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A Chronology of the Dominica Oversea Nationals Association's Achievements

- Hurricane David Relief Operation – sent (17) seventeen trained nurses to Dominica with the generous cooperation of both British Airways and British West Indian Airways. A considerable amount of medical supplies, food and clothing were also dispatched to the 'Nature Island', **1979**. *[This project is estimated to have saved the Dominican Government approximately £80,000 (eighty thousand pounds)]*
- Purchased and dispatched £4,408 (four thousand, four hundred and eight pounds) of medical equipment from Downs Surgical Limited which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line to the Ministry of Health for distribution and use in the various Health Districts in the Island, **1981**
- Purchased and dispatched over £17,000 (seventeen thousand pounds) worth of laundry equipment (jointly with the Overseas Development Administration) from Electrolux (Commercial Equipment) Limited, which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line and installed in the Utility Unit of the Princess Margaret Hospital, **1982**
- Sent a 111 box consignment of textbooks (Practical Accounting; Catering; English; French; Geography; History; Literature;

Mathematics; Religious Studies; Science) and miscellaneous items which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line to the Ministries of Education and Health, **1983**

- Purchased and dispatched a Steriliser and Refrigerator to the Colihaut Health Centre which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line, **1984**
- Dispatched consignment of approximately 1,700 'useable' textbooks donated by Bishop Challoner Roman Catholic Comprehensive School which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line via the Ministry of Education, for the use of Schools on the island, **1984**
- Dispatched consignment of 5,000 'useable' textbooks donated by Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line via the Ministry of Education, for the use of Schools on the island, **1984**
- 26 mile sponsored walk from Hackney to Harlesden to raise funds and awareness for the Sickle Cell society, **1985**
- Purchased and dispatched musical instruments which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line for the Portsmouth Government School and for use at other schools in the immediate vicinity, **1985**
- Dispatched consignment of 2,500 'useable' textbooks donated by Bishop Challoner Roman Catholic Comprehensive School which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line via the Ministry of Education, for the use of Schools on the island, **1985**
- Dispatched consignment of 2,500 'useable' textbooks donated by Bishop Challoner Roman Catholic Comprehensive School which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line via the Ministry of Education, for the use of Schools on the island, **1986**
- Donated Medical supplies to the Ministry of Health, **1986**

- Dispatched a 20ft Container containing Beds, Mattresses, Baby Cots, Blankets and other miscellaneous items for Hospitals, via the Ministry of Health, **1986**
- Dispatched consignment of 2,000 'useable' textbooks donated by Bishop Challoner Roman Catholic Comprehensive School which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line via the Ministry of Education, for the use of Schools on the island, **1986**
- Dispatched consignment of 2,000 'useable' textbooks donated by the St John the Baptist Roman Catholic School which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line via the Ministry of Education, for the use of Schools on the island, **1986**
- Financial donation to the Commonwealth of Dominica High Commission, London, to purchase a 3-D Map of Dominica, **1986**. *[This is now placed with the Commonwealth of Dominica's permanent exhibits at the Commonwealth Institute].*
- Financial donation to the Dominica Infirmary, Roseau, **1987**
- Dispatched consignment of approximately 4,600 'useable' textbooks donated by Bishop Challoner Roman Catholic Comprehensive School which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line via the Ministry of Education, for the use of Schools on the island, **1987**
- Donated and dispatched 13 (thirteen) boxes of Medical supplies which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line via the Ministry of Health, **1987**
- Dispatched consignment of approximately 4,500 'useable' textbooks donated by Bishop Challoner Roman Catholic Comprehensive School which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line via the Ministry of Education, for the use of Schools on the island, **1988**
- Purchased and dispatched kitchen utensils to the Dominica Association of Disabled People, Roseau, **1989**

- Dispatched two tea chests of equipment to the Youth Development Division, the contents of which were disseminated to: (1) The Youth Centre, Roseau; (2) New Youth Centre, Grand Bay; (3) 4H Clubs, Island-wide; (4) Summer Day Camps, Island-wide; (5) Leadership Training, Island-wide, **1989**
- Annual financial donations to the Portsmouth Women's Institute towards the cost of their Christmas dinner for senior citizens and children, **1990**
- Senior Citizens/Family Annual Excursions to Bournemouth, Eastbourne, Folkestone, Great Yarmouth, Hayling Island, Isle of Wight, Margate, Portsmouth, Southsea, Stratford-upon-Avon, Weymouth, Yugoslavia, Brussels, etc...
- Assisted and accommodated young Dominican who was receiving treatment in England, **1991**
- Financial contribution to Afro-Caribbean Education Resource Centre, **1992**
- Donated Plaque to the Ministry of Education & Sports to be awarded to the school from which the 1st place student comes on the Common Entrance Examination list, **1992**
- Purchased & dispatched Pharmaceutical Anti-Cancer drugs to the Princess Margaret Hospital, **1993**
- Financial donation to North Dominica Marketing & Shipping Co-Operative Society Limited – Fire Victims of Portsmouth, **1993**
- Financial donation to 'Save the Children Fund' Christmas Appeal, **1993**
- Purchased & dispatched word-processing equipment for Wesley Village Council, **1993**
- Financial donation to St Alphonsus Church Reconstruction Fund, Roseau, **1994**
- Financial donation to the African Caribbean Education Resource Centre, London, **1994**
- Organised First Serenade UK Tour with DUKA, DDA, and Club Zouk Promotions, **1994**

- Financial donation to the Wesley Village Council to purchase a new Typewriter, **1994**
- Annual Family Fun Day, Scrubs Park, London, **1994 to present**
- Assisted the Woodford Hill Annual Senior Citizens Treat, **1995**
- Financial donation to the Paula Lockhart appeal, **1995**
- Purchased & dispatched set of Encyclopaedia Britannica for Roseau's Central Library, **1995**
- Cultural Extravaganza, **1995**
- Seminar, "*The Way Forward*", Acton Methodist Church Hall, **1995**
- Financial donation to the Dominica State Prison for the purchase of musical instruments for their rehabilitation programme, **1995**
- Financial donation to the African Caribbean Education Resource Centre, London, **1995**
- Performance by the DONA's Quadrille Dancers to the inmates of Wormwood Scrubs Prison, London, **1995**
- Purchased and dispatched consignment of items to the Princess Margaret Hospital, **1996**
- Dispatched an 18 (eighteen) box consignment containing books, medical items and food stuffs which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line via the Ministry of Education, for dissemination to Schools on the island, Roseau Central Library, the Princess Margaret Hospital and the Dominica Infirmary, Roseau, **1996**
- 'Christmas in July' supplies for the Centre where Adolescents Learn to Love and Serve (CALLS), Portsmouth, **1996**
- Financial donation to the Dominica Association for Disabled People, **1996**
- Financial donation to 'Save the Children Fund', **1996**
- Seminar "Illnesses Affecting Men", St Thomas' Hospital, London, **1996**
- Seminar on "*Hypertension and Diabetes*" by Ms Grace Vanterpool, **1997**

- Financial donation to the family of Mr Shand A. Sylvester, **1997**
- Financial donation to the Centre where Adolescents Learn to Love and Serve (CALLS), Portsmouth, **1997**
- Financial donation to the School for the Hearing Impaired, **1997**
- Christmas donation of goods to Dominica Infirmary, Roseau, **1998**
- Christmas donation of Children's items to the Princess Margaret Hospital, **1998**
- Participated in the London Borough of Ealing's Black History Month "Quadfest" celebrations, **1998**
- Christmas donation to Dominica Infirmary, Roseau, **1999**
- Donated packages (with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line) for the Home for the Aged, Roseau; Clifton Dupigny Community College; Centre where Adolescents Learn to Love and Serve (CALLS) Youth Project, Portsmouth; St Vincent De Paul Society, Northern Home for the Aged and provided wheelchair to Mrs Elma Maxim, an elderly disabled person, **1999**
- Purchased and dispatched Consignment of Drugs, Sphygmomanometers and Stethoscopes to the Princess Margaret Hospital, Roseau, **1999**
- Assistance young person with college fees in England, **1999**
- Donated 'useable' books to St Andrew's High School, Londonderry, **1999**
- Participated in the London Borough of Ealing's Black History Month "Quadfest" celebrations, **1999**
- Successfully applied for, and obtained, a grant from the National Lottery's Small Grants Scheme for the association to purchase its own photocopier, **1999**
- Donation to the Dominica Infirmary, Roseau, **2000**
- Financial donation to the Dominica Infirmary, Roseau, **2000**
- Participated in the London Borough of Ealing's Black History Month "Quadfest" celebrations, **2000**

- Financial grant to young university law student, **2000**
- Purchased and dispatched consignment of medical supplies to the Princess Margaret and Marigot Hospitals, **2000**
- Financial donation to the family of the late Lennox Jeremiah from Loubiere, **2000**
- Participated in the Exhibition Booth for the Commonwealth of Dominica at the Caribbean Exposition, ExCel International Exhibition Centre, London's Docklands, **2001**
- Donation of (3) three boxes of pampers and clothing dispatched to the Dominica Infirmary, Roseau, **2001**
- Dispatched consignment of 12 (twelve) boxes containing 'useable' library books donated by the Warwick Park School, Peckham, London, and which were transported with free freight facilities courtesy of Geest Line via the Ministry of Education, for the use of Schools on the island, **2001**
- Dispatched consignment of 10 (ten) boxes containing clinical items (courtesy of free freight facilities from Geest Line) for the Marigot Hospital, Roseau Infirmary and Portsmouth Infirmary, **2001**
- Financial donation for the refurbishment of the Morne Jaune chapel, **2001**
- Seminar on "*Principles of Success*" by Mr Stephen Delsol, **2002**
- Financial donation to the Atkinson Catholic Church Appeal, **2002**
- Donated and dispatched wheelchairs to The Dominica Association of Disabled People, Roseau, **2002**
- Donated 4 (four) boxes of clothing and toys to the Princess Margaret Hospital, **2002**
- Financial donation to Dominica's Basket Ball Team Kit, **2003**
- Jointly organised an inaugural Symposium (with DUKA & DDA and the High Commission for the Commonwealth of Dominica) London, **2003**
- Youth Educational Outing to the Science Museum, London, **2003**

- Financial contribution to large consignment of Hospital and IT equipment, **2003**
- Donated and dispatched consignment of wheelchairs, walkers and other items to the Princess Margaret Hospital, Roseau, **2003**
- Christmas donation of toys and clothes to the Ministry of Community Development and Gender Affairs, Roseau, **2003**.
- Christmas donation of miscellaneous items to the Princess Margaret Hospital, **2003**
- Successfully applied for, and obtained, a grant from the Ealing Neighbourhood Renewal Community Chest for the association to purchase its own Personal Computer and printer, **2003**
- Successfully applied for, and obtained, a grant from the Ealing Neighbourhood Renewal Community Chest towards the cost of the quarterly production of the association's Newsletter, "*The Sisserou Voice*", **2004**
- Organised '*Mas Dominik UK*' featuring "Swingin' Stars", "Hunter", "Dice" and "Daddy Chess" with DUKA, RC Promotions and Aunty's Bakery, **2004**
- Dispatched 12 (twelve) bags of clothing and 2 (two) boxes of groceries to the Grenada Hurricane Disaster, **2004**
- Donated 172 toys and items of clothing to Q95, a Dominican radio station, as childrens' Christmas presents. Further dispatched commodes, walkers and wheelchairs to the Dominica Disabled Association, **2004**
- Financial gift donation to Mr Georges, who celebrated his 100th birthday, **2005**
- Financial donation to the Commonwealth of Dominica's High Commission UK office supporting the erection of the Dominican flag outside its building at 1 Collingham Gardens, Earl's Court, London, SW5, **2005**
- Purchased sleeping equipment and flag pole stands for the group of young persons representing the Commonwealth of

Dominica at the World Youth Day event in Colone, Germany,
2005

- Organised '*Mas Dominik UK 2005 Carnival Jam & Beauty Pageant*' featuring "Triple Kay", "Young Bull" & "Hunter", with DUKA and RC Promotions, **2005**

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