

**2005 Guyana Flood-Jan-Feb, 2005: over 350,000 people affected.**

- ❖ Organized and participated in a 7-day Medical Mission to Guyana, during the great Flood of Jan-Feb. 2005.
- ❖ Sponsored a 2<sup>nd</sup> Medical Mission to Guyana and served over 1,400 individuals in 3 regions; provided Health Education and counseling services.
- ❖ Provided Health and Wellness follow-up to Flood victims in the East Coast region 4 areas.
- ❖ Provided counseling, referrals, canned goods and hot meals to Hurricane Katrina survivors housed in hotels.
- ❖ Provided clothing and toiletries to over 77 survivors of Hurricane Katrina.
- ❖ Provided over 60 Hurricane Katrina survivors with referrals for housing, jobs and social services.
- ❖ Offering help from our Food Pantry and Clothing racks for any one in need. (Garage-converted storage space.)
- ❖ Preparing and serving 130-plus lunches monthly at Atlanta Union Mission, Women's Shelter.

**Organized and participated in a 7-day Medical Mission to Guyana - Flood follow-up and HIV/AIDS, July-August, 2006.**

Deskan Institute & Training, Inc. has earned the collaboration and partnerships with organizations that support community health issues both locally and internationally: Guyana Medical Relief, Inc. based in California, The Kaieteur Group of Connecticut, Global Development Organization of Georgia, the APGI of Jamaica, Queens, New York, American Red Cross, Dekalb County Hurricane Katrina Relief Program, Hosea Feed the Hungry Program, Women's Watch Africa Organization, Africa Children's Fund Organization, Volunteer Match and Fulton County Volunteer Project.

May you too be blessed during the coming years!

Warmest regards.

*Dr. Joan Liverpool*



## **DESKAN INSTITUTE & TRAINING INC.**

**A 501 (C)(3) Corporation**

**Dear Friend and Family:**

**Deskan Institute needs your help to continue to help others.**

### **Our Mission**

DESKAN INSTITUTE & TRAINING Inc., was formed in 1989, and reorganized in 2003 as a non-profit organization with a strong history of service to the communities in Atlanta, South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, South America and the Caribbean.

## **Our History**

In keeping with its overall aim, DESKAN INSTITUTE has continued to assist organizations to strengthen their capacity to provide services and to enhance the work environment with the objective of expanding the delivery of health education, health promotion and harm reduction to at-risk groups.

There's no doubt that the year 2005 had been an extraordinary year. Too many of our friends and family were in harm's way. As we entered the final months of the year, there was much to be grateful for as we reflected on the Tsunamis, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, the Guatemalan mudslides, the Kashmir earthquake, Hurricane Wilma, and the earthquakes in China, Iran and in India. These disasters have presented enormous challenges to all Aid Agencies.

Now, more than ever, it is important for us to come together as communities to celebrate humanity, compassion and understanding, and to exercise the power we all have to make a difference. We know that you can reach out to many others, but we are asking you to help us to continue to help others.

### **SERVICES PROVIDED**

#### **2003**

- ❖ Provided meals and clothing to more than 500 hungry and homeless individuals in the City of Atlanta.
- ❖ Held workshops and information sessions on HIV/AIDS, STI's, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and rape.
- ❖ Co-Developed the Georgia Coalition Against HIV/AIDS/STD/ STI's in Georgia, Guyana, South America and the Caribbean.
- ❖ Served as invited Guest of the Minister of Health, Dr. Leslie Ramsammy to help to address the HIV/AIDS crisis in Guyana.

#### **2004**

- ❖ Prepared and served over 500 plus hot meals to hungry and homeless individuals living under bridges, parks, and streets in Atlanta. (This is a once-monthly activity.)
- ❖ Provided workshops on HIV/AIDS Counseling, Care and Support to Atlanta Caribbean population, hard-to-reach population.
- ❖ Participated in the evaluation of HIV/AIDS Orphanage Program in Barbados, West Indies.
- ❖ Conducted interviews on local Radio during guest appearance for HIV/AIDS campaign activities in the Atlanta Caribbean Community.
- ❖ Shipped 5 barrels of donated medical supplies, school supplies and children clothing to Guyana for 3 churches and 2 schools.
- ❖ Organized a Train-The-Trainer conference for the Faith Community Leaders in Guyana, South America. To-date 17 churches have won HIV/AIDS Grants from the Guyana Ministry of Health under the PEPFAR funding project.
- ❖ Provided financial support to two churches in Guyana for their rebuilding efforts.
- ❖ Provided aid to support a budding Youth Group (Arts, Crafts and Education) in Guyana.
- ❖ Organized a 10-day Medical Mission/Wellness Clinic to Guyana, South America in response to HIV/AIDS crisis.
- ❖ Participated in Annual World AIDS Day Campaign activities to arouse awareness of this epidemic.
- ❖ Provided counseling services to over 300 individuals, including young adults, children and youths in the Atlanta community.