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*Beds donated by peopleCare Hilltop Manor Cambridge are being donated to a Guyanese burn unit.*

## Old beds donated to Guyanese hospital burn unit

*Supplier of new beds pays for transport of old ones*  
Tuesday November 8, 2011 -- Deb Bartlett

As Hilltop Manor Cambridge adds 96 new beds to its home, it's adding beds to a burn unit in Guyana.

PeopleCare Inc. director of operations Jen Killing says with the renovation taking place at the home, beds are being replaced.

Rather than throwing the old beds out, peopleCare is donating them.

The supplier of the new beds, Medical Mart, is paying for the old ones to be shipped from Cambridge to Toronto Harbour.

From there, they'll be shipped to the Guyana Burn and Health Care Foundation.

Killing says the company is always happy to find new uses for obsolete equipment, especially if it's going to needy community. The beds would have gone to landfill or a scrapyard if they couldn't have been donated, she says.

Kathy Dingwell, peopleCare Tavistock's executive director heard a presentation about the burn centre, which is located in the Georgetown Public Hospital.

She asked if 24 beds being replaced at her home could be donated.

"That donation allowed for another wing at the Guyana hospital to be opened up," says Killing.

The beds from Hilltop will be used for future expansion.

Without enough beds, burn patients sleep together, she says.

When Hilltop Manor heard about the initiative, staff members there wanted to see their old beds donated too.

Killing says teams of eight to 10 peopleCare and Medical Mart staff members who are working in teams to disassemble and carry the beds to trucks.

Each week for four weeks, 18 beds and mattresses were being taken to Toronto.

It feels "incredible" to see the equipment used, says Killing.

Most of the burn patients in Guyana are women who are victims of domestic abuse, says Killing.

Because peopleCare is largely comprised of women, the company decided to support the burn unit. "It was women helping women," she says.

PeopleCare has participated in many fundraising initiatives, including an event for breast cancer awareness month and for dialysis equipment at the Guyanese hospital.

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