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"From the Field"

A Special Challenge Grant From Local Haitian Foundation

For years, Hope for Haiti has had a special relationship with the Hotel Villa Creole in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Always our hotel of choice, they have consistently welcomed our mission trips with gracious hospitality. Perhaps the most important showing of this kindness was in the hours immediately following the earthquake on January 12, 2010, as the Hotel transformed its grounds into a make-shift trauma center, caring for hundreds of injured survivors.

Last year, when the Hotel's owner and our longtime friend, Melissa Padberg, approached us with her goal of raising funds for emergency medical care, we jumped at the opportunity.



Through the sales of the Mapou Pendant (handcrafted by Alice Currelly Nkunzimana and a small team of local artisans/art students), the Mapou Foundation has been raising funds to benefit Hope for Haiti's Robert E. Hord MAPOU Emergency Medical Fund. The pendant was born of the need to

help Haiti in a direct and tangible way and to reflect a vision of Haiti, the Haiti they knew as children and have loved ever since. "There is a dire need for access to urgent healthcare in Haiti and all development programs must always bear this in mind. Whether a project is promoting education, job creation or housing construction, the health of the Haitian community must always be at its



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Hope for Haiti Gala

"A Passport to the Secret Garden"

March 3, 2012 Naples, FL

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Kreyòl/Creole Corner

Ou dwe pise pou pise.

Take action. Don't just talk about it, do something.

core."- Melissa Padberg, co-founder of Mapou Foundation.

Today we are delighted to announce a challenge grant from the Mapou Foundation, the first Haitian Foundation to provide Hope for Haiti with financial support. For any donation we receive through November 15th, the Foundation will match it up to \$10,000!



Melissa Padberg, co-founder of Mapou Foundation (l) and Tiffany Kuehner, Hope for Haiti President and CEO (r) talking with Haitian press in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

The timeliness of this challenge could not be more poignant. Over a year ago, an emergency medical case presented itself that truly encompasses the impact of this Fund.

Michel Zeau came to Hope for Haiti relatively late in the game. A 31 year old male, Michel had been experiencing intense pain due to a massive facial tumor for years. This growth had the real potential of developing into a malignancy or causing facial paralysis and asphyxiation of the airway. It was only a matter of time. After other unsuccessful attempts to help him, Michel persevered in his pursuit of surgery.

Hope for Haiti accepted Michel's case as a part of the

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