



**GUYANA MEDICAL RELIEF, INC.**

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Tax I.D. # 95-4192121

**2009 MEMBERSHIP**

**Benefits:**

- *Play an important part in saving lives and reducing suffering in Guyana*
- *Invitation to Fundraising social functions*
- *GMR Newsletter*
- *Invitation to GMR's Annual Membership Luncheon Meeting*

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\$35 Individual       \$50 Family

**I prefer to join the important group of Sustainers who supply constant funding to keep the work of GMR, Inc. going.**

\$1000 Platinum     \$750 Diamond     \$500 Gold

\$250 Silver       \$100 Bronze     Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Who is Guyana Medical Relief, Inc.?**

Guyana Medical Relief, Inc. is a California Public Benefit Non-Profit Corporation that raises funds to provide support for medical related needs in Guyana, South America.

### **Why the need for GMR?**

Guyana, South America has an extremely depressed economy and an excessively high foreign exchange rate (approx. US\$1 = G\$198). This results in a severe shortage of available dollars to import medical supplies for the population of about 750,000. GMR was formed in 1982 by a small group of concerned Guyanese in Los Angeles, California to raise funds to sponsor shipment of urgently needed medical supplies and equipment to Guyana.

GMR has worked with Direct Relief International (DRI) of Santa Barbara, California since 1984 (a non-profit corporation). DRI provides the Medical Supplies and Equipment and arranges the packing and shipping. Since inception, we have been able to send over US\$35MM in medical supplies and equipment to various hospitals in Guyana. Our efforts in recent years have expanded to supporting several free HIV/AIDS related services in Guyana since this is growing need.

### **How do we operate?**

**Administration:** GMR is operated by a Board of Directors and an Operating Committee who are all volunteers. There are no paid staff members.

**Fundraising:** We raise funds through various events throughout the year, along with solicitation of donations and Membership dues. As a non-profit corporation, all donations are tax-deductible. Our accounting is audited annually by an independent CPA and we submit annual tax returns to the IRS.

**Communications:** We deal directly with the Ministry of Health and two private hospitals, and provide support for a total of 8 hospitals. We have a representative in Guyana to handle the receipt and distribution of all shipments. The hospitals provide us with a list of their needs which is then communicated to DRI so that only needed items are sent.

We urge you to support or continue to support GMR in this mission to reduce suffering and save lives.

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