

# JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSES



## NEWSLETTER

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### JCAN 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY GALA



The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Gala on June 16, 2018 was filled with exciting music, inspiring speeches, philanthropic endeavours in Jamaica such as JCAN donating infusion pumps to the St. Ann's Bay Hospital, and the recognition of JCAN's partnerships with various organizations such as TAIBU CHC. In fact, TAIBU's Executive Director, Liben Gebremikael gave the keynote speech, where he eloquently brought us through the journey of TAIBU; those who were instrumental in its development and the upcoming celebration of 10

This year's student scholarship recipient was Rayshell Powell. She shared with us some of her experience and how JCAN has enriched her life in being better able to afford her school expenses. It was a pleasure sharing that moment with Rayshell.

Another student that is near and dear to JCAN's heart is the 2018 summer student, Sasha-Kay Reid. Being her second summer with JCAN, she has left a lasting impact on the organization because of her willingness to grow, the work she produced and the weekly support of the "Not Forgotten" Seniors Day Program. She had the opportunity to speak at the gala: "Working for JCAN is the best job any young student could ask for. Not only am I able to save for school, but I am also in an environment where I am able to learn and grow as an individual. I believe every young person should have the opportunity that I have; the opportunity to work in an environment where they feel safe and are encouraged to try new things they've never done before.

Another successful event is behind us, and we look forward to seeing you at our next event in November!



# “NOT FORGOTTEN” SENIORS DAY PROGRAM



The “Not Forgotten” Seniors Day Program has touched the lives of all participating persons. From the JCAN board members, TAIBU CHC staff, program support staff, clients and their respective caregivers, the experience has been second to none. With programs and activities specifically tailored to breaking down the barriers between the black community when accessing services, JCAN in partnership with TAIBU CHC was able to successfully engage participants, while yielding a fruitful return.

## What Have They Said?

When asked what he liked most about the program Mr. Scotland responded with a smile, “Everything”.

*“She never used to speak, but since the program she speaks, laughs, makes jokes and truly looks forward to coming to the program” ~Caregiver*

Most people looked at her and said they would never put their loved one in a home, but Hazel responded, “if you haven’t walked in my shoes, you wouldn’t understand”. The caregiver sessions helped her to come to terms with her decision, strengthen her and allowed her to share with others



August 30, 2018 was the final day of the program. The hope is that we may resume the program in serving the black community in this capacity. Until then, we will reflect with nostalgia, love and appreciation to our supporters and clients- while looking ahead with great plans to do even better in the next round of the program. We would like to thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Funding for approving to enable this meaningful venture.

In the words of Winston Churchill “There can only be one maxim- full steam ahead”.

## Renew your 2018 JCAN Membership by:

1. Completing the online membership form at [jcan.me](http://jcan.me) (payment via PayPal); or
2. Mailing a cheque and completed form addressed to the Jamaican Canadian Association of Nurses, care of **Millie Robb** - 73 Windrush Trail, Scarborough, ON, M1C 3Z9

### JCAN SECRETARIES CORNER

As of May 2018, JCAN has 2 secretaries! Board Secretary & Administrative Secretary

Here’s some of what we do:

- ❖ Administrative Support to the Executive
- ❖ Directed Research and Application for Funding
- ❖ Membership & Public Relations
- ❖ Community Engagement & Event Coordination/ Support

*We look forward to meeting you!*

### LONG TERM CARE HOME

One of the goals within JCAN’s Five Year Strategic Plan is to establish a Nursing/Retirement home for the Black and South Asian Community. JCAN’s executive is currently applying for funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s Capital Grant, as well as the Community Support, Multiculturalism & Anti-Racism Initiatives Program (CSMARI), introduced to us by MP Gary Anandasangaree.

### MUST ATTEND

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Charity Brunch & Silent Auction:

Sunday November 4, 2018 at St. Peter and Paul Banquet Hall at 1:00 pm

### THANKS FOR ATTENDING

#### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

September 18, 2018 at TAIBU CHC (6:00 pm)