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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2009 GUYANA AWARDS (CANADA)

The Guyana Awards Council (Canada) and the Consulate General of Guyana in Toronto invite the Guyanese community in Canada to submit nominations for the prestigious Guyana Awards (Canada) by January 31, 2009.

The Awards celebrate the highest levels of achievement and excellence by Guyanese in Canada, and will be presented to honorees at the annual Guyana Awards Gala in May 2009.

### **Award Categories**

Nominations are requested in the following categories: \*Leadership\*, \*Business Excellence\*, \*Academic Excellence\*, \*Special Achievement\*, \*Lifetime Achievement\*, \*Community Service (Individual)\*, \*Community Service (Organization)\*, \*Youth\*, \*Culture and Media\*, and \*Community Development (non-Guyanese)\*.

Please contact Felicia Kwang 416-494-6040 ext 23 at the Guyana Consulate for Award Nomination forms and additional information. A complete portfolio of forms and information can also be downloaded from: <http://www.guyanaconsulate.com>.

### **Deadline**

The deadline for Award nominations is **midnight January 31, 2009**.

### **Selection Process**

A panel of independent judges, consisting of eminent persons from within the Guyanese Community in Canada, will evaluate all Award Nominations and select the winners. Among the guiding criteria for selection will be: effective leadership, locally or nationally; significant and lasting impact; inspiring actions that were or could be duplicated in other communities; innovation and superior performance; impact on Guyana and the Guyanese community in Canada; ability to serve as a national role model or spokesperson; and strong moral character that includes integrity, sincerity, credibility and commitment.

### **Guyana Awards (Canada)**

Initiated in 2000 as part of the Guyana Independence celebrations, the Guyana Awards (Canada) recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations in the Guyanese community toward the promotion and development of Guyana, Guyanese heritage and culture, and the achievement of excellence. The honorees also provide positive role models for the new generation of Guyanese in Canada, ultimately contributing to social cohesion, community development, integration and overall human development in Canada and Guyana.



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The Guyana Awards (Canada) are held under the patronage of Mr. Danny Doobay, Honorary Consul General of Guyana in Toronto.

### **Charity of Choice**

Sick Kids Hospital has been selected as the "Charity of Choice" to receive the proceeds from the 2009 Guyana Awards Gala.

### **Select Past Recipients**

- Judge Vibert Lampkin – Lifetime Achievement
- Dr. Bhudendra Doobay – Leadership
- Hon. Ovid Jackson – Special Achievement
- Ken Singh, Atlas Cargo – Business Excellence
- Frank Fernandes – Leadership
- Dr. Hazel Anne Campayne – Lifetime Achievement
- Norman Sue – Business Excellence
- Pride News Magazine, Michael Van Cooten – Media
- Dr. Suresh Narine – Special Achievement
- Cecil Moore – Lifetime Achievement
- Eric Rodrigues – Business Excellence
- Ron Fanfair – Media
- Dr. Vivian Rambihar – Community Service (Individual)
- Guyana Burn Care Unit – Community Service (Organization)
- Dr. Vishnudutt Chris Lakhan – Academic Excellence
- Desmond & Joan deBarros – Community Service (Individual)
- Tricia Punit – Youth Academic Excellence
- Ned Blair – Community Service (Individual)
- Last Lap Lime – Community Service (Organization)
- Guyana Pioneer Fund Raising Group – Community Service (Organization)
- Guyana Christian Charities – Community Service (Organization)
- Peel Guyanese Association – Community Service (Organization)
- Guyana Canada Cultural Association (Calgary) – Community Service (Organization)

### **For further information, please contact:**

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