



# Guyana Awards Council (Canada)

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - March 8, 2010

**The Guyana Awards Council**  
**invite you to celebrate our community Accomplishments**  
**at the 10th Annual Guyana Awards Gala**  
**Saturday, May 29, 2010**

Come celebrate our community achievements at this year's 10th Annual Guyana Awards Gala to be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010, at Inn on the Park, 1095 Leslie Street, Toronto, Ontario. A grand gala celebration of community excellence is planned with presentations of this year's Guyana Award recipients and scholarship winners.

You are invited to celebrate with the "Who's Who" in the Guyanese and Greater Toronto communities. A number of dignitaries, government officials, members of the Toronto Diplomatic Corps, past Guyana award recipients, Guyanese business owners, and community professionals are also expected to attend. This premiere event in the Guyanese-Canadian community officially kicks off the annual cross-Canada Guyana Independence celebrations, which includes over 40 activities in five provinces, culminating with the Guyana Festival in Toronto in June 2010.

The Guyana Awards (Canada) recognizes the contributions of individuals and organizations in the Guyanese community toward the promotion and development of Guyana, Guyanese Heritage and Culture in Canada, as well as the achievement of excellence by distinguished individuals and organizations. Several monetary Guyana Awards Scholarships will also be awarded to students of Guyanese heritage who are currently enrolled at an accredited Canadian college, university, or vocational-technical school in Canada. Award Nominations in various categories and Scholarship applications are currently being processed for final selection by a panel of distinguished judges. These recipients will be announced in April 2010. The Guyana Awards is held under the patronage of the Consul General of Guyana, Mr. Danny Doobay.

Among the highlights of the Gala evening will be the presentation of this year's Guyana Awards Recipients, and our Guyana Awards Scholarship Winners; as well as an elegant cocktail reception and gourmet dinner; and music by the popular Victor Shim & The Surefire Band. In addition, this year's Charity of Choice is The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), a world-renowned academic health science centre, ranked as one of the top pediatric health-care facilities in the world. SickKids has a long-standing relationship with the Guyanese-Canadian community, and have collaborated with several hospitals and not-for-profit organizations in Guyana. Through programs such as the Herbie Fund, SickKids has assisted over 60 children from Guyana to improve their medical outcomes, as well as delivering pediatric health care to communities in Guyana.

Gala tickets are available at \$100 per person. Tickets can also be purchased by tables of ten or as corporate tables. Please contact Bert Bacchus at 905-770-3785, or Felicia Kwang, Guyana Consulate at 416-494-6040 Ext. 23, to purchase your tickets.

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