in HPV in the
12- to 15-year-old age group**

In July DESKAN conducted a 10-day educational and mission trip to Guyana



SUMMER CAMP 2012
 It takes a village to raise a Child;
 and a community to have a Village
 Daily Devotion
 Arts and Crafts
 Educational Lessons in a fun way
 Field Trips
 Exploring Stone Mountain City



MISSION DESKAN 2012
DESKAN INSTITUTE & TRAINING, INC.
2012 VACATION BIBLE CAMP
FOR TEN CHILDREN
COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR:
Ms. Dionne Liverpool

"Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou
 art my God. Thy spirit is good; lead me into
 the land of uprightness."
 Psalms 143:10



July to December 2012

DESKAN:

*Provided food baskets to 672 families and 448 children for Thanksgiving and Christmas Day Dinners.

*Provided coats and personal hygiene products to over 1300 men, women and children in need

OUR NEEDS LIST:

- ★ Office Supplies—ALL
- ★ Medical Supplies and Drugs
- ★ Children and Baby Care Items:
 - Bottles
 - Pacifiers
 - Baby food and formula
- ★ School Items
 - School clothes and uniforms
 - Computers, laptops (new and used)
- ★ Food Pantry
 - Canned goods

DESKAN welcomes your partnership in our global mission. Together we really can make a difference in people's lives. Please join us in praying for peace and healing in our wounded world.

*"To whom much is given
 much is required."*

We invite you to extend your hand by giving your time and talent to a much needed cause - helping the needy.

Utilize your skills within our organization through program planning mentoring, food packing, clothes sorting and distribution.

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Global Homelessness

Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of herself/himself and of her/his family including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond her/his control.” – Universal Declaration of Human Rights



Poverty and Homelessness in Guyana South America

When acknowledging poverty across the globe, Guyana is in 52nd place; in terms of access to clean water, 32nd place. In terms of life expectancy at birth, 37th place; and in terms of school enrollment, 75th place. Its adult literacy rate stands at 99.5%, which is the same as Italy and higher than Spain, Portugal and Hungary.

According to the World Bank, 47% of the population is classified as poor (having an income of less than 47,500 Guyanese dollars a month – eight times the international poverty line of a US dollar a day) with 29% classified as ‘extremely poor.’ Most of Guyana’s poor live in rural areas, with the majority of the ‘extremely poor’ living in the interior. The Health Minister noted that the HIV/AIDS epidemic has become one of the major threats in increasing the vulnerability of children locally, where the number is estimated to be 33,000 in Guyana.

These children have lost their parents due to illness, violence, suicide, accidents and many other reasons. Without the love and support of a surviving parent or surrogate caregivers, these children often become more vulnerable to all forms of violence, neglect, discrimination, exploitation and HIV/AIDS.

DESKAN seeks to help the number of children and adolescents who are orphaned, whether by the HIV/AIDS epidemic or other causes through ongoing prevention education, screening programs and linkages for follow-up care. DESKAN does this in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and its HIV/AIDS regional counselors.



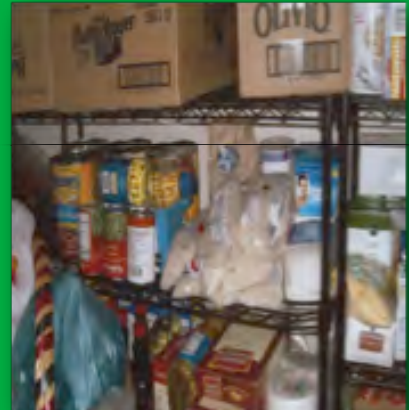
In July and August 2012, DESKAN volunteers provided children’s hair care and taught crochet to homeless children at Joshua House in Guyana.

Food and Clothing Pantry

2012 DESKAN
Christmas and Thanksgiving



DESKAN Biweekly Feeding,
My Sister's House - Atlanta,
GA



DESKAN Serves with LOVE in QUEENSTOWN ESSEQUIBO Guyana!

JULY - AUGUST 2012



Our Needs List

- Office Supplies—All
- Blankets, Toiletries, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes and mouthwash
- Medical Supplies, Drugs, Ointments and Cough Syrups

Children and Baby Care Items:

- Bottles
- Pacifiers
- Baby Food and Formula; all food items

School Items:

- Clothes
- Uniforms
- Book Bags
- Pens/Pencils/Sharpener etc.

Food Pantry:

- Canned goods; all meats
- Chicken, Ham, Turkey
- Aluminum Foil, Plastic Wrap and Zip-Lock Bags
- Paper and Plastic goods

Haiti Update, July 2012.
A Note of Thanks from Nancy Hibbard

Special thanks to those who are faithful in supporting the work I do in Haiti. Even though I will be in another area of Haiti, I plan to come to Port au Prince several times a year and will continue to provide help to those who lost their homes in the earthquake as well as the many children who need assistance paying for their education. One home is being repaired at this time and plans are in the making for several others. Even though I am not physically there, their needs continue to go unmet and outside help is crucial.

And, finally, GOOD NEWS about the child I brought to the US in June. The Syracuse surgeons were not able to "reconnect" **little Pelensky** who was run over nearly three years ago. The urethra was, in the surgeons words, "completely obliterated." But they created a new stoma that will allow him to straight catheterize himself which means no more bag once the healing is complete! Alleluia! Word is that he's pain free, flying kites and smiling. Thanks for your prayer support.

Personal Note from Precella Speid-Isaacs
Deskan New-Jersey- Coordinator

I tell a new story this time about the way in which my life was change in 2012 and the challenges faced to satisfy my thirst to be among my Deskan Family.

In April 2012, I gave birth to a beautiful and healthy baby boy, "**Yohan Issacs**" and with little time to prepare, I huddled together the people closest to me in NJ and planned a fish fry/BBQ in hopes to raise at least \$800.00 to ship the four barrels we had and also to contribute the rest towards the mission; but it was not to be so. The fish fry/BBQ came off with a bang, the support was great due to repeat customers; but we failed to raise the amount of money needed to even ship all of the barrels.

Being a people person, I was able to convince several of my friends to contribute as little as \$5.00 towards the shipping cost, which many of them willingly did, and with God on our side we were successful in getting all 4 barrels shipped out to two various Churches (Gethsemane Gospel Hall & Eden Assembly). **As a volunteer of Deskan it is our focus to help others regardless of how little; and with that mindset, I have been able to transfer that to many of my friends, family, and colleagues. As Dr. Liverpool most famously says, "No man is an island" and "It takes a village to raise a child".**



Direct Relief International:
Medication Delivery of over Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$350,000.00) for Mission Deskan in July 2012 & Deskan Bridges September 2012. Thanks so much...

Deskan Bridges 2012
Specialty Medical Clinic & CME for local Physicians and nurses... Over 500+ patients were seen at the three sites covered.



**Current Project: Provide Support to Help Families
Rebuild Homes Destroyed by the Earthquake**
Then check out: <http://tek4kids.org>
All wise uses of your hard-earned dollars!

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VOLUNTEERS:

Nichole Benn	Fay Blackwood	Quanisha Briggs	Brandon Pitts
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DESKAN is fortunate to partner with the following organizations that support community causes both locally and internationally:

Guyana Medical Relief Inc.	United Way	Hosea Feed the Hungry
Medshare	Women Watch Africa	The United Way of Atlanta
Volunteer Match	Ultimate Trophies	GLADDOR Organization
Mission Printing by Gregory Edwards	Booklet/Report Development by Christie Michelle	Southwest Primary Care Center/ Bridges 2008-2012
Families United Services	The Kaieteur Group of Connecticut	Judicial Correction Services , Inc.
Atlanta Union Mission/ My Sister's Place	Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation	Cross Bridge Girl Scout Troop #4322
Queenstown Essequibo	Emmanuel-AME Zion Church	MAP International
Michelle Edwards, Enchandin Editing	Toys-For-Tots	

Women of Poverty

Although women make tremendous contributions to the economy, women's contributions are not valued in the same way as men's. As a result, women consistently find themselves at a lower economic status than men. The majority of poor people in Africa and in the rest of the world are women. Women and girls compose 70% of the world's 1.5 billion people living in absolute poverty. Systematic gender discrimination and the denial of women's basic human rights is a major cause of poverty. The fact that as a group women are poorer than men, that women's deficiency is more severe than men's and that the rate of poverty is increasing among women is referred to as the 'feminization of poverty.' This is why Deskan's work in the Caribbean and Africa focuses on poverty alleviation, HIV/AIDS prevention education and awareness, education for female children, and violence against women.

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Visit us in Guyana!

Our Guyana Representatives:

Deslyn Biggs	Eze Hamilton
Dillion Dainty	Sharon Jones
Patricia Dinally	Leona Kyte
Randolph Darrell	Emily Marks
Yvonne Garnett	Stacy Noble
	Denise Tucker

Visit us in New Jersey!

Precella Speid	862-452-9365
Carlotta Craig	201-259-1175
Marcia Craig	201-259-1172

Women Watch Afrika

Women Watch Afrika is a 501(c)3 non-profit women's organization that has as its primary goal the acculturation of immigrant and refugee women arriving in the United States from African nations. An important objective of WWA is the deliverance of African women and girls from intra-family discrimination and physical abuse—a cultural tradition that has been practiced by African men for generations. WWA was established in Atlanta in 1997.

**"Life is a short walk. There is so little time
and so much living to achieve."**

John Oliver Killens

ACCOMPLISHMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Provided meals and clothing to more than 6585 hungry and homeless individuals in Atlanta.
- ★ Held workshops and information sessions on HIV/AIDS, HPV, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Rape. Provided counseling services to over 700 individuals including young adults, children and youths in Atlanta and DeKalb Communities.
- ★ Facilitated workshops and round table discussions on Domestic Violence and HIV/AIDS Counseling.
- ★ Provided care and support to Atlanta's hard-to-reach Caribbean population.
- ★ Coordinated and participated in 10-day Medical Mission to Guyana, led by Dr. Claudette Thomas of Southwest Primary Care, Atlanta, GA.
- ★ Sent ten barrels of donated medical supplies, school supplies and children's clothing to Guyana for churches and schools. (Linden was the recipient of one of these barrels, a first for Deskan.)
- ★ Organized a 14-day Medical Mission for Guyana, South America. Over 1800 individuals were given health care, counseling and medical services. Demerara, Buxton, ECD, the Ministry of AmerIndian Affairs, Sussex Street and Georgetown.
- ★ Volunteered for the Re-election Campaign for President Obama.
- ★ Deskan's Second Chance program made a difference for more than 8 people who benefited from this program.

CLIENT PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

"I am a cancer patient I just finish CHEM and get started late just trying to get things for my children to have a Thanksgiving meal. Ms you do not know. It is so hard. Sometimes I just feel like I am not fit to be a mother. Every thing is so hard." My Children will be able to eat a nice meal tomorrow." (Bufford, GA)

"I lost my job in October 2011; ever since things have been rough. My car broke down--had to get a new car, which I did not want because now I have a payment and things got really bad. I have a job now, but it does not pay as much as I am always behind. I am also behind in my mortgage. I have legal trouble with my 9-year-old son, that is an expense. You people save the day with the food. I just cannot put food on the table for Thanksgiving. Please pray for us."

"I am a grandmother trying to raise my grandchildren. These 5 children did not ask to come here. The situation is very bad with their parents. They fight all the time. I am in church on my knees that the Lord would help. This food would help so much. The toys would keep the children happy. God bless you people."

"It has been a hard year and I am currently in Bankruptcy." (Mother of 2)

"Because I am single mother taking care of 7 kids on my own. I am working, but it is just enough to pay the rent and other bills. I did not have any money to buy them Christmas toys." (Scottsdale GA)

"I am a single mother of three from Tennessee...My son's father was murdered in front of us. I am a Christian, I grew up in a Christian home, but things got a little out of hand. I just had to ask for help. My son is constantly in fights in school. The teachers do not understand. I have to move from city to city to save our life. I live from place to place, but I have to get them in school. I need help. I tried so many times to take my life, but then I look at my children." (Decatur)

"I am a single mother of two wonderful children and am unable to provide them with Thanksgiving or Christmas this year. My heart is breaking for them at this difficult time in our lives. Recently I lost my job, and cannot make ends meet. I am continuously looking for a job, but with the holidays just around the corner, I am scared. Please help me to find the resources I need to make the holidays a happy time for them. My daughter Tristan is 8 years old, and my son Samuel is 7 years old. I will do anything to see their faces light up throughout the holidays. If you have a job I can do, I will do whatever it takes. May you guys be blessed."

Partnership with Guyana Medical Relief, Inc, & Direct Relief International: "Every Committee and Board is a Volunteer."



Team Deskan on the journey again to meet the needs of others in Guyana, South America—Medical Mission 2012.

One of the best things you can do for your self is to do something for others. And one of the best ways to accomplish that is to volunteer.

Volunteering has been shown to have positive effects on the volunteer, including increased self-esteem and reduce stress. These effects are especially strong when the volunteer has a personal relationship with those he or she is helping.

Even if you only have a small amount of time to give, chances are you can find a way to make a real contribution. Whether it's stuffing envelopes, reading to a child or just sitting quietly with someone who is ill and alone, your efforts can make an enormous difference to someone else, as well as to yourself.

In volunteering, you learn more about other people, which evokes feelings of connection and sympathy for another's situation.

This can help you feel less isolated, and more a part of the

community. Many volunteers find the experience helps them appreciate their own lives that much more deeply.



Deskan Volunteer/donor list for 2012 - New Jersey

Isaacs Family (Precella & Kirk)
Craig family (Marcia, Carlotta, Philippa)
Abena Douglas
Jeanne Dublin-Speid
Denise Gray
Hortense Jeffers & family
Vanessa Johnson
Lashea Kelly
Dacia King-Sarkodie
Rubena Mingo
Solomon Shipping & Trading Inc.
Farah Solomon
Tamara Terrylong
Camy Thomas
Cynthia Thomas
Natalie Gray-Thomas

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A PROGRESSIVELY FATAL, BUT PREVENTABLE AND TREATABLE BEHAVIORAL PROBLEM

Domestic Violence or Spousal Battery is insidious. It begins with verbal and emotional abuse, then a push, slap, bite or kick, followed by the use of weapons. Domestic violence affects the entire family constellation including children, parents, grandparents, extended kin of all ages, and other persons anchored within the family network who may not be related by blood or marriage. It is important to know that children who witness domestic violence also suffer. Children from violent homes are at high-risk for child abuse, incest and sexual abuse. Witnessing domestic violence is terrifying for children and some experts consider it child abuse. Get the help you need.

DESKAN/BRIDGES 2012 MISSION

Humanitarian Mission September 2012



Canadian arm organized by Yvonne Treisman, as well as members from the USA, England and Guyana.

Volunteer Team

"However, I do need to mention all of the support we received that allowed us to provide services to the Guyanese community".

Dr. Claudette-Heyliger Thomas. Our medical mission was a collaborative effort, organized under the umbrella Deskan Institute and Training, Inc - Dr. Joan Liverpool-President.

The success of which, rested on the shoulders of several volunteers. Our

Supportive cast that included:

- Wagan Gardner- All God's Little Children
- Guyana Ministry of Health, Guyana Ministry of Health HIV/AIDS Division
- University of Guyana Social Services Department
- Georgetown Public Hospital - Mr. Michael Khan - CEO
- Dr. Madan Ramadan - Director of the Institute of Health Science Education
- Dr. Sudhir Sharma – ENT, Dr. Ruth Quaicoe - audiology
- Medical and Nursing Councils of Guyana
- Mr. Dev Hira, administrator, Lenora Hospital
- Fort Wellington Hospital, -Dr. Kavita Singh, Regional Health Officer
- Ms. Deslyn Fraser, Senior Health Visiting Nurse
- Dr. Pastor Motie Singh, Naleene Singh and family-Faith Community Church
- Food for the Poor, Stanley Ming – Ming's Products and Services
- Medshare, Direct Relief International
- Project Dawn Marciann Gravesande
- Dr. Holly Alexander of Guyana who was the team's sponsor

Our Mission Team was as follows:

Physicians

- Dr. Donald Wallerson - Cardiology
- Dr. Ralph Ruby – ENT
- Dr. Emerson MacRae – ENT
- Dr. Leigh Sowerby – ENT
- Dr. David Manning – Family Physician
- Dr. Breanna Chen - Pediatric Resident
- Dr. Yanick Vibert - Pediatrician/Neonatology, and myself, Claudette Heyliger-Thomas - Pediatrician

Nurses

- Rolande Joseph
- Lynne Wohlfahrt
- Debbie Drake
- Lorri Hogervorst
- Gwendolyn Harvey
- John Placid
- Sister Brown
- Stacy Noble
- Yonnette Garnett

Audiologist: Johann Pinto

Echo-technician: Sandra Wallerson

Pharmacy: Pharmasave - Dr. Joe Odomodu who donated medical supplies, Catherine Olive Williamson, and Olga Stater

IT: Mary Jane Brown, Debra Godin

Videographers: Michael Joseph, John Lenk

Social Workers: Dionne Frank, Monica Miller, Barbara Thomas-Holder, Debbie Hopkinson

Indispensable volunteers including but not limited to:

Dr. Kelwyn Thomas, Charles Liverpool, Conrad Joseph, Jonathan Isaacs-Heyliger and Kimberly Isaacs Heyliger Annie Joseph, Una Bobb, Cheryl Gittens, Dorothy MacRae, Elizabeth Ruby, Allison Caldeira, Judy Harrison, Diane Adams , Candace

Anderson, Nicola Hinds, Imelda Peters, our dedicated bus driver- Ivor and local volunteers from Parika, Stewartville, Georgetown, and West Coast Berbice. Like spokes within a wheel each and every one of our volunteers regardless of their roles, allowed us to provide services to the wonderful people of Guyana. Last but not least, Cheryl and David, your support and input were absolutely invaluable. So on behalf of Dr. Joan Liverpool and myself, we thank you.

God's blessings,
Claudette

MEDIA SUPPORT

Residents benefit from free clinical services at Liliendaal facility:

SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 | BY **KNEWS** | FILED UNDER **NEWS**



Patients lined up in their numbers Thursday at the Liliendaal, Greater Georgetown, Project Dawn facility, in order to access free medical services provided by the Deskan Institute and Training Medical Mission, an overseas-based medical outreach team. Although the team has been travelling to Guyana to render such services for the past 10 years, Thursday was the first time

that its members touched down at the Liliendaal facility.

They will continue to serve that area today. Though based primarily in the United States and Canada, the Mission, which includes a number of medical practitioners (some with Guyanese roots or affiliation) has been offering pediatrics, cardiology, ear, nose and throat care, among other services. Residents at Leonora on the West Coast of Demerara were exposed to the medical expertise earlier this week and similar services are being offered at the Fort Wellington Hospital which has over the years accommodated the visiting medical experts' mission. They have also provided services to the Parika area.

Members of Deskan (standing) mingle with some of the patients accessing clinical services at the Project Dawn facility.



The mission's decision to branch out to Liliendaal represents an extension of the services the team usually offers to Guyana during their annual humanitarian trip. The team of about 28 professionals, led by Guyanese-born Dr. Joan Liverpool, who specializes in Community Medicine, arrived in Guyana last Friday to commence the latest outreach.

She revealed that Deskan was established with the aim of providing social services, education, counseling and clinical services. In recognition that several of its members have Guyanese connection, a decision was made to give back to Guyana by way of clinical services, Dr Liverpool said. Through collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Faith Medical Ministries at Parika, the team has been able to render assistance to a number of persons.

Dr Liverpool revealed that through fund-raising activities, Deskan is also at times able to facilitate medical operations overseas for some patients who cannot be attended to in Guyana. While there are plans to continue the outreach drive, Dr Liverpool revealed that there are ambitious plans for 2013. She disclosed that the Deskan team will seek to have consultations here, in hope of determining what other services it can offer.

It was pointed out that the need for dental and obstetric services is being amplified, and plans for expansion may very well require the need for a stable location from which the team can operate when it comes to Guyana – a facility that Dr Liverpool is hopeful will be donated.



Dr. Donald Wallerson. Lecturing at GPHC



Dr. Leigh Manning Lecturing at GPHC



Patients at Lenora Hospital



**Sorting supplies at
Project Dawn**



Donation of items to GHPC