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Grenada Voluntary Hospital Committee



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Who We Are

The Grenada Voluntary Hospital Committee (GVHC) was formed by three Grenadian nurses in 1967. It is a registered charity and is one of the oldest Grenada-focused voluntary groups in Britain. Grenada's High Commissioner to London has traditionally been its Patron.

The objectives of GVHC are:

- The relief of sickness in the state of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique, supporting the charitable work of hospitals and other similar institutions, by financial and material contributions
- The relief of sickness in the Caribbean territories in such ways as the Executive Committee may from time to time decide and the rendering of relief to persons who are in circumstances of need, hardship and distress.
- To raise the awareness of health issues amongst the African/Caribbean community in Britain

The government of Grenada has recognised the contribution GVHC has made since 1967 and given the organisation a number of awards that could be viewed on GVHC's website. Grenada's Minister of Health was the guest of honor and gave the featured address at GVHC's 40th anniversary dinner and dance.

GVHC has supported the General Hospital in Grenada since 1967.

GVHC Donations Over The Last 7 Years

- GVHC adopted the Female Medical Ward of the General Hospital and a plaque has been placed on the ward in recognition. In August 2008 GVHC adopted the Male Medical ward as well. Prior to adopting the Male and Female Medical Wards GVHC sponsored the children's ward (Norton Ward) for over 30 years. GVHC has also assisted the hospital in Carriacou.
- GVHC has helped to finance a project to re-equip schools in Grenada with computers that were lost as a result of hurricane Ivan.
- Shipped medical and non-medical supplies to the St Martin's home for the aged in Crouchu, St Andrews.
- GVHC donated equipment and medical supplies to the Female medical ward of the general Hospital and the event was reported on the local TV news. The Minister for health received the equipment on behalf of the government and people of Grenada.
- Following Hurricane Ivan in September 2004, a donation was made towards the cost of restoring the church bell of Victoria's parish church in St Marks.
- Further assistance was given to the St Martin's home for the Aged, in Crouchu, St Andrews.
- Assisted Beaulieu RC School and Fr Hilarion Cheshire home for the aged, Mt Rodney, St Patrick's.

- GVHC financed the shipment of 6 CompoGuards machines to the Ministry of Health Grenada. The CompoGuards machines were donated by the Blood for Life Foundation. The machines are used to help hospitals manage blood transfusion more efficiently.
- GVHC is currently arranging to provide further assistance to the St Martins Home and the General Hospital.
- GVHC is proud to have made a contribution to the welfare of the people of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique and hopes to continue doing so for many years to come with your continued help and support

How You Can Help GVHC

- Keep supporting GVHC
- Join GVHC
- Donations welcomed to Grenada Voluntary Hospital Committee; Sort Code: 20-71-64 Account No: 70378363 at Barclays Bank



General Hospital, St Georges, Grenada

Current GVHC Members

Chairperson: Claude Sylvester

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Please take a look at GVHC's website

www.gvhc.org.uk for further information.