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



Executive Director's Corner

Nathan Ruby, Executive Director

When we began weekly Urgent Care in 2020, we hoped 30 patients would receive care. That number actually makes me chuckle! Fast forward to August 2022, and in just one Saturday we treated 101 patients! It's solidified now more than ever – the need isn't going away -- **in fact, the need for healthcare continues to grow. It reinforces our commitment and dedication to the people of Haiti.**

Sometimes it's difficult to fully grasp or understand the complexity and challenges in Haiti, but what is very easy to understand is the heart of our mission. We're ensuring that mothers get the help and education they need from pregnancy to postpartum and also breastfeeding support. **Without us, a new mother wouldn't have access to vitamins, education, lactation support, and community.** Healthier mothers mean healthier babies.

FOTCOH is there.

Thank you for your continued support for adults and children in Haiti.

In hope and health,

Nathan Ruby
Executive Director



Spotlight: Edy's Promotion

Meet Edy, our new Clinic Coordinator in Haiti.

Earlier this year, we promoted Edy Jean Phillipe to this new position. Edy has continually shown his commitment to the people of Haiti since he began working at FOTCOH in 2017. He's reliable and an excellent communicator (even improving his English so he can liaison with the team stateside).

He began working at the clinic as a security agent during the Vital Health Clinics and has been working with our Country Director, Boyer, to expand his operational and managerial skills. Boyer shared that, **"I've trusted Edy since we hired him as a security guard. He has a big heart and is an important part of the FOTCOH team in Haiti."**

Edy has been essential in bringing supplies to the clinic via Port-au-Prince. He works with local vendors in Port-au-Prince to transport WASH filters, buckets, pharmaceuticals, and medical supplies while safely avoiding areas with the most gang violence. He also works with FOTCOH's 50+ employees, including the doctors and nurses, to create accurate health clinic reports. Executive Director Nathan Ruby elaborates that, **"Edy is the #2 person at the clinic and is in charge when Boyer is traveling. His role is essential to our organization's growth. We're proud to have him as a part of our team."** Thank you to Edy for your dedication to serving families in Haiti!

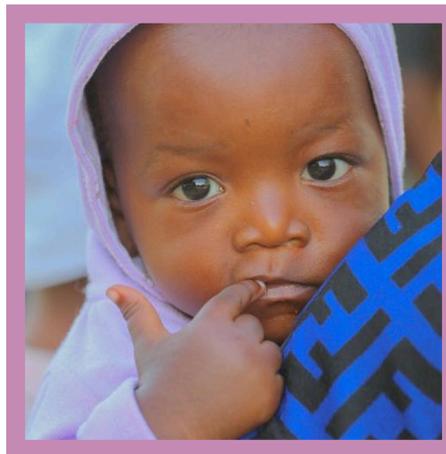


In Memory of our Faithful Volunteers

In the past few months, FOTCOH has lost two dedicated volunteers and long time supporters of FOTCOH.

Dr. Clifford Brown was a dentist and oral surgeon and Dr. Kent Bryan, a nephrologist, who along with his wife, Linda, went on 13 trips to Haiti leading teams and recruiting many other volunteers. Their stories are of good people making a difference in the world.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families and friends and we are grateful they chose to help others through sharing our mission.



All Hands In: Together We Create Hope Through Partnerships

For over 10 years the World Health Organization (WHO) has partnered with FOTCOH to provide vaccines for children and adults. Working through the Haitian Health Ministry (HHM), vaccines for VPI (Vaccine-Preventable Diseases), Pentavalent (5-in-1 vaccine protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B, and Haemophilus influenzae type B), Rota Virus, and Nomo Coq, as well as Vitamin A shots are provided for children from 6 months to 7 years of age. Preventive care, like vaccines, helps set children up for a healthier future and decreases the cost of care long-term.

Yvon Jean and Wilfrid Charles provide vaccines at the Vital Health Clinics for children and occasional tetanus shots for adults. Having these providers right outside the door makes it easier for parents to get care in one place rather than try to plan trips to dispensaries that are not always open and don't always have the necessary vaccines.

Executive Director Nathan Ruby explains that:



“With the current violence prohibiting safe travel, having more services in one location makes it easier and more likely for patients to get the care they need.”

Why FOTCOH?

As inflation rises and political turmoil continues, our programs are crucial for families in rural Haiti to access the healthcare they need.



Public spending on health is below the average for low income countries at **\$13 per capita**

40%

of Haiti's population lacks access to essential health and nutritional services (Worldbank)

As few as **6** health professionals per **10,000 people** (USAID)

Many Patients turn to **FOTCOH** when hospitals are under-equipped or unavailable

Our ability to manage chronic health conditions (beyond just treating acute issues), when combined with our health and hygiene education, child nutrition, and clean water programs, enables us to address the needs of the rural Haitian communities.



The Latest in Haiti

In September, the economic challenges continued, inflation continued to surge while fuel subsidies were slashed (increasing fuel prices), resulting in violent protests, vandalism, and lack of access to basics like food and water in Port au Prince. Much of the violence takes place in densely populated areas, but deeply impacts our ability to receive much-needed supplies, pharmaceuticals, and travel safely.

We continue to closely monitor the situation and work with our Haitian-led team to prioritize the safety and care of our community, partners, and staff.



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the love #ForHaiti on your social
networks here:***

<https://givebutter.com/forhaiti> or by scanning the Qr Code.

Many people are unaware of the challenges and ongoing needs that Haitian families encounter each day. Together, we can lift the voices of the Haitian people and continue to grow FOTCOH's life-changing programs and resources that they count on each week.



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/ to become a member!

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