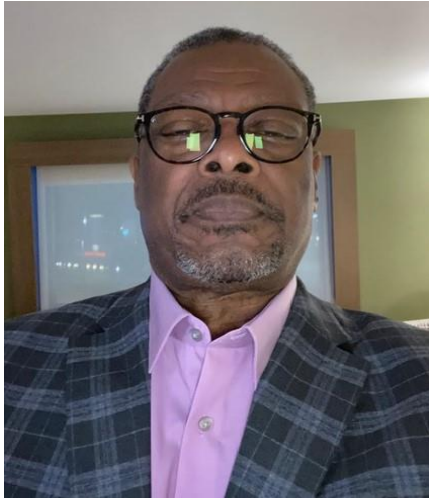




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President's Report - Fiscal Year Ended March 31st 2022



First let me thank all of you - our Sponsors, Donors, members and Board of Directors for your continued support over the past ten years. Over this ten-year period and despite the COVID-19 pandemic in the last two years, Barbados Canada Foundation obtained donations from individuals, corporations, other charities and Not-For-Profit organizations, including contributions to the Scholarships Program by Barbados Canada Association - formerly Barbados Ball Canada Aid (BBCA). In addition, we have raised funds from our fundraising events, namely the *Bring on the Spring Event*, the *Golf Tournament* and the *Scholarships Program Raffle*.

Barbados Canada Foundation Scholarships Program provides scholarships to youth of Barbadian heritage pursuing post- secondary education at Canadian universities and colleges and has granted a total of 91 Scholarships valued at \$286,000 to date. In fiscal 2022, a total of 12 scholarships valued at \$48,000 were granted and in the current fiscal year, another 12 scholarships valued at \$48,000.

Based on the demand, one of BCF's objectives is to increase the number of scholarships being awarded on an annual basis, and in order to meet this objective, in 2019 the board initiated an annual raffle to raise funds for the Scholarships Program. To date this raffle raised \$44,000, funding eleven (11) scholarships. The remaining scholarships awarded were funded by various sponsors who committed to assist our efforts.



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We are very grateful to our scholarship sponsors - Barbados Overseas Community-Canada, Bass Installation, Baylis Medical Company, Blue Circle Energy, Diproinduca Canada Ltd, and the Aubrey and Marla Dan Foundation for their sponsorship. We look forward to their continued support.

BCF also raises funds to purchase medical equipment for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Barbados (the QEH), and to this end we have established *Bring on the Spring Event* as an annual fundraiser for donations to the hospital. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic Bring on the Spring was changed from a dinner to a virtual event using Zoom videoconference, and in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, we raised the funds needed to purchase a Blood Chemistry Diagnostic Analyzer and reagent panels costing \$40,000 for the QEH. This equipment is being used in the hospital's Accident and Emergency Department. Previous donations to the QEH for 2009 to 2021 include of 8 Doppler Ultrasound Units, a commercial Convection Oven for the Hospital's Food and Nutrition Department, and five ECG machines and ECG carts all costing a total of \$52,700.

We are also committed to supporting healthcare initiatives that focus on children, cancer, diabetes and blood disorders such as Sickle Cell Anemia and have donated a total of \$86,000 to date. These funds were raised through online fund-raising campaigns, and our annual golf tournament. The funds raised have been donated to the SickKids-Caribbean Initiative - \$65,000, Camp Jumoke, a Summer camp for kids with sickle cell anemia - \$16,000, The Olive Branch of Hope, which supports women with cancer - \$5,000, The Grant Morris Foundation for COVID-19 vaccines for Barbados, and the Alzheimer's Society of Toronto. We also donated a total of \$6,000 for disaster relief to Dominica and Antigua & Barbuda following hurricanes Maria and Irma, and last year assisted Global Medic in donating over 1.1 million Masks to the QEH by paying the freight cost of CAD\$6,752.

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Due to the continued spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures enacted by governments worldwide, including travel bans, quarantine periods and social distancing, BCF had to cancel its annual golf tournament. This resulted in BCF not being able to raise funds to support some of our healthcare initiatives in the last two years.

Barbados Canada Foundation is committed to supporting and helping the Barbadian community in Canada and Barbados. We are a small charitable organization with nine Board members, assisted by five volunteers who serve on our Fundraising, Communications and Scholarships Program committees. We encourage all of you present this evening to tell your family and friends about the work we are doing, and to go to our website www.barbadoscanadafoundation.com and provide your support with monthly, one-time or event-related donations to help us continue to assist our youth and donate to our healthcare causes to the benefit of the Barbadian community in Canada and Barbados.

Please stay tuned for information on our 2023 *Bring on the Spring Event*, being planned for March 25th as a dinner and live-streamed event. We will be finalizing the entertainment and the guest speaker for this event shortly. In addition, there will be online and silent auctions, and prize draws for all guests. Our fundraising target will be \$45,000.00 to purchase three Slit Lamps for the Ophthalmology Department at the QEH. Each guest will be provided with a tax receipt. You will receive a digital flyer providing information on the event and we ask that you share this flyer with family, friends and acquaintances, and that you visit our website at www.barbadoscanadafoundation.com also.

Pease come out and support us on March 25th. We look forward to seeing each and everyone one of you in person or on Zoom videoconference.

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