

## CCAMRE History

The Halton and Peel Central America Relief Effort (HPCARE) started in 1999 in response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Mitch in Central America. CCAMRE's works on health, education, reconstruction and community development initiatives that will lead toward a self-sustainable communities.

On August 15th 2003, CCAMRE received the charter letter and official designation as a charitable organization registered with Revenue Canada. Prior the registration the organization worked under the umbrella of the Hispanic Development Council, Halton Multicultural and Appleby United Church.

In 1998, Hurricane Mitch hit Central America destroying villages, killing about 9,000 people and leaving more that one million homeless. After a year of the organization work Hilda Rossi, Founder and President of CCAMRE, traveled with her friend Rosie DeBiasi to Guatemala to see the devastation and upon their return created Canadian Central American Relief Effort or CCAMRE to help the native Mayan of the region of La Union in the Merendon Mountains

Since the small beginnings CCAMRE has been able to contribute significantly to the quality of life for the people of the region of La Union. A new dental clinic provides free treatment to hundreds of people from the villages that otherwise would get none at all. Continuing education is now important to all children as a result of the scholarship program. These are just two of the programs CCAMRE has developed.



Articles and food for the Seniors Project.  
Seniors of Volcancito, Guatemala

We are registered with CanadaHelps which enables you to donate online using major credit cards. Simply go to the CanadaHelps website and enter our full name and follow the prompts.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**



We have 27 scholarships in Volcancito, Peña Blanca and Timushan. Sponsors to help a child are greatly appreciated.

**Canadian Central American Relief Effort  
(CCAMRE)**

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**THE 2010 MISSION TEAM PAUSE FOR A  
PICTURE IN THE MERENDON MOUNTAINS  
OF GUATEMALA**

## CCAMRE IN ACTION

### OUR VISION

*CCAMRE is a community of Canadians working in partnership with a community of Central-Americans resulting in improved lives in both regions.*

### OUR MISSION

*CCAMRE focuses on initiatives that enhance the capacity of communities to become self-sufficient.*

### OUR MANDATE

*To share our resources of skills, knowledge and funds to work for:*

- Relief effort
- Education and awareness building
- Medical Aid
- Partnership development
- Networking Fundraising
- Community planning and Economic Development

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- Construction of houses
- Construction of two community centres
- Construction of a community store
- Sewing projects
- Education – Scholarships
- Baking project
- Rotating fertilizer project
- Senior's project
- Yearly missions
- Dental clinic
- Dental teams
- Medical teams

## Benefits of Membership

- Joy of helping others
- Opportunity to participate in Mission Travel
- Personal development through building
  - Leadership Skills
  - Language Skills
  - Awareness of other geographies and cultures
  - Team Effectiveness
  - Interpersonal Skills
- Greater awareness of social justice issues and solutions
- Fellowship and Friendships
- Sense of accomplishment
- Knowing you are part of a movement that makes the world a better place
- CCAMRE Newsletter



**DENTAL PROJECT - MISSION SPRING 2010**

The dental team performs dental services for the people in need of care - hundreds of people that are part of the Mayan Ch'ortí population of the Merendon Mountains of Guatemala.

## HOW MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE

- Attending Annual General Meetings
- Participating in Fund-Raising Events
- Participating in Mission trips to Guatemala
- Promoting CCAMRE to others
- Participating in CCAMRE committees based on areas of interest and skill
- Being willing to share in the leadership of CCAMRE
- Annual fee of \$25.00



**SEWING PROJECT - MISSION SPRING 2010**

The Sewing Co-operative located in Volcancito, is a viable close knit group. The group has had success selling their items in the village markets. They are on the right path, with a solid group leader, new and improved skills, group commitment and a growing self confidence.