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While we all go about our daily lives, it is quite easy to take for granted the blessings that have been bestowed on us in this great country. Our health, our friends, our family are indeed the cornerstone of our existence and many of us never stop to think what our life would be like should any one of these precious gifts be taken from us.

CHIP has recently come across a gentleman by the name of Ray Lindo, who had his health taken away from him in a flash and his life was changed forever. Ray has outlined in his own words what happened to him and of his journey until the moment that he watched CP 24 television while hospitalized at the William Osler Health Centre (former Etobicoke General Hospital) and saw representatives of CHIP explain how patients like Ray can get our assistance.

On Wednesday July 10, 2008 CHIP delivered Ray his new computer and connected him back to the outside world again.

We, at CHIP, are proud to know Ray and know that all who get to know him will be inspired by his faith and his will to be a productive member of our society.

Pictures of Ray and his story are found on the next few pages.



RAY'S STORY (IN HIS OWN WORDS)

Hi Jim,

Sorry for the delay, I sent the email to the rogers.com address yesterday. Here is a copy of the letter I sent. My email addresses are:

[1] ray_lindo@hotmail.com

[2] ray_lindo@yahoo.ca

I finally got my head back in gear, and now I'm fighting with my hands to work with the speed my brain moves at.

First off, I cannot begin to express the depth of my gratitude and never failing affection, that I feel towards CHIP Charity (you and your wife especially), CHUM Limited, and everyone who made it possible for me to be the benefactor of this incredible Laptop.



Not only did you and your organization shatter the barrier of isolation that I dwelled in since May 3rd, 2007 (when I had a stroke to my spinal cord leaving me paralyzed), you have enabled me to regain my skills (Computer Consultant by profession - 25+ years), re-establish my links with society (lost for over year), and most of all, proved once again, Canadians, are the finest people in the world!!!.

Jim, please excuse any spelling errors, but it's been a long time since I typed. My father died April 14th 2007 from a stroke. He's been going slowly for the last couple of years. I was already disabled with an auto-immune disease called Sarcoidosis (scaring of the lungs). The prednisone made me obese.

I had my stroke May 3rd (respiratory failure), and awoke not being able to move from the neck down. Over the last year, I never allow negative thoughts to fill my mind. I prayed and give god the praise for all that I now am. Without him I'm nothing, I think about my 3 sons; Antony - 17, Andreas - 14, and Daniel - 6, my Mom and Aunties, and my friends and all those who stuck by me and helped me in my struggle.

The staff of our hospitals are all hero's and should be hoisted upon our shoulders and praised; just as CHIP Charity, CHUM ,Bell, and all the corporate sponsors. I have nothing but love for you all, and am eternally grateful to you and your lovely wife for patiently configuring the laptop with the internet, CHIP Charity again, for covering my monthly TV, Phone expense at the hospital, and a Long distance Phone card each month.

I can now finish my mom's guest house in Jamaica's web site: www.geocities.com/malindovillos. I have attached a copy of my resume (ms word format), my vision is blurring so I'll email or call you tomorrow.

Thanks,

Ray Lindo



