



BGMM NEWS

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DECEMBER 2016

On behalf of the Bridges Global Medical Missions Board of Directors, I would like to thank you For being part of our annual program. Volunteers like you , who devote their Time and Financial support, help to promote and sustain our Mission and Vision. Our goals remain– impacting the Healthcare System of Guyana, through our medical clinics, Continuing Medical Education, medication donations, equipment donations, food and clothing distributions, dental and surgical services. BGMM continues to flourish and evolve because of the involvement of volunteers like You. Thereby allowing us to set and accomplish our mission goals while pursuing a higher Standard of quality care for the at large Guyanese communities.

Thank you sincerely for your participation in BGMM.

We wish you the very best for New Year 2017 and look forward to our continued Partnership in this worthwhile endeavor.

*Noel Isaacs Heyliger
CEO*

*Claudette Heyliger-Thomas
Medical Director*



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MEET OUR PARTNERS

GEORGETOWN PUBLIC HOSPITAL

FORT WELLINGTON HOSPITAL

UPPER DEMARARA HOSPITAL

BARTICA HOSPITAL

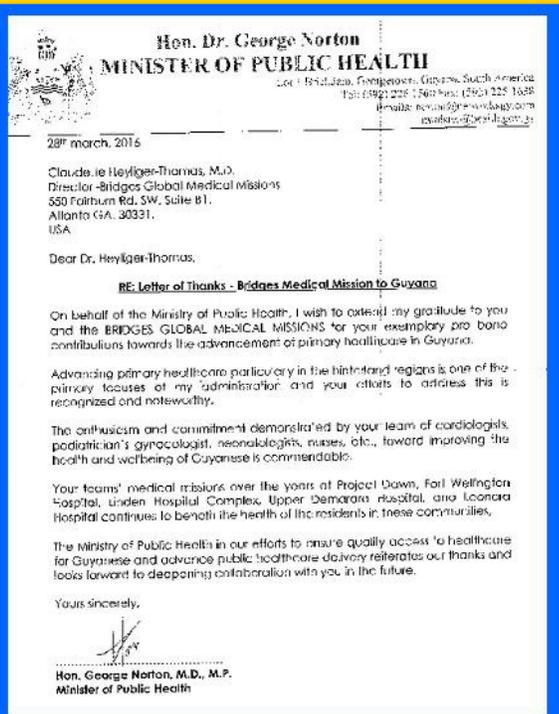
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ROTARY CLUB



PROJECT DAWN

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LION'S CLUB

BGMM NEWS

1. Mission May 2016

Project Dawn

Cardiology

Respiratory Care

Linden Hospital Complex

Dental Van

2. Healthy Babies Breathe

3. Donations

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5. Health Fair—August 2016

6. Mission September 2016

Chavez center

Orthopedic Group

Newspaper articles.

7. Congratulations to Tomaisha Samuels and Adacia Hughes

8. Celebrations of Life

9. Ringing in the New Year 2017 at Guyana House

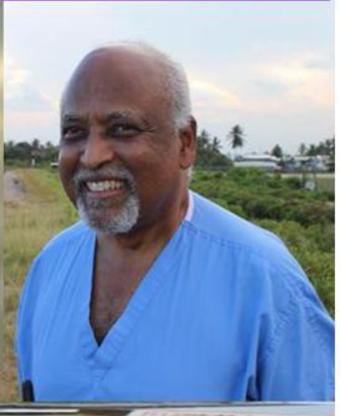
10. Upcoming Events

Medical Mission May 18—25, 2017

CME Conference May 21, 2017

Medical Mission September 14—20, 2017

Bridges Mission Teams, with the help of local volunteers—including the Lion's Club, were welcomed by Mr. Alan Johnson, CEO, Georgetown Public Hospital. Our team members included Dr. Mark Chamber, anesthesiology and Dr. Keith Watson— OB/GYN. Medical outreach services were also provided to three group homes.



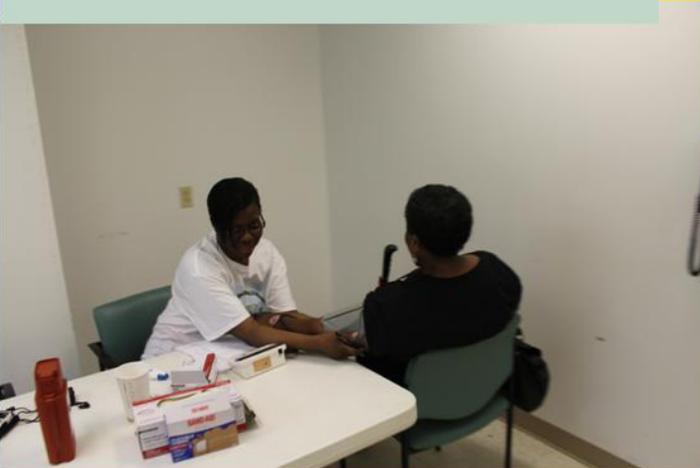
Dr. Mark Chambers



PROJECT DAWN

May 19 - 24, 2016

Blood Pressure Screening



Vision and Hearing Screening



Diabetic Screening



HEIGHT AND WEIGHT



Dental History Reviewed



URINE SCREEN IN PROGRESS



URINE SCREENING REVIEW



PROJECT DAWN

CARDIOLOGY TEAM

Dr. Donald Wallerson— cardiologist
Sandra Wallerson—Echocardiogram specialist
Marlene (Annie) Joseph—assistant
Ashana Singh— assistant

May 19 - 24, 2016



Annie trying to out pace the cardiologist

Sandra Wallerson performing an Echocardiogram.



Electrocardiogram (EKG) in progress

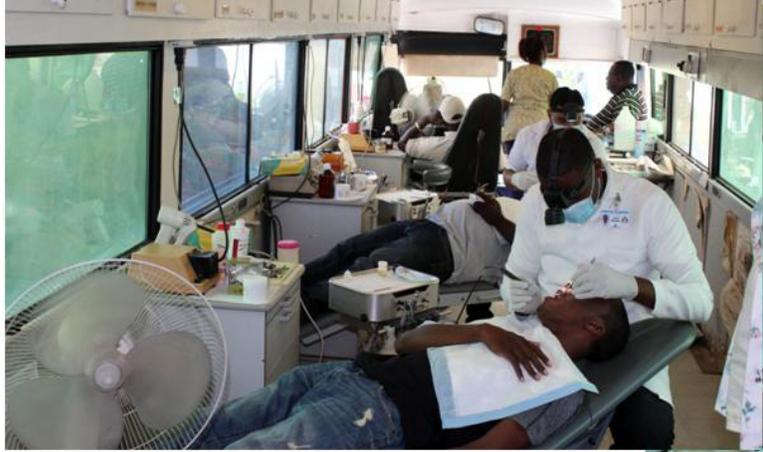


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DENTAL VAN

MAY 22—23, 2016

The Rotary Club under the leadership of President Robinson, and Mr. Andrew Boyle, donated the services of the dental van. Dr. Tai OyYong and her expert staff performed cleanings, extractions and fillings



RESPIRATORY CARE

Dr. Kumarie Jaipersaud, and her staff from GPHC COPD/ Asthma and Spirometry Department and Prof. Armstead provided asthma screenings and treatments at Project Dawn



Respiratory supplies donated
GPHC—Intensive Care Unit



Child receiving asthma treatment
with nebulizer



Patient and Caregiver
receiving
asthma education

Pulmonary Function Testing



Donation of Nebulizer and kits to
The Department of Spirometry



Linden Hospital Complex May 19—20, 2016

Dr. Keith Watson—OB/GYN provided services at
Linden Hospital Complex and Upper Demerara Hospital.

Assistant Professor Armstead—Respiratory Care worked closely with the nursing staff and
Physicians at LHC.

They were supported by members of Guyana Medical Relief.

De. Farouk Riyasat—CEO— LHC meeting with
Dr. Wastson, Prof. Armstead,
members of Guyana Medical Relief—
Victor and Eileen Wright, Merle Fyffe

Dr. Watson
Upper Demarara Hospital



Donated supplies to LHC



Prof. Armstead reviewing mechanical ventilation/ventilators
with physicians and nurses at LHC



HEALTHY BABIES BREATHE

May 30, 2016 - June 3, 2016

Healthy Babies Breathe program was conducted by Dr. Yanick Vibert and Dr. Emilee Flynn in September 2015 at Linden Hospital Complex and Project Dawn.



They returned in May 2016 to evaluate the continued needs of the birth attendants in their respective milieus • Birth attendants participated in the program from the Kwakwani, Linden and Bartica regions



DONATIONS

Medical supplies were donated to several facilities including Georgetown Public Hospital, Linden Hospital Complex, Bartica, Leonora, Upper Demerara, Kwakwani Hospitals and Fort Wellington Hospitals.

CEO Alan Johnson of GPHC accepts equipment donated by Asst. Professor Sharon Armstead., Texas State University

Dr. Steven Mark—Medical Superintendent Linden Hospital complex accepting supplies



Food For The Poor generously donated items to our Mission Team. These were shared with the Ameridian/Indigenous Dormitory, Group homes, GPHC maternity ward, Fort Wellington, Bartica, Kwakwani, and Leonora Hospitals.



Dr. Ashonda Washington receiving donated supplies—Kwakwani Hospital

Dr. Stephen Cheefoon—RHO, Region 5
Fort Wellington Hospital



Georgetown Public Hospital

Dr. Pedro- Chairman of OB/GYN and the Matron at GHPC allowed BGMM team members to distribute gift bags to their new mothers and infants. The bags, donated by Neville, Marie and Chris George, were filled with personal items and infant clothing,.



Congressman David Scott 12th Annual Health Fair August 6, 2016

Bridges team members participated in Congressman David Scott's 12th annual Health Fair. The feedback we received from the public was awesome. Some of them received documentation of their height/weight/hemoglobin for the first time. In fact many did not know what the normal value should be or its significance.



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**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives**
Washington, DC 20515-1033

August 17, 2016

Dr. Claudette Hayles-Thomas
Southwest Primary Care Center
550 Fairburn Road SW
Suite B1
Atlanta, GA 30351

Dear Dr. Hayles-Thomas:

On behalf of Georgia's Thirteenth Congressional District, thank you for your exceptional participation and support at my 12th Annual Health Fair held recently on Saturday, August 6.

With your help, more than 1,861 screenings and 13,622 informational materials were provided at the Health Fair. The value of these screenings and materials exceeded \$70,750. What a remarkable success!

Highlights include:

- over 1,350 blood pressure, body mass index and cholesterol screenings,
- 220 dental exams,
- 243 vision acuity and glaucoma exams,
- 200 hearing tests,
- 120 kidney disease screenings,
- 114 bone density screenings,
- 107 breast cancer exams,
- 95 prostate cancer exams,
- 90 foot exams,
- 80 HIV screenings,
- 68 flu shots,
- 50 balance screenings,
- 50 CPR demonstrations,
- 20 counseling consultations,
- 15 Child ID kits, and
- 11 blood donations.

Words cannot adequately express how grateful I am for the extraordinary healthcare services and resources that your organization provided at my 12th Annual Health Fair. Thank you again for sharing your time, expertise, and kindness at no cost for thousands of Georgians who attended the Health Fair to obtain access to life-saving healthcare services and information. I look forward to seeing you again in 2017 and offer my assistance if I can ever be helpful to you.

Sincerely,
David Scott
David Scott
Member of Congress

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CONGRATULATIONS

TOMAISHA SAMUELS

CONGRATULTIONS TO TOMAISHA.
SHE PASSED 6 CXC'S AND IS NOW
ATTENDING PRESIDENT'S COLLEGE.

FUTURE PLANS:

A CARDIOLOGIST JUST LIKE
DR.WALLERSON WHO DIAGNOSED
HER HEART CONDITION IN 2008.



ADACIA HUGHES

We celebrated her one year birthday
at Fort Wellington with our angel.
She was delivered by Dr.Tara Heyliger.

Celebrated Lives

EVADNE JORDAN

December 10, 1931—April 27, 2016.

We are grateful for the life of this wonderful teacher and community leader—Mrs Evadne Jordan. She loved and embraced life fully .A guiding hand at MacKenzie Primary School for many of our volunteers.



SIEGFRIED AND JOYCE LUYKEN

Siegfried "Siege" and Joyce Luyken celebrated 60 years of marriage November 3, 2016. They are the parents of Prof. Sharon Armstead, grandparents of Taylor Armstead. .

Siege was the principal of MacKenzie High School and taught our volunteers - Kelly, Merle, Victor, Eileen and Keith.



BRIDGES MEDICAL MISSIONS SEPTEMBER 18 - 23, 2016

Fort Wellington Hospital



Dr. George Norton, Minister of Public Health, visited Project Dawn, He thanked our team members for their support and contributions. Medical services were provided to students from the Amerindian /Indigenous Dormitory as well as Sophia group home.

Mrs. Tracy Bayne provided services at Project Dawn, Fort Wellington, and Leonora

Dr. David Bayne at Fort Wellington, Project Dawn, Leonora, GPHC

Dr. Shami Isaac at Project Dawn, Chavez Center, GPHC

Dr. Kathi Fowers at Project Dawn, Fort Wellington and Leonora

Dr. Joseph Bayne at Project Dawn, Fort Wellington and Leonora

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Permanent Secretary
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Georgetown.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Health Screenings for Children in at the Amerindian Hostel in L'Alouette, E.C.D. on by the Minister of Public Health in Collaboration with Bridges Medical Missions

The Ministry of Public Health is seeking permission for medical doctors including a pediatrician, optometrist and respiratory therapist, to provide complete health checks and screenings for vision, hearing, uric acid analysis, haemoglobin, glucose, and asthma and other respiratory illnesses, on all children at the Amerindian Hostel in L'Alouette, E.C.D.

The Ministry asks that these children be ready at 9:30am on Sunday 18th September, 2016 to receive this service.

The doctors (*listed below*) undertaking this exercise are part of the Bridges Medical Missions who visits Guyana twice yearly providing medical services to the general population, particularly those in rural areas free of charge.

Dr. Claudette Rhylliger Thomas
Dr. Cathy Fowers
Dr. Joseph Baynes
The Ministry of Public Health endorses and supports this Medical Mission.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation,

Yours Sincerely,

(Signature)
Dr. Shamshu Poffrand, MBBS
Chief Medical Officer

Copy: Hon. Dr. George Norton, Minister of Public Health
Hon. Dr. Karen Cummings, Minister within the Ministry of Public Health
Hon. Sydney Allcock, Minister of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs
Mr. Trevor Thomas, Permanent Secretary, Min. of Public Health

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LEONORA HOSPITAL



West Berbice benefits from medical outreach

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Scores of residents from West Berbice were able benefit from the services of a number of overseas

based medical practitioners who teamed up with local personnel to deliver healthcare at the Fort Wellington Hospital on Monday and Tuesday.

According to a spokesperson for the group Bridges Global Medical Mission, the mission was organized by Guyanese for Guyanese – a group of persons with a Hopetown connection giving back to the community.

However significant growth has occurred over the years, and there have been changes to the outlook of the organization which continues to see an ever increasing number of patients each year.

The outreach which began in 2008, was formerly an annual event, and concentrated mainly in Fort Wellington. However, because of the need recognized, the Bridges Global Medical Outreach Mission is now coming to Guyana in May and again in September.

The outreach has travelled to other parts of Guyana as well, and there has been a significant response to the programme. The mission would have seen an average of over 800 patients over the two days of outreach.

While the organization would have shipped drugs for the medical exercise, they are working along with the Government hospital so as to be able to utilize whatever facilities are available, and to ensure that prescriptions are met.

For this venture the mission includes specialities in gynecology, urology, pediatrics, orthopedics, and internal medicine, as they seek to cover as broad a spectrum as possible whenever they come to Guyana.

Bridges Global Medical Mission is a non-profit organization that is self-funded. Dr. Claudette Heyliger-Thomas is the Medical Director of the organization, while Noel Isaacs-Heyliger is the Chief Executive Officer.



Dr. Shani Isaac , psychiatrist from Stanford University provided services at The Chavez Center and Georgetown Public Hospital

CHAVEZ CENTER

Chavez Center, Fort Wellington



Chavez Center, Fort Wellington



Psychiatric profile

- Highest proportion of completed suicides of any country in the world
- 0.5 psychiatrists per 100,000 people
- 1% of government health dept expenditures toward health care expenditures is directed towards mental health
 - 61% of money spent on mental health is directed toward mental hospitals

Average suicide rate in the Caribbean is 4.1 per 100K;

GUYANA IS 44.2



GPHC



The Bayne Team

Bridges is truly grateful for this fantastic group of volunteers who traveled from California and New York selflessly providing care to communities at Fort Wellington, Chavez Center, Project Dawn, Leonora Hospital, Linden Hospital and Georgetown Public Hospital Complex.



Dr. Kathi Flowers Bayne—
pediatrics,
Dr. Christopher Bayne—
hand surgeon,
Mrs. Tracy Bayne—
pharmaceutics
Dr. Shani Isaac—
psychiatry,
Dr. David Bayne—
urology,
Dr. Joseph Bayne—
internal medicine
Dr. Omar Bayne—
general orthopedic surgeon



CHAVEZ CENTER

ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS

DR. OMAR BAYNE

DR. CHRISTOPHER BAYNE

Dr. Omar Bayne and Dr. Christopher Bayne screened patients along with the Georgetown Public Hospital and Linden Public Hospital Orthopedic Teams.

They successfully completed five (5) operations at GPHC and nine (9) at LHC. One patient even traveled from Bartica to have his surgery done at Linden Hospital.



GEORGETOWN PUBLIC HOSPITAL



LINDEN HOSPITAL



Dr. Riyasat, CEO - Linden Hospital with Dr. Terence Joseph - orthopedist, Dr. Christopher Bayne and Eileen Wright .



'Bridges' to conduct orthopedic surgeries in Linden today

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More than a dozen persons were yesterday screened for possible orthopedic surgery at the Linden Hospital Complex yesterday, thanks to the intervention of the "Bridges" Medical mission. The visiting mission is working in

collaboration with the orthopedic department of the Hospital.

The medical mission was reportedly coordinated by the Guyana Medical Relief Council.

Bridges, out of California USA, is headed by Guyanese born Doctor of orthopedics Omar Bayne.

Bayne said it is the team's "hope to come as often as possible and donate equipment" to completely modernize the orthopedic department at the Local Hospital.

This, he posited, will help to eliminate unnecessary travel to Georgetown by Lindenians to access orthopedic services.

Other members of the team include Dr. Joseph Bayne, Internal Medicine and Cardiology; Dr. David Bayne, Urology; Dr. Shani Isaacs, Psychology; Dr. Kathy Flower, Pediatrics; and Tracy Bayne, Pharmaceuticals.

Bridges is working along with local counterparts Dr. Terence Joseph and Cuban Dr. Jesus Mesa Hochavarría, to treat patients of the orthopedic clinic.

Yesterday a selected list of 18 special cases was screened. However other persons with orthopedic issues turned up to access the services being offered and were also screened.

Those screened will make up the list of patients for possible surgery today.

Patients would also be provided with free after surgery medications, Bayne said.

According to Bayne the team is conducting general orthopedic and specialty treatment. He added "Patients were happy to meet with us and have us help them as much as we can."

Dr. Jesus Mesa Hochavarría in an invited comment said that the collaboration is welcomed and the exchange of experience is a positive thing.

Speaking about some of the problems faced by the patients Hochavarría said, "Some patients have injuries for years and are now receiving surgeries." He added that most of the cases in Linden are due to trauma from accidents, falls and other incidents.



SAMSUNG DIGITAL CAMERA

Celebrating the New Year

Dec 31st 2016



**THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING
OUR 2016 MISSION YEAR A HUGE SUCCESS**

JOIN US IN OUR 2017 MISSION YEAR

MAY 18 - 25, 2017

**CME CONFERENCE
RAMADA GEORGETOWN PRINCESS HOTEL
MAY 21, 2017**

SEPTEMBER 14 - 20, 2017

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