



CAYMAN ISLANDS
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FROM: THE GOVERNOR

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*The Directors and Staff of the Cayman Islands
Cancer Society,*

2020 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Cayman Islands Cancer Society and there is much to celebrate. Thanks to support from the Cayman community, Cayman Islands Cancer Society has been able to do so much to help people in Cayman. In almost three years I have got to know them well attending various events including Stride for Cancer and attending public health fairs. I applaud their dedication and commitment to supporting our Islands.

The Cayman Islands Cancer Society is one of the oldest charities in Cayman with a long history of playing a vital and crucial role. Since 1995 the Cayman Islands Cancer Society has been raising awareness of cancer; providing free screenings at public health fairs, improving facilities and making financial aid available to Cayman residents who demonstrate a financial need for assistance. Over 400 cancer patients in need have received financial aid from Cayman Islands Cancer Society. Additionally, the Cayman Islands Cancer Society has provided various types of support groups, cancer survivor celebrations, a warehouse full of patient care equipment, cancer conferences, and charity cancer screening vouchers.

In 2012 the Cayman Islands Cancer Society established a Cancer Surveillance Program and in an effort to reduce cancer risk, advocated for the smoking ban in public places. The Cayman Islands Cancer Society initiated and funded a community wide cancer HPV vaccination program. The Cayman Islands Cancer Society also funded the construction of a state-of-the-art chemotherapy unit in 2014 and has purchased 2 pieces of equipment to do mammograms, one in 1996 and another in 2017.

Over the course of 2020, a number of events and activities were planned to take place across the Islands to raise funds and celebrate the 25th anniversary, but unfortunately many of them had to be cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. One special project was able to proceed; an

official postage stamp commemorating the 25 years of service to the people of the Cayman Islands.

Through their tireless work they have saved lives in our community. I wish to extend my best wishes to them for a continued success in the next 25 years and beyond. As the Governor of the Cayman Islands, on this day, I, Martyn Roper OBE would like to congratulate the Cayman Islands Cancer Society on all of their accomplishments and innumerable acts of service to the community, with this official letter to accompany the First Day Cover of the stamp, which was approved by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

Yours Faithfully,

Martyn Roper

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