

National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

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TO: Board of Directors, Chapter Presidents, and NABCJ Staff
FROM: Fay Lassiter, President

NABCJ and The United States and Caribbean Alliance of Criminal and Social Justice Professionals Commission (USCA-CSJP Commission) Join Humanitarian Relief Efforts

NABCJ and The United States and Caribbean Alliance of Criminal and Social Justice Professionals Commission (USCA-CSJP Commission) will join the humanitarian efforts of Project C.U.R.E and American Airlines to deliver medical supplies and equipment, and school and other supplies to St. Lucia. Project C.U.R.E. is the registered trademark of the Benevolent Healthcare Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, humanitarian relief organization that collects medical supplies and equipment and donates it to developing countries. Since the first shipment to Brazil in 1987, Project C.U.R.E. has delivered life-saving supplies and equipment to the sick and dying in approximately 102 nations. In St. Lucia, Bordelais Correctional Facility and the Rotary Club of Gros Islet under the leadership of Michael Walker will also partner in this endeavor. The partnership entails conducting a needs assessment in February, delivering between \$700, 000 and 1 million dollars of medical supplies and equipment, donating an undetermined amount of school and other supplies, and providing volunteer labor during the week of April 22nd.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY

Before delivering medical relief, Project C.U.R.E. requires an in-depth, on-sight Needs Assessment study of the recipient organization, hospital or clinic by a representative of Project C.U.R.E. During the assessment, meetings are held with hospital personnel and a site visit to each location requesting assistance takes place. Project C.U.R.E. along with representatives from American Airlines, NABCJ, and USCA-CSJP Commission will also meet with the appropriate governmental officials to secure a waiver of tariffs and duty and a guaranty of safe and timely delivery of the medical donations. Michael Walker will help the group with arrangements for international customs clearance that must be made during the Needs Assessment. If the government of the recipient country fails or refuses to provide the requested guaranties, Project C.U.R.E. will not proceed with the relief efforts. Project C.U.R.E. will perform a thorough written analysis to include a compilation of photo documentation detailing the ailments facing the region, the current level of treatment provided by the existing hospitals or clinics, and the expertise of healthcare professionals in the area. During the site visit, the following agencies will be reviewed:

- ◆ Victoria Hospital
- ◆ ST. Jude's Hospital
- ◆ Vanard Health Centre
- ◆ Fond Assau Health Centre
- ◆ Boys Training Centre
- ◆ Upton Gardens Girls Centre

ADDITIONAL NABCJ SUPPORT – SPONSOR A BOX

In addition to sponsoring and assisting with the needs assessment, helping to deliver the donated medical supplies and equipment already collected, and providing volunteer labor, NABCJ will also partner with Project C.U.R.E by supporting the "Sponsor A Box" program. President Lassiter is asking each chapter to "Sponsor A Box" and the organization will then match the donations. USCA-CSJP will also match the donations by the chapters. In order to "Sponsor A Box." a \$25.00 donation is required. The \$25.00 delivers one box of medical supplies worth \$500 average wholesale. Chapters interested in supporting this endeavor are asked to email their intent to partner to Melvina Sumter at msumter@odu.edu on or before February 20.

Sincerely,
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