

Grenadians in the USA donate to National Patients Kidney Foundation

Washington DC, Embassy of Grenada, May 22, 2012: Grenada's Ambassador to the United States, Gillian Bristol, today accepted a donation of US \$3,800 on behalf of the Grenada National Kidney Patients Foundation from the Grenada Cultural and Social Association (GCSA) based in Maryland. During the short ceremony at the Embassy, GCSA President Allan Alexander, recalling that this is the second year that the Association is contributing to the Foundation, expressed satisfaction that the amount has increased from the previous year.

Mr. Alexander said the GCSA membership is willing to continue their hard work to fulfil their undertaking to assist in any charitable way that they can. "We chose the Kidney Foundation as one of the charitable organizations that has urgent and critical needs because of the prohibitive cost of dialysis and the implications for the health and life of patients." Mr. Alexander expressed the hope that other organizations would become aware of this need and also contribute.

Grenada's Independence is celebrated each year by the GCSA, marked by an elegant Dinner and Dance attended by hundreds of Grenadians and well-wishers. This year the Dinner and Dance, held under the auspices of the Ambassador of Grenada, was also honoured by special guest Etan Thomas, centre for the NBA Hawks, who is of Grenadian parentage. The other major GCSA annual fundraiser is a summer boat ride on the Potomac held in collaboration with nationals' organization of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The GCSA is a non-profit organization established in 1988 by Grenadians in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, which includes Maryland and Virginia. The Association's goal has been to assist with charitable causes that benefit Grenada and the Washington DC area. For more information:

<http://www.grenadaembassyusa.org/the-diaspora/maryland/>



May 5, 2012: Presentation of donation at Grenada Embassy
L-R: Ambassador Gillian Bristol and Allan Alexander