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GMR - 32 years of assisting with Healthcare in Guyana

Our Core Functions

It bears repeating that GMR was formed in 1984, initially to address the singular issue of shortages of specific medical supplies at the Public Hospital in Georgetown. But as the years passed, the needs and requirements in the health sector changed and GMR made necessary changes as well. We grew from one hospital to eight and added satellite clinics as needed. We expanded our charitable efforts to include infrastructure, equipment and even training programs for medical staff.

Today, we continue to pay for shipments to various hospitals in Guyana. The past two years have witnessed an increase in shipments due mainly to the shortages of medications in country but also because our funding sources were expanded. GMR is the beneficiary of a grant, thanks to Direct Relief and the Izumi Foundation. This has allowed us to penetrate other interior locations in Guyana. GMR continues to access new, interior communities and, to this end, has sent a mobile ultrasound to the Region 1, the Community of Baramita. This ultrasound is being used throughout Region 1. At Mahaicony Hospital, GMR provided a brand new, modern ultrasound machine. This has allowed many patients to be treated there instead of having to travel all the way to Georgetown and wait for hours.

About three years ago, GMR embarked on another mission to address medical issues affecting women and children. VIA Clinics were built to increase testing and treatment for cervical cancer. GMR teamed up with TOMS Shoes and joined in their "Giving Program". Since last year, thousands of shoes were given to school children in Linden, Mahaicony, Berbice and Essequibo. As a part of this program, children are encouraged to get a medical checkup at their local clinic or hospital. GMR has continued to ship thousands of pairs of TOMS shoes to Guyana's children. By combining the shoe giving, especially in the interior locations, with our medical outreaches, we have clearly increased the effectiveness of our giving.



TOMS Shoes at Wiruni – Upper Berbice River

GMR has also completely refurbishing the Accident and Emergency Unit at the Port Mourant Hospital to allow the staff to provide modern services to the peoples of this community.



"There are an increasing number of Medical Missions going to Guyana. They offer a unique opportunity for networking and to increase GMR's penetration into Hinterland Communities"



Medical Missions and GMR's Outreach

GMR has partnered with Canada-Guyana Outreach Mission (CanGo) to bring medical relief to thousands of Amerindians in the Regions 1 and 2 areas of Guyana. Last year GMR donated medical supplies and provided a grant to CanGo towards this venture. That donation from GMR is continued this year for their next Mission. CanGo is led by Guyanese Dr. Yvonne Treisman who resides in Toronto, and who gathers an international group of medical professionals for her missions to Guyana. The success of this program has boosted our giving ability and has expanded our giving to other areas as well. We assisted CanGo with providing maintenance to a building in the Pomeroun to house the over 2 dozen Canadian and American medical personnel who provided medical relief to the people in this area. This cost saving move will enhance the CanGo team's mission by providing a permanent home for these outreach teams as they visit Guyana annually to provide much needed services.

In addition to CanGo's outreach program, GMR has partnered with Dr. Cort, a Guyanese, who has taken Missions to Guyana since 2007. Dr. Cort has brought back to Guyana medical personnel to provide patients in the Corentyne/Fyrish /Cumberland are on a regular basis. His team is well known to the patients who maintain contact with them through a local Nurse, Ms. Hetemyer. GMR's Dr. Scott

has joined this team for his urological expertise, serving patients in Berbice and Georgetown.

Bridges Medical Mission is led by Guyanese pediatrician, Dr. Claudette Heyliger-Thomas. Bridges Medical Teams, since 2008, have provided free medical outreach services to various sites in the at large Guyanese communities of Fort Wellington and through Project Dawn, Linden Hospital Complex and Upper Demerara Hospital, Georgetown Public Hospital Complex, Kwakwani, Leonora and Bartica Hospitals, group homes along the Linden Highway and in Georgetown and most recently to the students of the Amerindian/Indigenous Dormitory. Bridges has also provided Continuing Medical Education (CME) to the local physicians.

GMR has provided the Bridges Team with medical supplies for their May 2017 mission to Guyana through Direct Relief. GMR plans to continue this relationship by supporting them with more medical supplies in their future trips to Guyana.

In addition to these missions, GMR has established a new relationship with the Guyana Cancer Foundation. In this respect, GMR has partnered with the Guyana Cancer Foundation to provide pap smears to women in the rural areas. For 2017 GMR will sponsor approximately 300+ pap smears to women in Linden, Pomeroun, Mahaicony, Berbice and Bartica.

GMR continues to listen to the needs of Guyanese and to evolve accordingly. Our mission has continued to focus on the poor, with emphasis on women and children.