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## Fundraiser Contributes \$6,496.00 U.S. To Belize Cancer Center, Dangriga

(Los Angeles) The Consulate of Belize in Los Angeles and The Blissfulsage Foundation presented the Belize Cancer Center, Dangriga with a donation in the sum of \$6,496.00. The funds were raised at a fundraiser event which took place on October 25, 2009. The October event also provided the venue for the Cancer Center to be presented with donated funds, which totaled \$2,200.00 from the Belizean American Nursing Community and the San Diego Affiliate of Consortium for Belizean Development, Inc.

The October fundraiser was organized by Hon. Roland Yorke, Consul General of Belize to California and Mrs. Raquel Battle, Founder and President of The Blissfulsage Foundation. The event honored Co-founders of the Cancer Center, Dr. Ellsworth Grant and Chief Nursing Officer Dellone Pascascio as well as the many volunteers who assist cancer patients during treatment. Marilyn Belisle, a patient currently receiving treatment facilitated by the Center remarked, “without the center subsidizing my treatment in Belize and arranging for my current treatment, I would not be alive today; I am eternally grateful for its establishment.”

Plaque presentations were made by the Consulate of Belize and the Consortium for Belizean Development, Inc. Elected Officials Citations were presented to the co-founders from the offices of Congresswoman Laura Richardson, State Senator Curren Price, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, Assemblyman Mike Davis and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The Consulate of Belize and The Blissfulsage Foundation also presented Certificates of Appreciation.

Appreciation and thanks is extended to all those who contributed to make the event a success, especially to the Shriners Children Hospital in Los Angeles for providing the facility to hold the event; To Kim Hernandez, one of the primary coordinators of the event; The Garifuna Cultural Group and Mr. Harry Shaw for providing entertainment; D.J. Hendy for Disc Jockey Services; and Mr. Francis Estrada and Mr. Norman Reneau for Videographic and Photographic Services respectively; Thanks is also extended to Merve Hendy and Herman Cattouse for their help in staging the event. Acknowledgement is extended to Mr. Noel Escalante, fine arts photographer and Ms. Celeste Pederson, painter for their donations of artwork. We express appreciation to all the individuals who donated items for the silent auction as well as those who provided food items.

The Consulate of Belize and The Blissfulsage Foundation extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Belizean American Community for their support of the Belize Cancer Center, Dangriga.

