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"I'd rather  
be honest than  
impressive."



# GRA AT 19...

## Building on the gains of its predecessors

***The GRA marked its 19th anniversary in January with a week of activities.***

An interfaith service commenced the celebrations. The ceremony celebrated the faiths and talents of staff and taxpayer. GRA also honoured its retired staff with a luncheon. The third annual retiree's luncheon celebrated the years of contributions retired staff gave to the GRA.

The Authority celebrated the health and wellness of its current staff with a walk race. The walk race is another annual feature that seeks to encourage and promote awareness of exercise in daily life. Winners were awarded in the 18-34 and 35-50 age ranges. Deputy Commissioner-General, Hema Khan, also participated in the walk race and distributed prizes to the winners. Anniversary celebrations concluded with a reception and dinner for GRA Managers.

The passage of the Revenue Authority Act of 1996 paved the way for the merger of the Inland Revenue Department and Customs and Excise Department under one Authority. Four years later, on January 27, 2000 the GRA was established. The Inland Revenue Department and Customs and Excise Tax Departments were subsequently renamed Internal Revenue and Customs and Trade Administration.

The Guyana Revenue Authority (GRA) continues to evolve its service and efficiency in tax administration in the 19 years since its establishment. These improvements ultimately extend the tax base and bring relief to taxpayers.



"I would like to thank the management of the Guyana Revenue Authority for brining us here together because it allows for me to see so many of my friends."  
- Glennis Rose, retiree



"GRA is a 19 year old running around thinking we know it all. We would greatly appreciate you finding the time to provide us with your wealth of knowledge, formally and informally."  
- Dr Leyland Lucas, Chairman of the Governing Board



"As old tax officers we should sit down and look back at our notes and use our institutional knowledge and put together a book."  
- Godfrey Statia, Commissioner-General



"Next year I'll need some competition."  
- Kevon Sampson, winner of the 18-34 group Walk Race Competition



## THE VISION

The Vision of the Guyana Revenue Authority is to gain recognition and respect from its clients and other stakeholders, through its integrity and fairness in administering high quality, yet affordable programmes. The Authority's good standing will be earned through:

- Quality service and client education that meet the needs of our diverse client base;
- Responsible enforcement of the laws based on the application of sound risk management, principles and practices;
- Fair, impartial and timely redress processes;
- Our sensitivity to the effects of administrative and legal requirements we must impose on clients and our efforts to ease the burden and cost of compliance;
- Skilled, knowledgeable and professional people, working in an environment that encourages and supports their personal and professional development; and
- Our commitment to open, transparent and accountable administration.

## THE MISSION

The mission of the Guyana Revenue Authority is to promote compliance with Guyana's Tax, Trade and Border Laws and Regulations, through education, quality service and responsible enforcement programmes, thereby contributing to the economic wellbeing of the people of Guyana.

## THE CORE PRINCIPLES

The Guyana Revenue Authority's goal is to provide the best possible service at an affordable cost. The Guyana Revenue Authority will achieve this goal by the following core principles:

- Providing accessible, dependable and timely service;
- Being fair and respectful;
- Providing effective communication;
- Managing our resources effectively and economically;
- Being responsive and committed to improvement.



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# CG's Message

## TECHNOLOGY AND TAXATION



The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) in its 2018 report, *"Technology tools and the Future of Tax Administration,"* noted that "tax is essential to the existence of modern societies. For centuries, tax administrations have looked to the latest technological developments to assist in the task of fairly, or at least effectively, collecting taxes from the population at large, and the current shift to digitalisation of much of the economy is no different in the opportunities it presents directly to tax collectors."

In meeting the challenges of technology, organizations and governments alike must take advantage of new technology to close the digital tax gap (the gap between existing tax policy and the rapidly evolving digital economy). The Guyana Revenue Authority (GRA) has evolved and continues to evolve, increasing its infrastructure and technical capacity. To this end, tax legislation has been continually tweaked, more so in the last three years, to improve customer service and efficiency in tax administration, expand the tax base, and bring relief to taxpayers.

The Customs modules of the outlived TRIPS system has been replaced with a new application software, the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA). This modern Customs' solution, together with Post Clearance Controls, advance cargo manifests, the Trusted Trader and the adoption of the Harmonised Classification System will enable the Authority to meet multiple objectives, among them, international trade facilitation and enhanced revenue collection. The scanning of containers for export is being facilitated on a daily basis at the GNIC Container Scanning Site, and this will be further complemented in 2019 by a permanent fixed scanner.

Further, it is envisaged that the Internal Revenue aspect of TRIPS will be replaced in 2020. DataTorque, a state of the art IT system currently being designed will provide systems and services that will make it easier for the GRA to expand its tax base, more so in light of the expanding oil and gas industry. The DataTorque designed system coupled with ASYCUDA will allow for a 'state of the art' IT system which will see the Authority realize one of its foremost goals of having a common database which will enable the administration of the taxation "360 degree" cycle.

The GRA "3 Year" Strategic Plan, which was unveiled during our Anniversary celebrations, will guide the Authority towards headquarters, operational and succession planning well into the mid-2020's. Our branch offices, including the expanded Bartica Office and the one newly established at Mabaruma, will provide all services offered in Georgetown through data linkages, while those planned for other locations will continue apace during 2019 and 2020, thereby allowing taxpayers to meet their tax obligations with minimal effort, cost and delay. The construction of a wharf on a newly acquired piece of land will allow for a more effective 'Boat House' and wharf facility as well as providing for the effective functioning of the Customs arm of the Oil and Gas Unit.

However, as the report aptly states, "tax administrations do not exist in a vacuum and the digital tools themselves are evolving. Tax authorities do not have the luxury of constant evolution. Tax legislation, and the enabling administrative tools, exist as unique fixed structures, with change inevitably undertaken as a wholesale restatement of the environment for all taxpayers, no matter what their current circumstances. Tax authorities are already keenly aware of their obligation to serve every taxpayer, and balance the widely diverging needs of individuals against the shared communal costs of providing the tools for compliance with the requirements of the system."

Godfrey Statia

Commissioner-General



# EDITORIAL



## TECHNOLOGY - TRANSFORMING TAXATION

*The world is constantly* changing, an evolutionary process that has seen the emergence of technology as a dominant feature in determining the successful outcome of systems and processes. The Guyana Revenue Authority (GRA) at 19 years, understands this sentiment and has, over the years implemented a number of changes in keeping with technological advancements.

In the 2018 edition of Paying Taxes, a World Bank Group and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) report was quoted as saying “the use of technology, by business and government, in tax compliance is driving continued simplification and reduction in the burden of tax compliance on businesses.” This is a concept we at the GRA understand well enough and this understanding has been translated into the implementation of varying initiatives aimed at simplified Customs and Inland Revenue functions. An analysis of tax data would show that the use of technology correlates with an increase in compliance.

However, it would be remiss to focus on technology without acknowledging that the biggest hindrance to the implementation and use of technology is archaic tax laws which do not fit into the modern economy. Yet, the fight to create legislative changes to accompany evolving technology will continue for years to come. Nonetheless, the GRA forges ahead and systems such as ASYCUDA World, DataTorque, Single Window and the Harmonised System (HS) are just a few that are geared at modernizing the taxation system in Guyana.

But it does not end there. The GRA has gone ahead by leaps and bounds with the use of social media to keep in contact with stakeholders. Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Instagram? We are there.

To quote the Financier Worldwide, *“With new technology solutions capable of managing entire processes – including data collection, analysis, compliance and audit activities – technology may hold the key to the future of tax.”*

*Melissa*



# Rebranding GRA's Image - Web Access

Increasing demands for improved technological services continue to be the driving force behind organisations establishing secure networks that meet customers' expectations of faster and reliable services. While investments in data digitisation, integration and analytics for improved services and tax administration has become a necessity in achieving these expectations, today's fast-paced environment fueled by advanced technology has become a race between the Guyana Revenue Authority being able to identify and address non-compliance, and taxpayers embracing these technological changes.

Alternatively, with the continued introduction of additional digital technology and services, such as The Electronic Single Window System, the GRA, in collaboration with its sister-agencies, will be able to share digitalised taxpayer data in a secured technological environment, ensuring better compliance and improving revenue collection, while promoting increased voluntary compliance. While The Electronic Single Window System will be fully launched in the near future, its promise to the future of GRA's tax achievements is one we intend to benefit from.

In the interim, the GRA has taken necessary steps in its investment in marrying its technology and customer services. In November 2018, the Information Technology Department and Public Relations Unit commenced discussions regarding the need for the re-branding of GRA's website. The decision, fuelled by the need to revamp the image of the Authority through one of its widest digital reach, and concerns raised by our stakeholders led to months of reviewing and revamping the design, content and overall use of



the website. The redesign of GRA's website promises improved functionality of its Income Tax and Motor Vehicle Calculators, ease-of-access to ASYCUDA, FATCA and eServices portals. The new website is expected to offer a look and feel suitable to and characterised by taxpayers' needs while ensuring information and services are not lost to its intended modernity.

The advantages of the emergence of Information and Communications Technology in Guyana has catapulted our bold moves in offering opportunities and services that were mere ideas several years ago.

On January 27, 2011 the GRA launched its current website with the promise of a new and innovative way of reaching taxpayers across Guyana and internationally. These achievements cannot go unnoticed, but our efforts to building a system that works for all categories of taxpayers must continue. In this regard, the new website will include software programmes catering to the differently abled that offers access to most features on the site.

Though in the second phase of development and design, the re-branding of GRA's website will face a series of design and functionality tests spearheaded by the GRA's IT Department and PR Unit and is slated to launch in early September 2019.



# Customs at the Border...



The MV Canawaima Ferry, at Molsen Creek Berbice, is the only legitimate river transport of people and cargo between neighbouring Guyana and Suriname. Ferry Canawaima usually makes two scheduled trips daily, based on demand, between Molsen Creek and the South Drain Terminal in Suriname and is considered an important pillar for Guyana's tourism sector

## BAGGAGE CHECKS

When the MV Canawaima docks, passengers are not permitted to disembark until after Customs, Immigration and Port Health peruse the crew list, Cargo Manifest and clearance from the last port.

Arriving passengers must present their passport and completed Customs Declaration Form (C14) – declaring their names (including those of family members) and address of intended destination- at the Customs desk. Non-nationals, the majority of visitors, must indicate expected length of stay in Guyana and the purpose of their visit- business or pleasure. Items such as fruits, meat, food, birds, animals or farm products must also be declared. Customs determines whether any of these items will attract taxes.

## VEHICLE CLEARANCE

Customs will require passport, vehicle registration, insurance and a valid Surinamese or international drivers licence for persons entering the jurisdiction with a vehicle. If the vehicle is registered in another name, a notarised authorisation must be presented. Customs then physically examine the vehicle and enters the particulars in its vehicle crossing software. The driver will be issued with a temporary motor-vehicle import certificate; this grants the vehicle a two-week stay in Guyana. Drivers desirous of an extension must seek permission from the Deputy-Commissioner of Customs.

## DUTY FREE SHOP

There is a Duty Free Shop at the Molsen Creek checkpoint which is opened from 8:00hrs to 9:00hrs or until the Ferry departs. The shop is only available to departing passengers purchasing alcoholic beverage(s). The purchase receipt must be presented to a Customs Officer for verification of the contents with the purchaser's baggage number before leaving the shop.

## CHALLENGES

The GRA strives to ensure that its standard operating procedures at Molsen Creek are in keeping with the law but the Customs Officers stationed there do not speak Dutch or any other foreign language. This language barrier stymies Customs' effort to assist hundreds of visitors on the rules and regulations of cross border trade.

Derick Basdeo, Customs Officer in Charge, said foreign language training for his officers can help promote greater awareness on the inconsistencies and fines for incorrect completion of the Customs Declaration Form (C14) and failure to declare foreign currency or goods already acquired and brought to Guyana.

There is also urgent need of a baggage scanner to help fast track baggage examination of the hundreds of visitors arriving daily; currently this process is manual.



# eServices



## “At last, an easy way to submit your Tax Returns!”

It was almost three decades ago when we saw the advent of the world wide web and today, there are an estimated one billion websites. The internet has changed and developed social human behavior, the nature of work activities and the process of the life of society accelerated.

**e-Services** is one of the changes that emerged with the advent of the internet. Definitions of e-services generalize it as only e-government, e-learning and e-commerce; however, e-services also refers to the handling of online orders, and application hosting by Application Service Providers (ASPs). It is a highly generic term, usually referring to ‘the provision of services via the internet’.

Guyanese taxpayers can now avoid queuing, traffic jams or bureaucratic hassles and conduct transactions at their own convenience using the Guyana Revenue Authority’s (GRA) e-Services. Guyana officially launched its portal in 2018 allowing Individuals, Tax Practitioners and Companies to file Income, Property, Corporation, Pay As You Earn (PAYE) and Value Added Tax (VAT) Returns online.

Large and medium taxpayers are actively utilizing the online service. This year, 283 PAYE Returns and 270 VAT Returns were submitted via e-Services. There are approximately 243 registered large taxpayers in the country.

However, the GRA is challenged to get the rest of the taxpayers to use its online services. In the 2018/2019 tax year, the GRA received 550 Individual physical Income Tax Returns (IITR) and 33 Individual Property Tax Returns (IPTR) while 20,513 IITR & IPTR were received via the Tax Sites around Georgetown. This figure excludes the physical returns lodged in the drop box and the returns filed at the Integrated Regional Tax Offices around Guyana.

The primary obstacle to the e-Service platform is the penetration of the internet, access and speed are limited in many outlying areas in Guyana. In such circumstances, firms and taxpayers continue to use the traditional platforms. Getting taxpayers to use the new technology is another challenge. Taxpayers often prefer a physical receipt after submitting their Tax Returns.

Fortunately, there is evidence that the computer literacy and access gap is on the decline. Education and information access are key to economic prosperity even with the digital divide - the social inequity has become known as the digital divide.

It is envisaged that the amount of taxpayers submitting their returns conventionally will eventually utilize e-Services and e-solutions to make life easier and more efficient. Technology will continue to develop and many traditional services, including tax sites, will be phased out and replaced by electronic services.





# Hi-tech scanners for GRA this year

## – capable of scanning in 3D

The state-of-the-art Container Scanning Site at Lombard and Sussex streets will be housing an additional mobile container scanner by the end of the second quarter of 2019. Optimism is high about this new investment for the Guyana Revenue Authority (GRA), in particular, the capacity of the device to scan in three-dimension (3D) to capture all parameters of a container.

Container scanning supports Guyana's ability to effectively and efficiently export and import products and services. Moreover, scanning of container exports is mandatory under international conventions on trade facilitation and security.

The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) had implemented the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code to set out conditions for governments, port authorities and shipping companies to follow. The United States, one of Guyana's main trading partners, has already enforced regulations in this regard compelling Guyana to ensure that security at its ports and harbours is a necessity more than an option.

The acquisition and maintenance of relevant equipment to conduct cargo inspection of all imports and exports was therefore a direct response to these stringent international obligations.

Guyana is however limited in its capacity to perform this task. The first scanner to be acquired was stationed at Lombard Street and put in operation in May 2011 for the purpose of one hundred percent container scanning. The device suffered damage due to loss of power to its electrical cabinet. Subsequently in 2014, the first mobile x-ray imaging scanner was acquired with help from the People's Republic of China. Unfortunately, the temporary location provided in the National Park tarmac for scanning was unsuitable and risky. The scanner itself later became inoperable after constant exposure to the natural elements.

During the period of this hiatus, Guyana was at risk of losing some of its essential trading partners. The setback was also quite a bugbear for the local maritime community and to traders who usually invest in transportation

and logistics to take their products from the farm to the marketplace, quarry to construction site, etc, only to be delayed at Customs.

The GRA's commitment to openness, transparency, and meeting the needs of its client base saw numerous engagements with the Government and the wharf owners to address the shortfall. Negotiations led to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Guyana National Industrial Company (GNIC) Inc. and the GRA in 2017, paving the way for the identification and preparation of the scanning site at the corner of Lombard and Sussex streets.

The GRA lauds the Public-Private-Partnership which made the facility a reality as well as the People's Republic of China and NUTECH for supplying the mobile scanners. The GRA has ensured that the radiation levels of the scanners remain safe and in conformity with internationally recommended standards.

# THE SCANNING OPERATION



Containers arrive at the facility's southern gate where the exporter is required to present documents such as the Customs Declaration form, scanning letter and other requisite documents to the Scanning Operator. The Operator reconciles the information with the container before communicating with the Scanning Specialist.

Before the commencement of scanning, the Scanning Operator, who is responsible for the parameter of

the scanner, ensures the area is clear. The Scanning Specialist switches on the device's radioactive source which sounds an alarm to alert those in the terminal that scanning is in progress.

It takes approximately two minutes to scan the container and another three minutes for analysis. The analysis is done using the software tools provided by NUCTECH. Once no anomalies are detected, the container is released via the eastern gate.

All cargo leaving port Georgetown must be evaluated by the GRA's Drug Enforcement Unit (GEU).

The container scanning facility operates during 8:00hrs to 16:30hrs, Monday's to Thursdays and 8:00hrs to 15:30hrs on Fridays. However, Customs may exercise discretion based on demand. A booking system was instituted to maintain order of cantainers which are scheduled to be scanned on a daily basis.



# HR TIPS & YOU

## – Know the rules of the Authority

*Employees! The image and integrity of the Guyana Revenue Authority depends on you. Your conduct will determine the way the organisation is portrayed in the eyes of the taxpaying public. If you're not careful, your conduct can put the GRA in disrepute and also cost you your job.*

Here are a few extracts from the Code of Conduct Handbook.

### Use of Official Identification



Badges are issued to each employee for easy identification when accessing the Authority's facilities and during the execution of their duties. They must not be used for any other purpose.

Identification or use of an officer's position may not be used to exert influence or obtain, directly or indirectly, privileges, gifts, favours or rewards. The badges are expected to be used by employees for official purposes only, except when the wearing of a badge may compromise or hinder a covert operation. The employee to whom the badge is issued is expected to safeguard it and it must be surrendered upon termination, dismissal/resignation of employment.

### Use of Cell Phone and Electronic Portable Devices

While cell phones and other mobile devices are equipped with technologies which allow persons to access, acquire and generate data, these devices have also increased the potential for employees to expose confidential information to unauthorized personnel.



This is a breach of the organisation's security measures. Employees who are found culpable of this illegal act will be disciplined.



# HR TIPS & YOU

– know the rules of the Authority

## Smoking and Consumption of Intoxicants

In the interest of maintaining a healthy environment as well as in the interest of safety, the Revenue Authority neither allows smoking in workplaces nor consuming or injecting intoxicating beverages or substances (including chemical or other narcotics) when the employee is on duty or in places reserved for departmental/divisional activities.



## Hours of Work

The normal hours of work in the Revenue Authority are as follows:

Monday to Thursday	Friday
8:00hrs to 12:00hrs	8:00hrs to 12:00hrs
13:00hrs to 16:30hrs	13:00hrs to 15:30hrs

This means that an employee must be at his/her desk/post and commence work at 8:00hrs and 13:00hrs. Similarly, an employee must remain at his/her post until 12:00hrs and 16:30/15:30hrs. Attendance and punctuality are part of an employee's job performance and will be considered during their performance appraisal.



## Appearance and Dress

The following items are examples of what are considered inappropriate work attire:

- Spaghetti-strapped shirts.
- Tank tops or revealing/transparent shirts.
- Sleeveless shirts.
- Skirts two or more inches above knees.
- T-shirts with slogans, inappropriate or offensive gestures or advertising.
- Jeans clothing.
- Torn or ripped clothing.
- Tights



# ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENT



EMPLOYEE	DESIGNATION	QUALIFICATION
Tandika Haley	Customs Officer I	Diploma in Public Management
Floyd Ross	Training Administrator	Diploma in Public Management
Amrita Singh	Senior Clerk	Diploma in Public Management
Oma Singh	Clerk II	Diploma in Accountancy
Corwyn Cyrus	Clerk II	Diploma in Banking and Finance
Shaquille Hoyte	Analysts/Programmer I	Degree in Computer Science
Sunildev Biral	Systems Administrator	Degree in Computer Science
Kellon Thomas	Network Administrator	Degree in Computer Science
Bernard Wilburg	Internal Auditor	Degree in Business Management
Ryan Mahadeo	Supervisor	Degree in Business Management
Jewel Nunes	Benefits Officer	Degree in Business Management
Candace Williams	Trainee Tax Auditor	Degree in Business Management
Rashaana Barakat	Administrative Assistant	Degree in International Relations
Shermon Best	Enforcement Officer	Degree in Public Management
Rhonda Smith	Senior Clerk	Degree in Public Management
Andy Bissessar	Enforcement Officer	Degree in Public Management
Danellie Mc Arthur	Supervisor	Degree in Marketing
Reshona Daniels	Auditor	Commonwealth Master of Business Administration
Una Harding	Manager	Commonwealth Master of Business Administration
Chandrawattie Singh	Manager	Commonwealth Master of Business Administration
Olanie Quick	Manager	Commonwealth Master of Business Administration
Charles Churland	Group Leader	Master's in Business Administration
Rafael Singh	Manager (ag)	ACCA Affiliates
Selas DeClou	Tax Auditor	ACCA Affiliates
Amos Singh	Trainee Tax Auditor	Certified Accounting Technician
Gloria Wade	Cleaner	IDCE

About the GRA's

# STRATEGIC PLAN

The implementation of Guyana Revenue Authority's Strategic Plan would be guided by a Strategic Planning Committee constituted of staff within the organization and supported by consultants from CARTAC. Learning from experience, GRA must change its mode of operation to make it more structured and inclusive. Staffers at every level of the organization must be informed of their roles and responsibilities in this evolving workplace. Everyone must have a clear understanding of the vision, take ownership of same and realize how their contributions impact the achievement of goals and the bottom-line. Emphasis must also be placed on external stakeholder management to ensure that the services provided are enhanced by having their involvement in some of our programs.



## CONDOLENCES



**Donna Hamilton**  
Sunset: May 30, 2019

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of our colleague Ms. Donna Hamilton, Cleaner, Administrative Services Unit, Operational Support Services Department, who passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2019.

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of the late Ms. Donna Hamilton.

May her soul rest in peace.



# RECIPE CORNER

## EASY STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

### INGREDIENTS

#### CRUST

2 1/4 cups (302g) graham cracker crumbs

3 tbsp (39g) sugar

1/2 cup (112g) salted butter, melted

#### FILLING

24 ounces (678g) cream cheese, room temperature

1 cup (207g) sugar

3 tbsp (24g) all purpose flour

3/4 cup (173g) sour cream, room temperature

1 1/2 tbsp vanilla extract

3 large eggs, room temperature

#### STRAWBERRY TOPPING

1 1/2 cups (310g) sugar

2 tbsp cornstarch

1 1/2 cups pureed strawberries (approx. 1 lb strawberries)

1/2 tsp vanilla extract

2 cups chopped strawberries

#### WHIPPED CREAM

1/2 cup heavy whipping cream, cold

1/4 cup powdered sugar

1/2 tsp vanilla extract

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 325°F (163°C). Grease a 9×13 pan.
2. Combine the crust ingredients in a small bowl. Press the mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan.
3. Bake the crust for 10 minutes, then set aside to cool.
4. Reduce the oven temperature to 300°F (148°C).
5. In a large bowl, blend the cream cheese, sugar and flour on low speed until well completely combined and smooth. Be sure to use low speed to reduce the amount of air added to the batter, which can cause cracks. Scrape down the sides of the bowl.
6. Add the sour cream and vanilla extract mix on low speed until well combined.
7. Add eggs one at a time, mixing slowly to combine. Scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed to make sure everything is well combined.
8. Pour the batter into the pan with the crust and spread evenly.
9. Bake the cheesecake for 30 minutes.
10. Turn off the oven and leave the cheesecake in the oven with the door closed for 20 minutes.
11. Crack the door of the oven, with the cheesecake inside, for 15 minutes. This slow cooling process helps prevent the cheesecake from cracking.
12. Put the cheesecake in the fridge to cool completely, 3-4 hours.
13. To make the strawberry topping, combine the sugar and cornstarch in a large saucepan. Stir in the strawberry puree.
14. Cook over medium heat, stir constantly until mixture thickens and come to a boil, about 15 to 20 minutes.
15. Allow to boil for 1 1/2 minutes, then remove from heat.
16. Stir in vanilla extract and chopped strawberries and allow to cool for about 15-20 minutes.
17. Pour the topping over the cheesecake and allow to cool completely, 3-4 hours or overnight. You could serve the sauce immediately, but it will thicken as it cools.
18. To make the whipped cream, add everything to a large mixer bowl and whip on high speed until stiff peaks form. Serve slices of the cheesecake with the whipped cream, if desired.



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