

# FOTCOH

FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN OF HAITI



**PROVIDING  
Healthcare  
& Hope  
to the HAITIAN  
People**



## Executive Director's Corner

Nathan Ruby, Executive Director

**T**he past few letters have been difficult to write, as world events combined with local catastrophes further the instability in Haiti. With your financial support, our team has done everything we can to keep the doors open, prescriptions filled, and patients safe.

Once again, the supply chain issues caused by the global effects of the pandemic, food shortages, Haiti's political instability, and gang violence make it even more challenging to operate on a normal day.

**Life in Haiti is increasingly difficult.** Therefore, the ability to provide health care is getting harder, but we are still fulfilling our mission. **Our first two clinics saw a 17% jump in services: January's Vital Health Clinic treated 2,348 patients, which increased to 2,767 patients during the April Vital Health Clinic.** The surgery program performed 40 successful surgeries during the first two clinics of the year. From January to April, the dental program saw over 180 patients, and the WASH program assembled over 600 buckets and water filters.

**FOTCOH isn't slowing down!** We're just revving up to meet the needs for healthcare and hope in Haiti.

In service,

Nathan Ruby  
Executive Director



## Insider Series Showcases Industry Experts

**T**he Insider Series has quickly become a FOTCOH fan favorite! It's been a wonderful way to connect with our volunteers, supporters, and advocates together online.

This past February, Ambassador Dan Foote discussed the current, discussed the current political and social challenges in Haiti and shared what it would take for long-term solutions. Foote spent the first half of the event reflecting on Haiti's recent history, and he compared it to his previous experience after the 2010 earthquake. The after effects of President Moïse's assassination in July 2021 were worse than Foote's previous experience between 2010 and 2012. To change the current course in Haiti, Foote says we need "Haitian ownership and community buy-in". Watch Foote speak on the issue and to listen to questions from FOTCOH's community, visit <https://fotcoh.org/get-involved/insider-series/>.

In May, we hosted Lori Most, Founder of Binary Bridge and BackpackEMR, a portable Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system for rural mobile clinics. Binary Bridge and BackpackEMR are supporting organizations across 24 countries to improve the impact of their health services for people without access to health facilities. Stay tuned for our next Insider Series this fall!



**Dan Hoote**  
Ambassador to Haiti



**Lori Most**  
Founder of Binary Bridge  
and Backpack EMR

# Annual Board Meeting

In June, our Board Members had the opportunity to reconnect with each other and renew friendships. The chance to connect outside of the Board Meeting is a key component of building a successful team.

Country Director Andre Boyer attended the annual meeting this year. He shared firsthand what is happening in Haiti, how it impacts our daily work at the clinic and the affects on patient care. The Board heard updates on our financial position, fundraising efforts, and other administrative components of FOTCOH. The highlight of the meeting came in the form of program highlights. During the annual meeting, an extensive amount of agenda time is given to each of our programs. Board Members receive a detailed update on each program's successes and challenges as well as an overview of future plans and goals.



FOTCOH Vice President, Michael Henderson said:

*"The program updates are my favorite part of the annual meeting. After listening to the stories and reviewing our results, I'm more convinced than ever that FOTCOH is truly making a difference in Haiti."*



The Board also talked about the future strategy for FOTCOH and reaffirmed the current strategic direction of the organization. Dr. Patrick Renick, FOTCOH Board President shared,

*"This Board meeting was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our past success that Dick and Barb Hammond started while also looking forward to what's next. I'm so excited to be part of this organization."*

## Another Successful Year in Partnership with Vitamin Angels

FOTCOH is excited to announce our continuing partnership in 2022 with Vitamin Angels, a nonprofit organization that provides vitamin grants to other organizations that treat underserved communities. Vitamin Angels aims to reduce health and economic disparities across the lifespan by effectively delivering evidence-based nutrition interventions and technical support, targeting the first 1,000 days of life and children up to 5 years of age. Vitamin Angels Prenatal Multivitamins use the United Nations International Multiple Micronutrient Antenatal Preparation (UNIMMAP) formula, which is based on World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations and clinical trials on the effectiveness of MMS in pregnant women. This means that FOTCOH is providing the best prenatal multivitamins for pregnant patients.

Without our annual grant and partnership with Vitamin Angels, FOTCOH would need to spend thousands of dollars each year to provide prenatal multi-vitamins to our patients.

This year, FOTCOH is receiving

**272,160**

doses of prenatal  
multivitamin tablets

which will go to over

**1,600**

pregnant and  
breastfeeding women

Providing prenatal multivitamins for pregnant women is part of our Women's Health Initiative, which also includes breastfeeding education and Medika Mamba. These vitamins are proven to significantly improve birth outcomes by reducing the rate of maternal anemia, low birth weight, small for gestational age (SGA), preterm births, and infant mortality at 6 months.

Thank you, Vitamin Angels, for the continued partnership and support to help us improve the health of our patients!



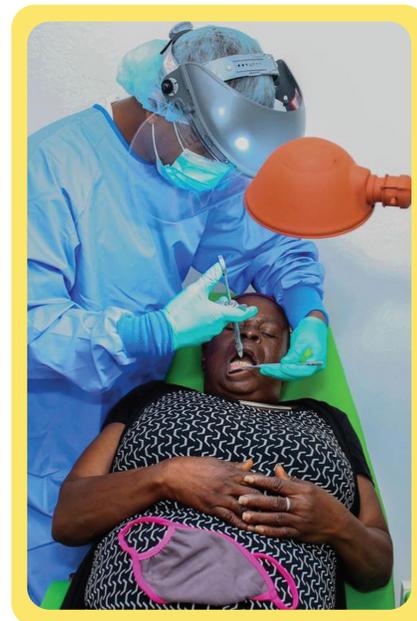
# Dental Program Expansion

Our dental program is expanding from tooth extraction only to a full dental preventive care program under the leadership of our Haitian dentist, Dr. Cayard Johnson. Expanding the program with the current supply chain challenges and Transportation difficulties has been an undertaking! Our Director of Operations, Ken Kersey, and Volunteer Dental Program Director Dr. Kate McGinn, have been essential in navigating this 10-month long process to get new hardware. Thanks to the Jones Day Foundation for their support and investment in this program expansion. We couldn't have done it without you!



Dr. Kate McGinn

*We faced significant supply and transportation issues last year but finally have delivered enough equipment and dental supplies to set up a 'real' dental office at the FOTCOH clinic. A full time dentist on staff (Dr. Cayard) and new equipment means we will advance from performing only tooth extractions to actually saving teeth with dental fillings in 2022. What a boon for the patients we serve! Our next goal will be providing preventive care in 2023.- Dr. Kate McGinn*



# Earthquake Update

The initial support from the earthquake last August allowed us to immediately send 600 water filters to communities in Haiti. We're happy to report that another 290 water filters were distributed in the area most impacted by the earthquake. Recent challenges with customs and supply logistics have made it difficult to get additional water filters to communities most significantly impacted. Fortunately, our local experts, who have dedicated years to FOTCOH, are managing these challenges on the ground and adapting to customs changes as they occur. We are still helping those affected from this devastating earthquake, and we're so grateful for the immediate and generous financial support from donors!



The WASH team distributed water filters and hygiene kits and educated communities on safe hygiene practices

Did you know?

Each water filter  
last about  
**10 years!**

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# SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

## Host a Peer Fundraiser this Summer

The number one comment we hear is, "I wish I could do more." This summer, we've created an easy way for you to help the people of Haiti. We're on a mission to shine a light about what's happening and how people can help families in Haiti. **Go to: [givebutter.com/forhaiti](https://givebutter.com/forhaiti) or scan the QR code to start a peer fundraiser in 1-click.** Share your fundraiser with your friends and family on social media, and together, we can start a movement to support our friends in Haiti.



## You're invited to join the Hammond Founders Circle

The Hammond Founders Circle monthly giving program propels our mission, and most importantly, gives us the revenue consistency to grow our programs. You have the power to ensure that more and more patients are treated every single month at our clinic! Visit **[fotcoh.org/hammondfounderscircle/](https://fotcoh.org/hammondfounderscircle/)** to become a member!

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