Providing services, training for a healthier nation



Founding members Charles (L) and Joan Liverpool (R) donated calculators to students of Company Road Primary (Methodist) School who excelled in the National Grade six Assessment exams

Making a difference in the health and wellbeing of communities by mentoring youths to become advocates for health promotion and disease prevention, created the Deskan Institute and Training, Inc.

The goals of Deskan Institute and Training, Inc. are to provide youth and young adults with experiences that encourage healthy personal lifestyles, educate on prevention efforts that will aid in the reduction of mother-to-child transmission of HIV virus and prevent new infections; engage community and international health interventions, and interact with mentoring health professionals.

Deskan was founded in 1986 in Queens Village, New York in the US, and has carried out significant medical projects in Guyana. The organization conducted its 10th 'Medical Mission' in Guyana last year. During the July-August period, it has worked closely with the Ministry of Health and other NGOs to serve residents in the areas of healthcare management, specifically, HIV/AIDS counselling, care, testing and treatment, hypertension, diabetes, breast cancer and prostate cancer, teen pregnancy, domestic violence and homelessness.

The organization has also embarked on and conducted various projects worldwide. Annually, Deskan carries out 'Medical Mercy Missions' to places such as Guyana, Haiti, and South Africa. It regularly provides hot and nutritious meals to homeless women and children, and distributes food boxes, clothes, shoes and toiletries to needy families on a monthly basis. Every Easter, it distributes Easter baskets, and Thanksgiving baskets to needy families, and coordinates with 'Toys-for-Tots Foundation', a US charity, to give out toys at Christmas time to numerous families.

Deskan has served in St. Cuthbert's Mission, Kuru Kuru and Kuru Kururu Extension Centre, Lake Capoey and Lake Mainstay; in Acquero in the Pomeroon District, the Amerindian Hostel in Princess Street, Georgetown and East and West Berbice as far as Number 1 and 5 Villages to include Corriverton, Corentyne. Deskan has also provided health care to residents in the Queenstown, Essequibo area.

The organization's efforts were also visible during the 2005 flood, where team members served hundreds of affected residents in villages from Ann's Grove, all along the East Coast, to Industry.

In Guyana, the institute has conducted 'Train-the-Trainer Seminars' in the causes and treatment of tuberculosis, malaria and infectious diseases. At Joshua House, Thomas Street, it provided medical care, grooming, counselling and funding for the children. Deskan also provided medical care and counselling to residents in the Craig/Grove villages on the East Bank. Its work has extended to collaboration with the Lions Club of Georgia, which has donated reading glasses to the Georgetown Lions Club in East Ruimveldt. Deskan's specialists evaluated the clients and provided glasses that conformed to each need.

Speaking with *Guyana Times Sunday Magazine*, the founding member of the organization Charles Liverpool, said one of the success stories of the institute is that of a young Guyanese man who pleaded for assistance to remove a tumour in his jaw that impinged on his airways. There was no specialist available to perform this operation in Guyana and the young man did not have the means to travel to Trinidad for its removal. The young man appealed to Dr Ralph Ruby, an otolaryngologist from Canada, who on his return home immediately organized a team to do the procedure. Funds were raised through Guymission.org to pay for the procedure in 2009. The surgery was successful and the young man today is well and living a full life.

Deskan hopes to continue to promote health education, health care, medical awareness, medical conferences and seminars that provide CME (Continuing Medical Education) and Continuing Education Units (CEU) credits to doctors, nurses, health educators and counsellors. It also intends to collaborate with the health ministry, the University of Guyana, the Georgetown Public Hospital and other NGOs to promote health education, awareness and prevention techniques in the critical areas of health and well-being.



Providing health care in Guyana

Deskan aims to continue its promotion of education through the ages: adult literacy, scholarships, school supplies, and after-school lessons/tutoring.

The organization's ultimate goal is to acquire a facility (training center) in Guyana where health and wellness services can be provided to residents at a reduced cost.

For more information on this organization's activities, visit Deskan Institute & Training, Inc. on Facebook.



Sorting food and clothing items for distribution

GWI

Expressions of Interest

The Guyana Water Inc (GWI) was established in May 2002 and is a merger of the Georgetown Sewerage and Water Commissioners (GS&WC) and the Guyana Water Authority (GUYWA).

This entity is the owner of several properties and assets throughout Guyana and is responsible for the welfare of all employees. The company's mission is the delivery of safe, adequate and affordable water and to ensure safe sewerage systems for improved public health and sustainable economic development.

The company is desirous of services for the design of a Contributory Pension Scheme. We are therefore inviting expressions of interest from groups that can provide such services.

Interested parties must submit a profile of their company along with their proposal. It is expected that the selected company will administer the scheme. Interested firms may obtain further information at the address below between 08:00 and 16.30h on Monday to Thursday and 08:00 to 15:30h on Fridays.

Expressions of interest must be deposited in the GWI tender board box located at GWI Head Office, Shelter Belt, Vlissengen Road and Church Street, Georgetown, no later than 14:00h on March 12, 2013.

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