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Charitable Giving of Publicly Traded Securities

Charitable giving can benefit both you and the charity of your choice. The scope of charitable giving is much broader than simply giving a sum of money to your favorite charity. There are many ways to meet your philanthropic goals, including gifts during your lifetime as well as gifts made through your will.

One opportunity to give is through donating property to a charity rather than cash. A gift of property is also called a gift in kind. Prior to making a gift in kind to a charity, you should first consult with the charity to ensure that they are willing (and able) to accept your gift of property.

This article discusses the gifting of publicly traded securities and the tax benefits associated with this kind of giving. Keep in mind that the following strategy can be used during your lifetime to provide a current tax savings as well as being used as part of your overall estate planning goals.

A gift in kind is normally valued at its fair market value at the time the gift is made, in order to determine the tax credit generated by your gift. You are deemed to have disposed of the property at the time of giving — meaning that you must recognize any capital gain or income that would apply had you sold the property for that price.

Charitable giving of publicly traded securities is more attractive than giving cash for philanthropically minded investors. In particular, rules reduce the amount of the capital gain resulting from the disposition of a gifted security from 66.67% to 33.33%. These rules only apply to a direct gift of certain publicly traded securities. If you were to sell the security and then make a cash donation, the normal capital gains of 66.67% would have to be reported on the sale.

You can receive a total tax credit (federal and provincial combined)

worth about 50% of the donation in most cases. For charitable donations claimed in 1997 and later, donations eligible for a tax credit are now subject to a limit of 75% of your net income. Prior to the 1997 Federal Budget, donations eligible for tax credit were subject to a limit of 50% of your net income.

In today's environment of government cutbacks, charities are required to seek new sources of funding for their work. In response to this need, the government has made charitable giving easier by allowing you to benefit further from your gift. ■

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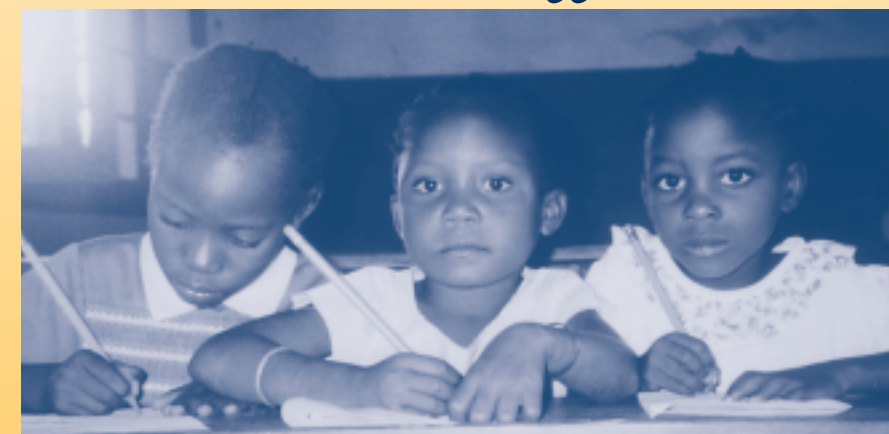
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CODE Field Update

News and Information for CODE Donors



To Guyana with love...

We flew to Region #2 on an eight-seater propeller plane from Georgetown, Guyana's capital city.

Most (90%) of Guyana's population of 825,000 people live on a fertile strip of land along the coast. The land here is rich in silt from a thousand years of backwash from the Amazon River which flows north along the coast. It is here that the farming of sugar and other crops can take place, for farther inland, the land is a maze of watery delta and tropical rainforest, savannahs and highlands.

We were met at the airport by an official of the Regional Department of Education.

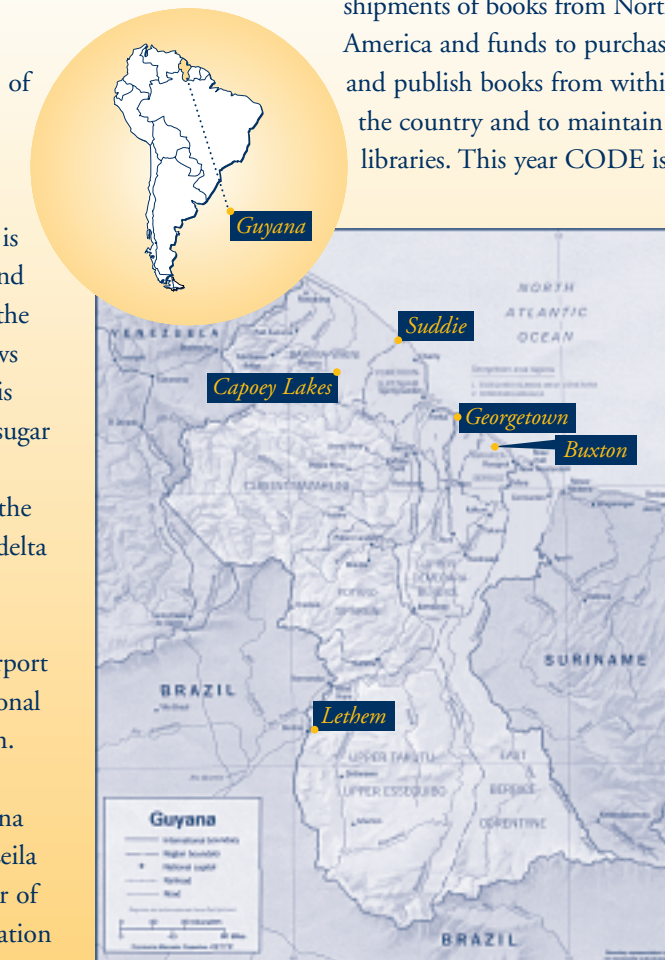
I was on a project-monitoring visit to Guyana and was travelling with Leila Jagdeo, General Manager of the Guyana Book Foundation (GBF). GBF works with some of the 117 schools and eight libraries in Region #2 and we were to visit several of

these. CODE supports the Guyana Book Foundation with shipments of books from North America and funds to purchase and publish books from within the country and to maintain libraries. This year CODE is

providing 20,000 North American books to the Guyana Book Foundation. CODE is also providing approximately 13,000 local language books. These books will be distributed by mini-bus, truck, ferry, canoe, donkey-cart, aircraft, and on foot in small waterproof packs carried in traditional backpacks which are held in place by slings over the forehead.

Suddie Hospital Community Library

I would like to introduce you to some of the people I met on this trip. At the Suddie Hospital Community Library, Wati, the Librarian had been on the job since last September and was doing very well even though she had not yet received the basic training in library management provided by the GBF. Wati produces monthly reports on library usage to the GBF. She also maintains the library, and provides lending advice to



In many areas of Guyana travel is at the best of times difficult. Flooding was particularly bad this year.



- ◁ *Maureen Amsterdam (left) and Alvis Cummings run the Buxton/Friendship Community Library.*
- ▽ *Buxton/Friendship Community Library. The library had to be treated for termites. You can see here that work was underway to re-shelve the books.*



To Guyana with love continued...

users. Wati has since completed her training and has restocked and reorganized the library, reports Leila Jagdeo of the GBF.

Buxton/Friendship Community Library

In Buxton in Region # 4, Alvis Cummings and Maureen Amsterdam, both librarians at the Buxton/Friendship Community Library, were waiting for our visit. This library is still referred to by some residents as the Lessons Place. It started out as a place where students could go for help with their lessons. Its founder had approached the Guyana Book Foundation for support to establish it as a library. The building was donated by the community. Many of the libraries are established in existing buildings in hospitals and schools and the like both as a cost-saving measure and to allow the community to also contribute in

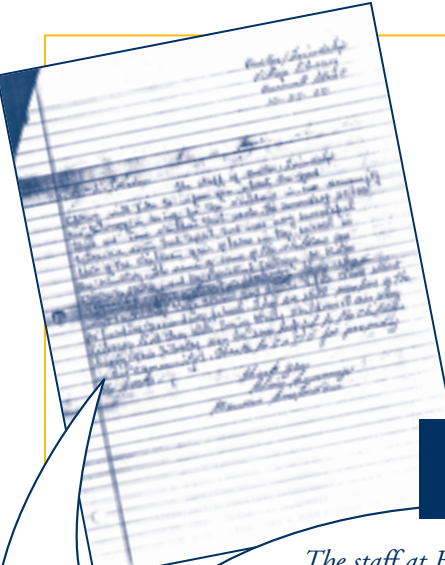


a meaningful way. The GBF paid for repairs to the roof before stocking the library with books. The small stipend paid to staff comes largely from donations from Buxtonians living abroad.

The place is a hive of activity most of the time. In addition to the lending facilities the library also offers reading and after-school lessons for children. It is a centre for programs for teachers and a meeting place for other community activities. The HIV/AIDS awareness program run by the local youth group, Youth with Motive, always has a packed crowd in attendance.

Earlier in the week the library had to be treated for termites. Alvis and Maureen had managed to put most of the books back on the shelves but there was still a lot of work to do. Both Alvis and Maureen enjoy their work and are grateful for the basic library training they have received through the GBF. We learned that as elsewhere in Guyana the main library book borrowers are girls and women. Novels are very popular and the reference section is most heavily used during exam time.

- ◁ *These two nine-year olds dropped in at the Suddie Community Hospital Library during their school lunch break to return a book and borrow a new one.*



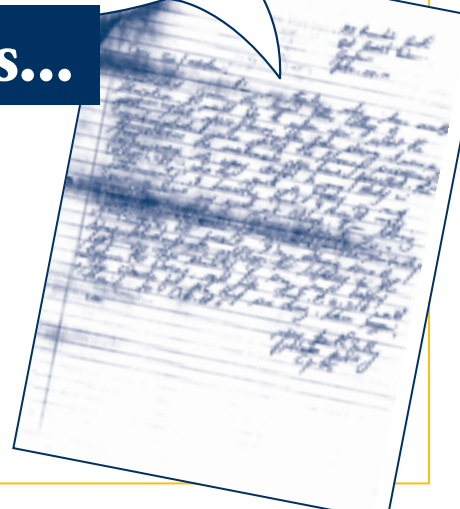
Letters of Thanks...

I am a teacher who has recently graduated from the Cybill Potter College of Education... If there wasn't a library in my community I honestly think I would not have achieved my goal of college. I hope that CODE will continue the wonderful job that they are doing. Once again, thanks to CODE!

Yours Faithfully,
Aluko Jervis

The staff at Buxton/Friendship Library want to inform you about the good our library is doing for the children in our community. There were children who wrote the secondary school entrance exam and were very successful. We are very happy this library has been helpful to the children in our community. Thanks to CODE for providing the books.

Thank you,
Alvis Cummings
Maureen Amsterdam



Capoey Lakes, Essequibo

Wendy Francis had spent the whole day travelling by bus, ferry and then by bus again to get to the GBF office in Georgetown. Wendy was delivering her library usage reports while in the city on other business. In many areas of Guyana, travel is at the best of times difficult and, with the effects of El Niño flooding during the rainy season, was particularly bad this year. Library training programs planned to take place in Lethem in Region #9, for example, have been postponed because it has been simply not possible to travel in or out of the area. In view of these conditions, I was particularly pleased to have met Wendy.

Meet Wendy Francis, the librarian from Capoey Lakes, Essequibo. She lives in an Amerindian community of 500. Today Amerindians, who were the original peoples of Guyana, make up only 4 % of Guyana's population.

I hope you have enjoyed meeting some of the people hard at work providing library services and books to the children in Guyana. ■

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CODE's partner, the Guyana Book Foundation

CODE has worked in Guyana since 1987. The Guyana Book Foundation (GBF), established in 1996, is a locally registered organization dedicated to providing resources for learning, encouraging self-reliance and promoting awareness and understanding. Its

strategy is to provide books and learning materials to schools and libraries on a national basis, and also to focus resources at areas of need in the hinterland and coastal regions through the establishment of community libraries. The GBF has also been supportive of training teachers in the teaching of reading.

