

Born in Barbados in 1938, **GRANTLEY EINSTEIN DECLAIRE MORRIS** ("Grant" or "Grant Morris") completed his secondary school education at Harrison College. At school, he was well known for his enjoyment of cricket and football (soccer), but his passion was for body building and weightlifting for which he was awarded the Most Muscular Teen Title and was the Junior 148 weight lifting championship.

After graduating from high school, he went on to obtain a Diploma in Building & Engineering from the Barbados Technical Institute. He started his working life in 1960 as a Draftsman at the Barbados Ministry of Transport where he was involved in designing roads and the runway and parking apron at what is now the Grantley Adams International Airport in Christ Church, Barbados.

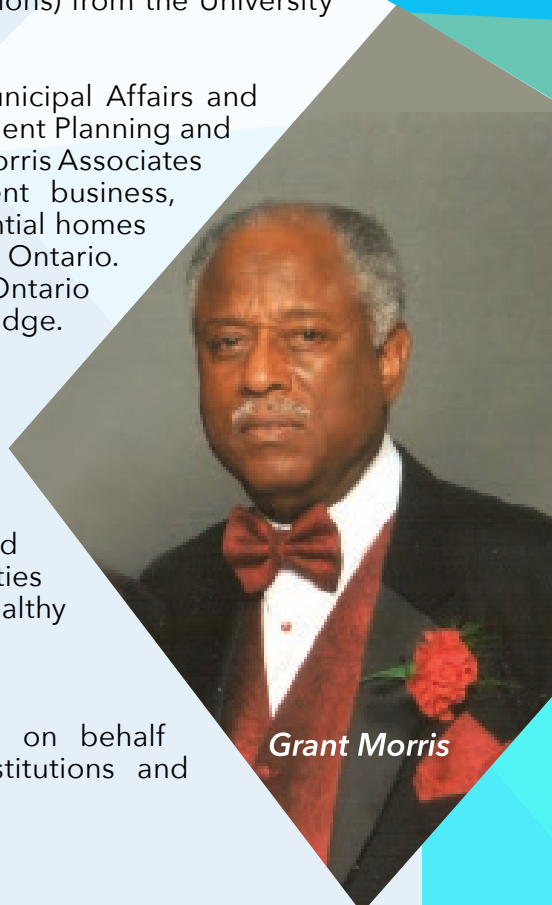
In 1966, Grant immigrated to Canada and shortly after arriving in Toronto he secured a job as a Planning Technologist with Acres Research and Planning. In 1968, Grant joined the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as a Planner and within a few years, was promoted to Senior Planner.

While working for the Ministry, Grant was given the opportunity by his Executive Director to further his education. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Urban Studies from York University and, subsequently, a Masters in Education (majoring in Land Use Planning for School Locations) from the University of Toronto.

In 1984, Grant left the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to establish his own independent Planning and Development Consulting firm, Grant Morris Associates Ltd., and a Real Estate Development business, Castleloch Homes, a builder of residential homes in Grant's home town of Pickering, Ontario. In 1991, he was invited to join the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) as a Tribunal Judge. He retired from the OMB in 1996.

Despite having achieved significant success in his professional life Grant's overriding concern is with making it possible for people who have experienced hardship, deprivation and ill-health, to have access to opportunities which can help them lead happy, healthy and productive lives.

A brief sampling of Grant's efforts on behalf of various charities, educational institutions and



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community associations illustrates his care and concern for the lives of others:

- University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) Scholarship Endowment, which he established in 2005 with a pledge of \$1,000,000.00. The endowment now stands at over \$210,000.00.
- **Caribbean Event.** Every summer since 1997, Grant Morris and his partner Patricia Sammy have opened their home to over 400 friends, supporters and members of the Barbadian/Canadian community in Toronto for a fundraising event that has donated to charitable organizations, provided bursaries and scholarships to university and college students in Barbados and Ontario. All expenses of the Event are paid by Grant personally.
- **Barbados Ball.** The Ball is sponsored and organized by a non-profit, all-volunteer group, Barbados Ball Canada Aid (BBCA). A past Chair of the organizing committee and a member of BBCA since its inception in 2004, Grant served on BBCA's Board of Directors and executive.
- **Other Charitable Activities.** In addition to the foregoing, during the past 10 years, Grant has raised over \$200,000 for a variety of other charities and deserving individuals and causes. He is particularly proud of his efforts on behalf of several individuals facing extreme situations of financial hardship, including a poor single mother who despite her circumstances, managed to remain a high-achieving student at the University of the West Indies in Barbados, and who, thanks to Grant's philanthropy, is now well a medical doctor.

Grant is the recipient of many awards in recognition of his community service and philanthropy, viz:

- Unsung Hero Award presented by the Barbados Ball in June of 2010.
- Barbados Independence Award for Philanthropy presented by the Barbados Country Team Toronto in November 2010.
- Dedication of a plaque at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in April 2012, in honour of Grant's fundraising efforts for the university.
- The Excellence in Community Service Award at the African Canadian Achievement Awards on May 5th, 2012,
- Honorary Doctor of Laws degree for community development and philanthropy from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology on June 5th, 2015