

# JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSES



## NEWSLETTER

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### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY BRUNCH & SILENT AUCTION

On November 5, 2017 JCAN hosted their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charity Brunch and Silent Auction. The association welcomed MP Gary Anandasangaree and MPP Mitzie Hunter. MP Anandasangaree was instrumental in JCAN receiving a second round of funding for the Summer Student Job program in 2017. MPP Hunter attended the launch of JCAN's Senior Day Program in partnership with TAIBU Community Health Centre. Both MPs delivered remarks at the event and mingled with attendees.

This year JCAN also invited two Jamaican nurse authors, Norma Nicholson and Sonia Kennedy-Brown, to read excerpts from their books. Attendees were engaged and had the opportunity to purchase the books and get them signed.

Visit JCAN's website to view pictures from the event: <https://jcan.me/events/>



## JCAN BOARD MEMBER HYACINTH ROBINSON-POWELL RECOGNIZED IN 150 NEIGHBOURS

In the spirit of Canada 150, the University of Toronto (Scarborough campus) funded in part of the government of Canada created a photo-documentary series. The series, Meet 150 Neighbours, shares stories of 150 community and nation builders in Scarborough who work to enhance their local community. JCAN's Vice President, Hyacinth Robinson-Powell was featured in this photo-documentary for her efforts in founding TAIBU Community Health Centre and our very own association.

Read Hyacinth's full story here:

<http://www.150neighbours.ca/hyacinth-robinson-powell/>



### LAUNCH OF SENIORS DAY PROGRAM

On October 20, 2017, the Jamaican Canadian Association of Nurses and TAIBU Community Health Centre announced that they received a one-year \$75,000 Seed grant from Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to develop and implement a culturally appropriate adult day program for those with dementia. MPP Raymond Cho and MPP Mitzie Hunter attended the launch at Malvern Mall to officially congratulate them on the grant and implementing the new program.

The Dementia Support Project will develop and implement a culturally appropriate Adult Day program with the aim of establishing best practice service model for seniors of African descent living with dementia and their caregivers. The program will also establish evidence for best practices in implementing culturally appropriate adult day recreational activities for seniors with dementia. Funds from the grant will be used to help with staffing and operational costs to deliver culturally appropriate activities for the participants.

