

The African Heart Beats



On April 15, 2011 members of the Black Health Alliance, its friends and supporters paused from their work and active lives to Celebrate Us ~ People of African Descent at The *African Heart* Beats Fundraising Dinner and Dance.

The evening was filled with live African rhythms, great cuisine, dancing and laughter.

Ashe (Thank you) to our event sponsors.



Black Health Alliance

Working in Partnership to Advance the Health and Well-Being of the Black Community

Celebrating the International Year for People of African Descent

Vision

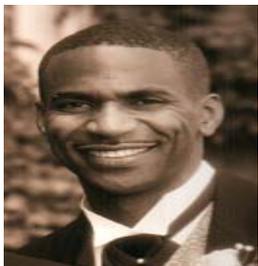
People from the diverse Black communities in Canada experience optimal health and well-being.

Mission

To reduce the racial disparities in health outcomes and promote health and well-being for people from the diverse Black communities in Canada with emphasis on the broad determinants of health, including racism.

From the President

Dr. Christopher J. Morgan, BSc., DC, FRCCSS(C)
President



The United Nations proclaims the year beginning on 1 January 2011 the International Year for People of African Descent.

This proclamation encourages its member agencies and states to work towards the benefit of people of African descent in relation to their full enjoyment of economic, cultural, social, civil and political rights, their participation and integration in

all political, economic, social and cultural aspects of society, and the promotion of a greater knowledge of and respect for their diverse heritage and culture. Sounds like a universal mandate for all individuals and organizations interested in the advancement of people of African descent.

Appropriately in March 2011 one of our very own, Ms. Lillie Johnson, was bestowed the province's highest honour, the Order of Ontario for her tirelessly work addressing Sickle Cell Disease. It is because of role models like Ms. Johnson and new community lead initiatives and emerging alliances, that I remain optimistic that the Black Health Agenda is about to go to the next level. We are excited and ready to be apart of the process.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members, our membership and supporters for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. We look forward to your support in 2012.

As always, Peace & Unity

TAIBU Community Health Centre Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

In Canada there are only a few publicly funded health agencies with a mandate to serve the black community ~ TAIBU Community Health Centre (CHC) is one of them.

The vision of TAIBU, a Kiswahili sentiment meaning "be in good health", began in 2004 when the Black Health Alliance started building the proposal for the centre.

In November 2005, BHA's proposal was approved and the Minister of Health announced funding for the new CHC to be located in the Malvern community.

TAIBU's Ground-Breaking Ceremony took place in July 2009 and on April 13, 2011 TAIBU CHC held its official ribbon cutting ceremony opening the doors of its brand new facility to the community.

BHA proudly celebrates this achievement with TAIBU, its friends and supporters, and the Black community.



Be in Good
Health

Thank You to Fellow Community Organizations & Charities

*“If we cross the river together, the alligators won’t bother us”
~ African Proverb*

The Black Health Alliance would like to thank our fellow community organizations and charities that shared a cooperative spirit and worked alongside us throughout the year.

Africans in Partnership Against AIDS	Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario	Inner City Health Strategy Working Group
Jamaican Canadian Association	Scotiabank Cedarbrae Mall, Scarborough
Sickle Cell Association of Ontario	Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario
Substance Abuse Program for African Caribbean and Canadian Youth	TAIBU Community Health Centre
The Olive Branch of Hope Breast Cancer Support Services	Toronto Public Health
The Walnut Foundation	Women’s Health In Women’s Hands

*“As it is for families, communities or nations our greatest force for
advancement is also our greatest challenge ~ unity.”
~ BHA Board Member*

The Black Health Project

2011 Work on the Black Health Project:

Research

Members of BHA’s Research and Education Committee presented: The State of Black Health at the Inner City Health Policy Summit. The findings confirmed that there are significant health inequities in the city, even when restricted to comparable socio-economic groups. In particular, this new data revealed that the social determinants of health, period of migration, and “race” are key markers of health risk.

Intervention

The Black Health Challenge: Culturally designed, 12 week, lifestyle intervention program focusing on nutrition education and physical activity.

The successful BHA 2010 pilot in Toronto was adopted and launched in Peel lead by Bramalea Community Health Centre; The Village Keepers Child & Family Centre, Peel Youth Village, and the Black Community Action Network of Peel (BCAN).

Outreach

King’s Court and Queen’s Chamber, a new BHA event, was a successful forum for open and candid discussion about the health of Black men and women. The event was held in association with Women’s Health in Women’s Hands and The Walnut Foundation.

Under the auspices of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, BHA as a member of the Steering Committee participated in the inaugural Black Leadership Health Summit. This provincial summit brought together leaders in various sectors including health, politics and business to begin the process of developing a Black Health Network for Ontario.

Public Policy

As a member of the Inner City Health Strategy Working Group, BHA participated in the Inner City Health Policy Summit. The summit works to bring together community groups, advocates and researchers to develop a strategy for addressing inner city health inequity and injustice with a focus on poverty and racism as the key co-determinants of health. The working group is lead under the auspices of Hamilton Urban Core CHC.

In preparation for the provincial election, BHA developed Excellence in Health Care for ALL Ontarians; State of Health Fact Sheet; and Repartee with Party Leaders and MPP Candidates as resources to communicate to MPP hopefuls and the community the challenges and solutions to the health crisis being faced by people of African descent in Ontario.

Leadership

*“Leadership should be born out of the understanding of the needs of those who would be affected by it.
~Marian Anderson.”*

Returning Board of Directors 2011 – 2012

Dr. Christopher J. Morgan	President and Board Chair
Dwight Townsend	Vice President
Donna Alexander	Treasurer
Lillie Johnson	Board Member
J.R. Dash	Board Member
Marilyn Kusi-Achampong	Board Member

Non Returning Board of Directors

Sandra Newton	Board Member
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New Candidates to Board of Directors 2011 – 2012

Veronica Paquette, RN
Suzanne Craig
Yvette Leander
Nakia Lee-Foon

Financial Well-Being

BLACK HEALTH ALLIANCE

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

I have compiled the statement of financial position of Black Health Alliance as at March 31st, 2011 and the statement of revenues and expenses, and net assets balance for the year then ended from information provided by the organization's management.

I have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of such information. Accordingly, readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Toronto, Ontario
September 07, 2011

Delford L. Bythe
Certified General Accountant



Financial Well-Being

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MARCH 31, 2011

	2011	2010
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ -	\$ 2,675
Accounts receivable	53	
	<u>53</u>	<u>2,675</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,648
Bank	4,626	
	<u>4,626</u>	<u>1,648</u>
NET ASSETS		
General Fund Balance	(4,573)	1,027
	<u>(4,573)</u>	<u>1,027</u>

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - OPERATING FUND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2011

Revenues		
Heart and Stroke Grant	8,000	
Canadian Cancer Society Grant	8,000	
Other	1,125	
The Ontario Trillium Foundation		4,992
Fundraising		3,665
Membership	725	
	<u>17,850</u>	<u>8,657</u>
Expenses		
Professional Fees	494	4,414
Fundraising	1,055	617
Program Expenses	18,318	-
Administrative	3,583	7,167
	<u>23,450</u>	<u>12,198</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ (5,600)	\$ (3,541)
Net Assets – at beginning of year	1,027	4,568
Net Assets – at end of year	<u>(4,573)</u>	<u>1,027</u>

Complete financial statements are available upon request.