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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On behalf of Caribbean Medical Mission, it is with great pleasure and gratitude that I welcome you to Caribbean Medical Mission's 22nd Annual Black Tie Gala Dinner Dance. CMM with the continued support of all our members have been able to fulfill our mission of serving those in need, in underserved communities both in New Jersey and throughout the Caribbean.

Our medical mission this year was to Jamaica in June 2025. Caribbean Medical Mission provided healthcare and education to the communities of Portland, St. Mary and the Police Department of Jamaica. Thanks to the generous contribution of transportation from the Knustford Express and the Police Department of Jamaica, our travels were efficient and safe. CMM extends a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers who provided ophthalmic, medical, gynecological and pediatric care, along with education on wellness to the citizens of Jamaica.

We continued our alliance with the Jamaica Cancer Society, providing pap smears and mammograms for less fortunate women at risk for cervical and breast cancer.

Thanks to your generous contributions we were able to donate funds to provide these services free of cost.

Tonight, we are proud to honor Dr. Montrae Calhoun Thomas with our Humanitarian award. She is a dedicated Pediatrician who has served the families of Essex County for more than forty years. Her compassionate care of the children in our community, mentoring residents in training and students is inspiring.

We are honoring Mr. Micheal Wattkis with our Community Service award. His commitment to the community with the use of education and sports as pathways to the building of stronger communities is outstanding.

CMM has a very hardworking and committed fundraising committee who works tirelessly to ensure the success of not only this evening's event, but all CMM's fundraising endeavors.

We offer our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all our dedicated and loyal supporters. Thank you for all your generous contribution and crucial support that enables us to fulfill our mission to serve those in need. We thank you for your attendance and participation. Enjoy this evening, have a wonderful night.

Thank you.

Donna Hutton-Cassie MD FAAP,
President

FUNDRAISING CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Good evening, everyone. It is my pleasure as Chairman of the Fundraising Committee to welcome all of you to our Annual Black-Tie Gala. For those of you who are here for the first time, welcome and thank you for being a part of our support base. Each year, Caribbean Medical Mission (CMM) travels to a different country to provide medical support to the residents. Sometimes we are engaged in more than one mission. Over the last twenty-five years, CMM has conducted healthcare mission trips to countries such as: Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Nigeria, St. Vincent & the Grenadines & Trinidad & Tobago. Our members have also participated in other missions such as Ghana Medical Mission and Guyana Medical Mission.

Caribbean Medical Mission holds two major fundraisers. The proceeds from these events help up to fulfil our goals. They are: An All-White Boat Cruise in the summer and our Annual Gala Black-Tie event. Your support at our functions has enabled us to distribute millions in medications, glasses and equipment while on our missions. Thank you for support us. It is because of you that we are able to conduct our missions.

I would like to commend the members of our hardworking Fundraising Committee for their tireless efforts to make this evening a success. Dr. Natasha Telesford, Vice Chair, thank you for your stellar performance. Dr. Donna Hutton-Cassie, Dr. Winston Scott, Dr. Sandra Harte, Dr. Kermith Lawrence, Dr. Trevor Atherley, Dr. Andrew Badoo, Mrs. Marie Garbacz, Ms. Angela Vaughn, Ms. Margaret Douglas, Ms. Sharon Addison, Ms. Paula George and Ms. Joyce Lynch, thank you for your hard work.

Once again, thank you for supporting our events and for being our partners.

Enjoy your evening,

Lynval James
Chairman



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**MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR MICHAEL E. BROTHERSON
CONSUL GENERAL OF THE COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA, NEW YORK
ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNUAL BLACK-TIE GALA DINNER AND DANCE
OF THE CARIBBEAN MEDICAL MISSION (CMM)**

It gives me great pleasure to extend warmest congratulations to the President, Dr. Donna Hutton-Cassie, the Board of Directors, and the members of the Caribbean Medical Mission (CMM) on the occasion of your Annual Black-Tie Gala Dinner and Dance.

Since its establishment in 1996, the Caribbean Medical Mission has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to service, compassion, and community development. Your tireless efforts to deliver free medical care and essential health services across the Caribbean and beyond stand as a testament to the power of humanitarianism and regional solidarity.

Your most recent mission to Jamaica, which provided medical care to over 1,200 patients and valuable donations of medical equipment and supplies, reflects both the scope and the sincerity of your impact. The Consulate General commends your exemplary work and your continued dedication to advancing the wellbeing of those in need.

The Government and people of Guyana recognise and deeply appreciate the invaluable contributions of organisations such as the Caribbean Medical Mission, whose actions reinforce our shared values of service, unity, and compassion.

As you celebrate this year's Gala, I extend my best wishes for a memorable and successful event and for the continued success of your noble mission to "serve those in need."

Please be assured that the Consulate General stands ready to continue to collaborate with your organisation in the years ahead.

Michael E. Brotherson (Ambassador)
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Consulate General of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana
New York

Journal Message
for the Caribbean Medical Mission of New Jersey
Annual Black-Tie Gala Dinner Dance
1st November 2025



On behalf of the Government of Jamaica and the Jamaican diaspora, I extend warmest greetings and sincere congratulations to the Caribbean Medical Mission of New Jersey on the occasion of your Annual Black-Tie Gala Dinner Dance. Your steadfast commitment to “serve those in need” has brought hope and healing to communities across Jamaica, the Caribbean, and beyond. Since 1996, your organization has exemplified compassion and excellence, providing, essential, healthcare and support to thousands through the dedication of your physicians, nurses, and volunteers. Your recent mission to Jamaica, resulting in over one thousand patient encounters, hundreds of Pap smears and prescription glasses provided, and important contributions to the Jamaica Cancer Society and Jamaica Diabetes Association, is a powerful example of your enduring impact.

Your outreach across the region, as well as your health fairs, mentorship programs, and donations of medical equipment, further demonstrate your commitment to advancing health and dignity for all. These accomplishments are not merely statistics, but stories of lives uplifted and hope renewed. The willingness of your members to give time, expertise, and compassion is truly inspiring and reminds us all of the value of service. Having experienced the importance of care and support, I am especially moved by the resilience and empathy that define your work. To all members and supporters, especially those of Jamaican heritage, I express my heartfelt appreciation for your exemplary service. Your dedication brings honour to Jamaica and the Caribbean, and ensures that our values are reflected wherever you serve. The Consulate General of Jamaica in New York remains committed to supporting initiatives that strengthen healthcare in Jamaica, throughout the Caribbean, and beyond. As Dr. Paul Farmer wisely observed, "The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that is wrong with the world." Through your efforts, you affirm that every life matters and that our humanity is best expressed through service to others. Once again, I congratulate the Caribbean Medical Mission of New Jersey on the successful execution of your Annual Black-Tie Gala Dinner Dance and on your distinguished record of service. Please accept my best wishes for the continued growth and ongoing success of your organization in all your future endeavours.

One Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alston Wilson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Alston Wilson, C.D. Consul General of
Jamaica in New York

2025 Humanitarian Service Award Honoree



Dr. Montrae Thomas, MD, is a renowned Pediatrician with 49 years of experience. She has dedicated her career to advocating and providing the best healthcare services for her patients. The programs she is most proud of include mentoring medical students, resident physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.

Dr. Montrae Calhoun Thomas graduated from Florida Memorial University in 1968. She graduated from the College of Medicine and Dentistry in 1976 in the largest graduating class of Black Students after the 1967 riots in Newark, NJ. She completed her Pediatric Residency at United Hospital in 1978 and her Nephrology Fellowship in 1979. In 1979, Dr. Montrae Calhoun Thomas opened Park Avenue Pediatric Associates in Orange, NJ. This practice serviced many pediatric patients closing earlier this year. Dr. Montrae Calhoun Thomas is a member of the Beta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She is also a member of The North Jersey Chapter of The Links, Inc. Both organizations support the ideal of community involvement, education and social activism.

Dr. Montrae Calhoun Thomas' past medical experience included Board Certification in AAP and NJAAP. She has participated in many office-based AAP initiatives. Over the years Dr. Thomas has been affiliated with numerous hospitals in various positions. First African American Pediatric Clinical Chair 2005 - 2006; Pediatric Department Chair for 2 years at Hospital Center at Orange Hospital, St. Barnabas Medical Center from 1989 until retirement 2025; East Orange General Hospital in the 1980s; Mountainside Hospital Montclair in the 1980s; Hospital Center at Orange from 1979 until 2004 and United Hospital Children Division from 1979 until 1997.

Dr. Thomas Medical Society Affiliations, Initiatives and Programs include NMA (National Medical Association); Femmes Noire (Female Physicians of Color); American Medical Women's Association; The Pediatric Foundation of New Jersey; Newark Preschool Council; Montclair Preschool Council; NJ Immunization Initiative and Lead Programs in Newark, East Orange and Orange, NJ

Dr. Thomas has been recognized for her participation in community-based programs where she received many awards, citations, proclamations and plaques. She is married to Reverend Clarence Eugene Thomas. She is the mother of one son, Corey R. Thomas, and 2 grandsons, Jayden and Jakori Thomas. She has a bonus daughter, Sophia Holmes Ponton, and 2 grandsons and 2 granddaughters.

2025 Community Service Award Honoree



Michael A. Wattkis: A Life in Service, A Legacy in Motion

Born in the historic seaside town of Falmouth, Trelawny, Michael A. Wattkis has devoted more than four decades to advancing education, mentoring youth, and strengthening Caribbean communities at home and abroad. His life's work reflects a steady belief that education and sports together can cultivate healthier lives, resilient minds, and stronger communities.

Education and Mentorship

After migrating to the U.S. in the 1980s, Michael studied Communication at Seton Hall University and launched a 30-year career in journalism, including two decades as a breaking news reporter and editor at The Star-Ledger, New Jersey's then-largest daily newspaper. At the same time, he began teaching at Essex County College in 1988 and later at Pillar College, where in addition to teaching, he held senior academic leadership positions at both institutions. In these roles, he directed retention programs and student success centers that supported hundreds of at-risk students, raising GPAs, improving persistence, and strengthening mental wellness.

Today, Michael continues to serve as an adjunct professor of English and Journalism at Essex County College, where he has mentored thousands of first-generation and Caribbean students, advised the Caribbean Club, and shaped a generation of learners who view education as both empowerment and wellness.

Sports and Wellness

A high school and collegiate athlete himself, Michael has long recognized that the lessons of the classroom extend onto the playing field. In 1990, he became an assistant soccer coach at Essex, then founded Mystic United Soccer Club in East Orange to create opportunities for overlooked local players. Soon after, he launched the Heritage Invitational Soccer Tournament & Health Fair, which for nearly two decades stood as New Jersey's largest Caribbean-American inner-city sporting event. More than a tournament, it provided health screenings, fitness programs, and wellness education to families in underserved Essex County communities. In 2004, Michael co-founded the South Orange Maplewood Soccer Academy (SOMSA), a mentorship program for elite African and Caribbean youth. Under his leadership, hundreds of players earned U.S. college scholarships, with some advancing to the professional ranks and even the World Cup. SOMSA's cultural tours of the Caribbean reinforced his belief that sports cultivate not only physical strength but also mental resilience and global awareness. Later, through the Soccer Minds Coaching Academy, he advanced a pioneering model that placed mental health, emotional intelligence, and physical well-being at the center of athlete development.

Diaspora Leadership and Community Service

Michael's community work began in 1990 when he co-founded the United Caribbean African Alliance (UCAA), a collaborative umbrella group for Caribbean and African organizations in New Jersey. This marked the beginning of his long record of diaspora leadership. He later joined the board of the Jamaica Organization of New Jersey (JONJ) and went on to serve two terms as president of the Friends of Trelawny Association (FOTA), transforming its annual picnic in New York into a weekend-long reunion and business expo that grew from 2,000 to more than 10,000 participants.

In 2019, Michael founded Friends of Falmouth Inc., a nonprofit devoted to the social, cultural, educational, and economic revitalization of his hometown. Through this platform, he has mobilized diaspora resources to strengthen key institutions in Falmouth — including Falmouth Hospital, the Falmouth Infirmary, and local basic and primary schools — helping to close critical healthcare and educational gaps for vulnerable populations. In recognition of his service, he received the Trelawny Civic Award from the Government of Jamaica in 2021.

Faith and Service

Michael has also been in ministry for over 30 years and currently serves as Board Secretary and Communications Director at Flushing First Church of the Nazarene in Queens, NY.

From Falmouth to Newark, from the newsroom to the classroom, from the soccer field to the diaspora stage, Michael A. Wattkis has built a life dedicated to education, wellness, and community transformation, a legacy that continues to inspire.

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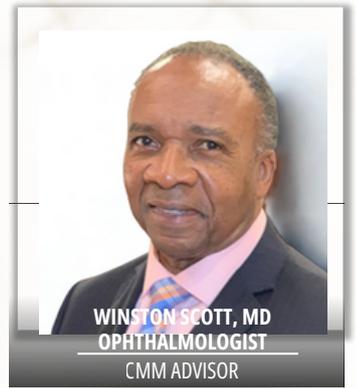
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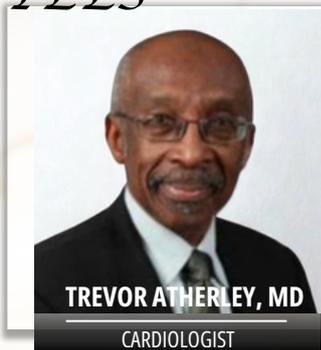
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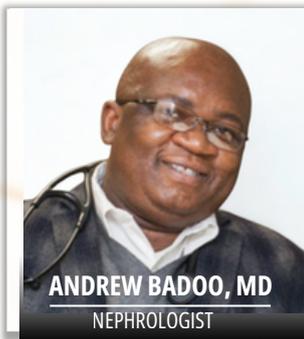
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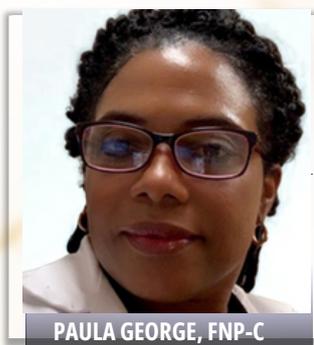
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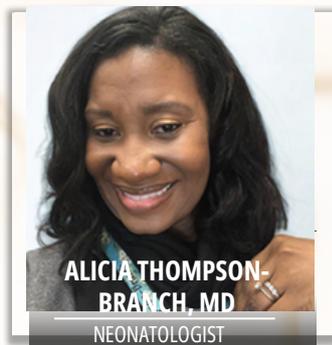
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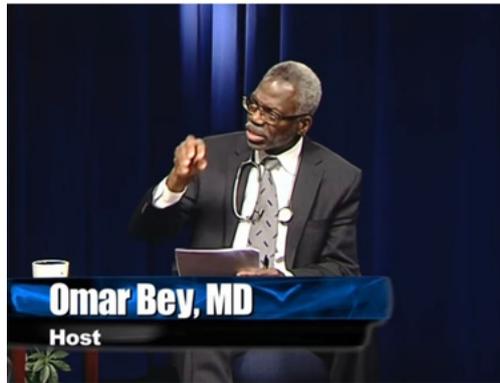
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Micheal A. Wattkis
Presented by Ms. Sharon Addison

Humanitarian Award

Montrae Calhoun Thomas, MD FAAP
Presented by Donna Hutton-Cassie, MD

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Ashton G.

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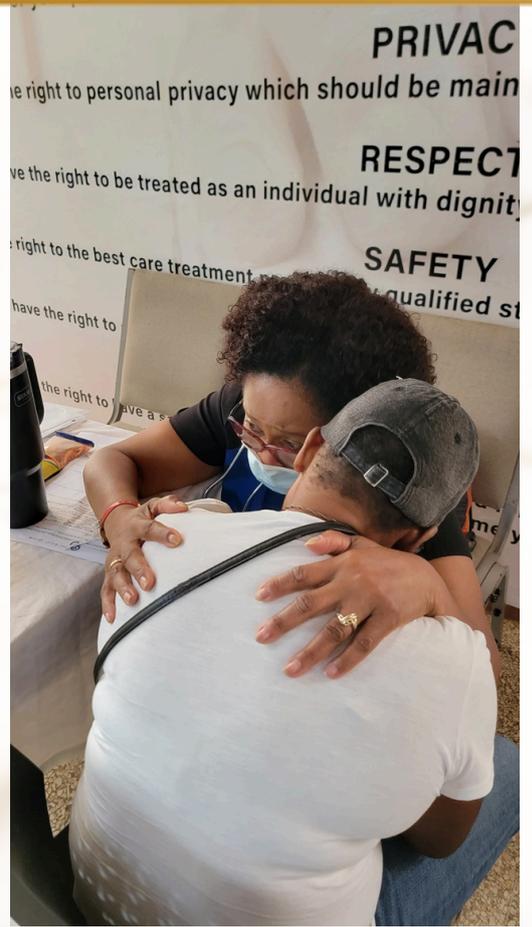
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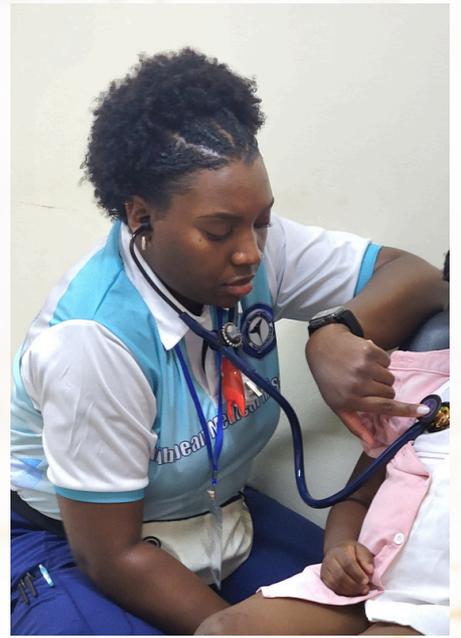
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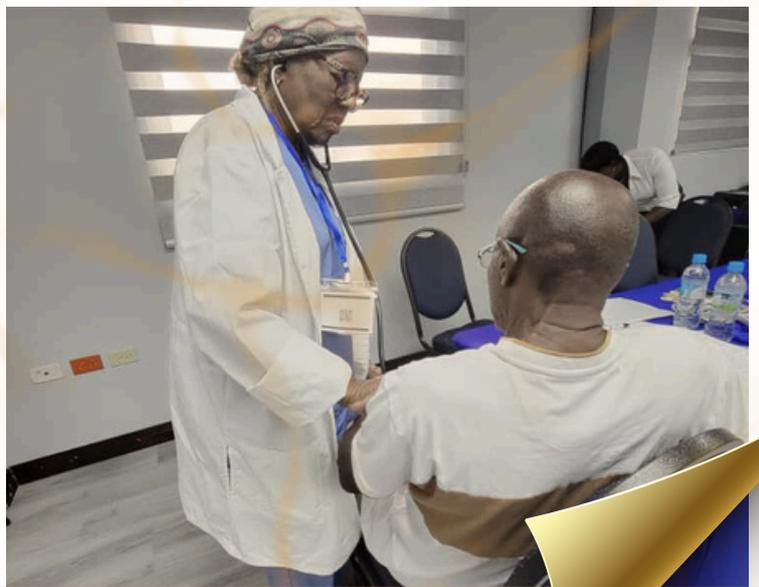
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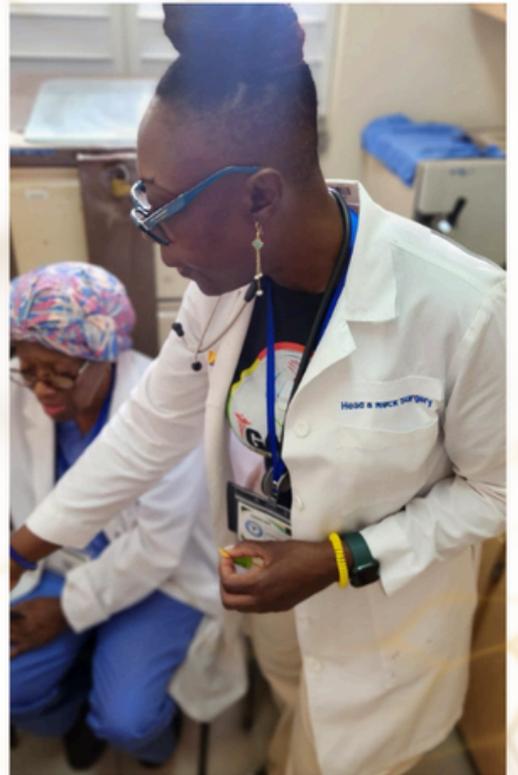












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