

Medical Supplies for Cuba Campaign

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The Canadian Network on Cuba is proud to initiate a vibrant fundraising campaign across Canada to raise \$50,000 for greatly needed medical supplies for Cuba. This will be a 3-month campaign to fill and ship a container with the critical supplies that Cuba needs.



The campaign launch is on January 8, the date of the victorious arrival in Havana of the Rebel Army, led by Fidel Castro in 1959. Fidel Castro's forward-looking policies have led to Cuba's distinguished medical accomplishments, and international humanitarian aid around the world. Cuba's Henry Reeve International Medical Brigade has been nominated for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize.

In appalling contrast, the increased tightening by the United States of its illegal, immoral blockade against Cuba has made it extremely difficult for Cubans to obtain urgently needed medical supplies while fighting the Coronavirus pandemic.

Keith Ellis, Coordinator, for the CNC's Medical Supplies Fundraising Campaign articulated the need. "Right now, precisely, Cuban hospitals, in different parts of the country, are struggling to acquire some very urgently needed items (mainly due to the USA illegal blockade). The CNC has obtained a list of some of these items which we are attempting to source from suppliers of medical equipment in the Toronto area".

The Canadian Network on Cuba has a successful record of material support for Cuba, most recently having sent \$53,000 to support Cuba's international medical efforts and Covid vaccines and raised over \$33,000 to provide Canadian made professional bats to Cuba's baseball teams. All funds received are passed on to Cuba as the CNC covers all transfer, banking, postage and any other costs involved.

The CNC will host a **Webinar on the Medical Supplies Campaign on Saturday January 23 at 7 pm EST**, with guest speakers and discussion on Cuba's positive medical contribution and the effects of the blockade.

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How to Donate via cheque or e-transfer:

1) Make cheque payable to **CNC** and write on Memo line: **medical supplies**.
Mail to CNC c/o Sharon Skup 56 Riverwood Terrace Bolton ON L7E 1S4

2) Send e-transfer to this email: **donate@canadiannetworkoncuba.ca**
Mention "**medical supplies**" in message.

IMPORTANT: Plus, also send a separate email with the exact spelling of your secret password/answer and your name so Sharon can then open your e-transfer. (or you can phone Sharon at 905.951.8499 with that information)



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The CNC is made up of 19 solidarity and friendship organizations across Canada.

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