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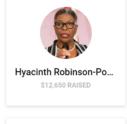
The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the significant disparities that exist in our healthcare system, particularly in the Black and other racialized communities, making the need for a culturally appropriate Long-Term Care Home for Black Seniors more of a priority. Our two annual charity fundraiser events, the Summer Gala and Fall Brunch & Silent Auction have been cancelled due to public health precautions. On July 15th JCAN launched its or Roll Fundraiser. The aim was to raise money for our Long-Term Care seed fund. Inaugural "Virtual" Walk,

The online event ran for the period July 15th to August 30th. We surpassed our goal of \$60,000 and raised a total of \$75,019.

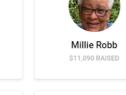
We appreciate the efforts of our Board of Directors, Members and Participants who contributed to making this fundraiser a success. Special thanks to Hyacinth Robinson-Powell, Chair of the LTC & Fundraising Committee; LTC & Fundraising Committee Members and JCAN Project Manager, Rebecca Wilson. Extended thanks to Judith Richards, member, for being the first fundraiser to raise over \$5,000 within 5 days of the walkathon.

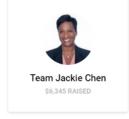
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# **UPDATES**

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Hyacinth (416-292-6481) or Millie (416-284-5368) to arrange ticket purchase.

MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, December 12 | 104 Knowles
Drive, Scarborough

| 4:00pm | Please contact Hyacinth (416-292-6481) or Millie (416-284-5368) or email: JCANProjectManager@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:**

- Complete the online membership form at jcan.me (payment via paypal or e-Transfer to info@JCAN.me); or
   Mail a cheque and completed form addressed to the Jamaican Canadian Association of Nurses, care of Millie Robb 104-1920 Ellesmere Road, Suite #359,
  - GET INVOLVED: VOLUNTEER!

Toronto, ON M1H 3G1

Visit our website at www.jcan.me for additional information on our volunteer roles. You may also contact us at JCANProjectManager@gmail.com. You do not need to be a member to volunteer.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

JCAN is seeking volunteers for the LTC &
Fundraising Committee.

If you are interested, please contact our Hyacinth Robinson-Powell, Chair at 416-292-6481 or email info@JCAN.me for additional information



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

# **NORMA MCCORMACK!**

JCAN's Board Member, Norma McCormack is this year's recipient of the BBPA Harry Jerome Professional Excellence Award. The Harry Jerome Awards is a national event that recognizes and honours excellence in African Canadian achievement.

Since childhood Norma always knew she wanted to be a nurse. The untimely passing of her mother led her to

wanted to be a nurse. The untimely passing of her mother led her to immigrate to Canada where she began to pursue her nursing career. Completing a nursing Diploma at Humber College had only wet her appetite as she went back to school to pursue an Undergraduate and Master's Degree. Additionally, she went on to achieve the CHE (Certified Health Executive) designation, widely recognized as the

national standard for professionalism in health service management. Norma, along with other physicians and staff, worked to implement the first Clinical Teaching Unit with an interprofessional approach at North York General Hospital. For this achievement, she was the recipient of the 2018 Interprofessional Education Award. Norma has supported JCAN by attending events in previous years then became a member 2019. Since becoming a member, she joined the LTC & Fundraising Committee where she has used her knowledge and experience in Seniors' Care to assist the Committee in completing our Long-Term Care funding application.

#### **LONG TERM CARE HOME**

The LTC & Fundraising Committee has been working in consultation with Colliers Project Leaders on the development of JCAN's Long-Term Care business plan and strategic elements for the LTC application. We are grateful for all the hard work that has been put into getting us to this point and we are hopeful for an approved application. Our application submission date is September 30th, giving us time to obtain all supporting documents. Donations towards the Long-Term Care seed fund remains open. Please click the link below to make a donation. DONATE HERE!

### **2020 SUMMER INTERNS**

The Canada Summer Jobs initiative provides funding for not-for-profit organizations, the public-sector, and private sector organizations, to create quality summer work experiences for young people aged 15 to 30 years. This summer is the 6th year that JCAN has received funding through this program. We were pleased to recruit 12th grade students Trenyce Sweeney and Shaina Lue along with Vara Pirabakaran, 3rd year university student. The work of these students contributed to the advancement of JCAN's activities and purposes. We wish them well in their education and future endeavours.