



# Hope for Haiti®

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Emergency Response

Jesse Levin, Operations Coordinator - Haiti

When I joined *Hope for Haiti* as a volunteer two weeks after the earthquake struck, I was immediately moved by their efficiency and effectiveness. Whether it meant empowering other organizations with the appropriate supplies through logistical support or addressing urgent medical needs, no problem proved too daunting.

*Hope for Haiti's* response team literally worked around the clock, making food distributions in the early morning hours. In a time span of only four weeks, the organization moved over 193 metric tons of supplies, the equivalent of 17 eighteen-wheelers, in addition to the logistical support it provided to move tons of materials brought in from various other organizations and military relief teams.



Nurse Practitioner Mary Lesperance

Photo - David Albers

During the initial triage phase *Hope for Haiti* provided emergency management and medical supplies to national healthcare institutions including the General and St. Francis hospitals. A field clinic, which has been since converted into a permanent facility, was established at the Don Bosco Internally Displaced People (IDP) camp in Carrefour, which is now home to an estimated 10,000 people.

*Hope for Haiti's* significant in-country knowledge prior to the quake placed the organization in a unique position to respond. The large influx of multinational relief agencies, militaries and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that responded to Haiti during the crisis did not all possess the necessary "on the ground" knowledge to effectively carry out their missions. *Hope for Haiti* offered its expertise and logistical support to empower as many teams as possible, thereby exponentially increasing the reach of collaborative relief efforts. There is no quick fix at hand and the recovery process is going to be a very long one. For this reason I am thrilled to be working with *Hope for Haiti* in an official capacity, as I know they have a vested interest in addressing the tasks at hand and the support team to implement the solutions.

*Lespwa Fè Viv.*  
**Hope gives Life.**

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## From Our President

JoAnne M. Kuehner, President and Founder



JoAnne Kuehner and friend

You are beautiful people! I send you tons of hugs of thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who came to the rescue. We at **Hope for Haiti** will never be the same after that day of horror which took the lives of over 300,000 people we love in a country we have been serving for over the past 20 years.

While we switched gears to focus on the immediate needs of Haiti, we still hold ourselves responsible for our core mission, which is to support 37 schools and 3 nutrition programs, operate an infirmary in Les Cayes, and supply over 60 outlets with in-kind donations, such as medications and medical supplies.

It has been an unbelievable experience to see CEOs, doctors, nurses, children, rich and poor, join together to help our brothers and sisters, no questions asked, only "How can I help?" Your response to this tragedy has been overwhelming and makes me ever so proud to be an American. The tears are rolling down my face as I thank you for not allowing the Haitian people to be forgotten.



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## From Our Office

Elizabeth Davison, Executive Director

When I first heard about the earthquake on January 12th, my first thought was: "What was **Hope for Haiti** going to do to help the many people who would be affected?" When I arrived in Port-au-Prince I saw a disaster I could not have imagined.

I have never been prouder to work with a group of people than I am with this special group of devoted and caring staff and volunteers. Together, we organized one of the first US medical teams to arrive in Port-au-Prince days after the earthquake and we never stopped working to ensure aid was safely delivered. Those first weeks are a blur, as 20 hour days ran into each other, but we never faltered and kept our eyes on the problem.



Dr. Shukan, first post-earthquake medical team

Thank you to all of you who have reached out to help and are still contributing to the cause - donors, volunteers, medical teams, pilots, board members, family and friends. You are the real **Hope for Haiti**.

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*Tout sa ou pa konnen pi gran pase ou.*  
**All that you do not know is greater than you.**



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# Who We Help

Mike Stewart, Country Director

During one of many mobile medical clinics, we came across a welcome surprise. The highlight of the day came when Dr. Steeve Victor, *Hope for Haiti*'s Healthcare Director, brought a cute little girl to my attention. I had spoken to her earlier while she was getting her vitals taken with her baby sister and at the time she was just a rather healthy looking little girl of seven, tougher than she should have to be but still with a bit of innocence. Dr.



Photo - Mike Stewart

Berlinda Dumas with her baby sister

Steeve, fighting back emotion, informed me that she was one of the severely injured cases that we found upon arrival to the Villa Creole Hotel after the earthquake. She had been in her house when it collapsed around her leaving her terrified with severe head trauma that nearly took her life. We found this little one writhing in pain and shock from the terrible surprise Mother Nature had bestowed, and after stabilizing her Dr. Steeve went to work trying to care for the deep lacerations to her head.

Today she is still alive and living in the Internally Displaced People (IDP) camp behind the Villa Creole Hotel along with almost 200 others. In the dark that night with head lamps, Dr. Steeve and I set out with one thought, save as many as you can, in a sea of so many faces that now feel too hard and the loss too heavy to remember. Fate has given us a chance reminder, and Berlinda Dumas and her mother were given a chance to say "Mesi."

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## The Volunteer Corner

Jennifer Lopez, Operations Director - Naples

Immediately volunteers poured in with offers to help. They came from all walks of life, some retired, some temporarily unemployed, some using whatever free time they had from their regular jobs to help those in need. They used their individual skills to get the job done.

Many volunteers labored day after day, under a donated tent in our back parking lot, because we had outgrown our tiny warehouse. They unwrapped, separated, counted and repackaged boxes of medicine, medical supplies, clothing, food and water. They formed assembly lines and made new friendships. Together they palletized enough supplies to fill seven 757s and one DC-10, totaling more than \$30 million in relief supplies for the people of Haiti.

Other volunteers worked in the office, manning the phone lines. They accepted thousands of dollars in donations, directed people who wanted to drop off in-kind donations to our office, and helped to coordinate the medical personnel who arrived from all over the country.



Photo - Jennifer Lopez

Volunteers at the Naples Office

I consider our volunteers to be an extension of my family and I am very grateful for each and every one of them. *Hope for Haiti* would certainly not be who we are without them. Thank you!

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*Byen mal pa lanmò.*

**Very sick isn't death...there's still hope.**

# After the Quake, Education's Untold Triumph

Patrick Eucalitto, Program Director

Stories about schools in Haiti suffering after the earthquake come too easily: students trapped below crumbled classrooms, instructors killed while teaching, entire institutions ruined in seconds. They're told over and over—too much in fact, I believe. Harder but more important to recount is the story of how Education succeeded after January 12th—how learning and by extension, life, persisted primarily through school communities despite the worst of circumstances.

On a site visit at St. Michel of Charpentier, a primary and secondary school that [Hope for Haiti](#) supports in Les Cayes, I was talking with the director when a boy walked curiously into the office. Backpack on, his face sixteen at most, the boy asked for the “Direksyon”—the director’s office. “You’re here,” said the nun, smiling. “What can we do for you?”



Photo - Mike Stewart

St. Francois de Sales School for over 1,000 children, completely destroyed.



Photo - Tiffany Kuehner

During their conversation, a four-year-old peered out from his hiding spot behind the adolescent’s legs. I grasp the situation: Cherlin, 18 and in ninth grade, had come to enroll his little brother in school. Leaving their mother, they had arrived together from Port-au-Prince to their grandmother’s house. They were looking to move on.

With support from [Hope for Haiti](#) for their teachers’ salaries, the school was able to welcome four-year-old Eric at no cost along with many others like him: 111 others, in fact. For these new faces, school has become a coveted normalcy in post-quake Haiti—a routine on which to base a shaken society’s way forward. And here, on this foundation, is where [Hope for Haiti](#) stands.

By subsidizing the salaries of 500 teachers in our network of 37 primary and secondary schools, we’re ensuring that classes continue for over 12,000 private school students. Meanwhile, we’re embarking on two large reconstruction projects at destroyed schools in Port-au-Prince and working to provide temporary shelter and food programs to high-need schools in the south.

Before I go, Cherlin tells me something I’ve heard from several youth before: while many of his friends did not live to finish the school year, he is resolute to press on. Making a quiet exit, I wish them luck, feeling in every part of me the small but significant triumph of school marching on.

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*Se lè van soufle ou wè dèyè poul.*  
When trouble stirs, true character is revealed.





## Vitamin A, Hygiene, and Health in Schools

Patrick Eucalitto, Program Director

The newest component of [Hope for Haiti](#)'s Nutrition Program—Vitamin A boosters coupled with public health outreach—has officially entered our school network. Led by two Haitian community health nurses, our team is distributing Vitamin A, de-worming medications, and multivitamins to 28 primary and secondary schools in the south. Our goal is to reach every kindergartner with a concentrated dose of Vitamin A, a nutrient critical to early childhood development provided by Vitamin Angels, and to send all children home with an anti-parasitic and a month's supply of multivitamins. Alongside our continued support of three nutrition clinics, this outreach is bolstering children's ability to grow up healthy in a context where so many do not.

## Hope for Haiti's Healthcare Infrastructure Critical After Earthquake

Patrick Eucalitto, Program Director

The [Hope for Haiti](#) Infirmary in downtown Les Cayes has now been operating for a full year. Dr. Elmidé Nazaire, a second nurse, and a laboratory technician have joined our team, increasing our consultation volume and building local capacity. The Infirmary serves as an outpost for our Mobile Medical Missions, conducted mainly in rural communities. In the last six months, we've hosted nine teams thanks to the service of nearly 50 volunteers.

In Port-au-Prince, Dr. Steeve Victor has led our staffing and operation of a clinic among the tents in the quake-battered neighborhood of Carrefour. Using the logistics network we've carved throughout the southern peninsula, we've been moving medications and medical supplies by the ton and coordinating with Haitian, foreign, public, and private healthcare providers to link resources with needs. We're dynamic, we're growing, and we need YOUR HELP along the way.

## Drilling a Well for Rural Community Water Project

Patrick Eucalitto, Program Director

On the surface, the community of Ravine Sable, in which [Hope for Haiti](#) supports a primary school, is remarkably dry. Residents walk 45 minutes to the nearest unpurified water source. But through our partnership with Louisville



Outreach for Haiti, based in Louisville, Kentucky, this is all about to change.

The community fund-raising initiative, led by Temples Shalom and Keneseth Israel, aims to address long-run development issues in this rural community. At a meeting in the schoolhouse with the project representatives, the residents of Ravine Sable expressed their primary need: accessible, clean water. Louisville responded, funds were raised, and plans to drill a well have already been implemented. Stay tuned for updates on the well's completion and follow our progress in installing a purification system and conducting public health outreach.

*Piti piti zwazo fè nich.*  
Little by little the bird makes a nest.

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# Development Highlights

Stephanie Jepsen, Director of Development

How do we begin to put into words how thankful **Hope for Haiti** is for its supporters? We certainly have some amazing partners- individuals, schools, foundations, corporations - all generously giving of their time and treasure. Out of such tragedy, we continue to see signs of HOPE for our mission every day. Within hours of the earthquake, our loyal supporters responded online and through the mail to our plea for disaster relief funds. Then, the following day, we received a call from GoDaddy.com. With our four-star rating on Charity Navigator and more than 20 years working in Haiti, it was not hard to see why the team at GoDaddy.com chose to give a historic gift to **Hope for Haiti** and generously jump start our earthquake relief fundraising efforts. Not to mention, partners like General Electric that immediately responded in-kind with the use of a 757 to airlift our first flight of supplies to Port-au-Prince. Soon thereafter the grassroots efforts began with volunteers distributing fundraising jars to businesses throughout Collier and Lee Counties, children holding lemonade and cookie sales and pouring out their piggy banks in support

of our relief efforts. Organizations throughout southwest Florida and all over the United States - from Maine to California - and around the world-from England to Japan, held dances, concerts, marathons, penny drives and “Jeans Days” to name just a few of the many fundraisers held to benefit **Hope for Haiti**. Each day, as the staff works tirelessly to deliver aid to the survivors on the ground, we are so deeply touched and encouraged by the creative drawings, poems, and stories of hope that have come through the mail over the last few months. We continue to be amazed by the magnitude of the generosity that streams in from our donors, both near and far, and are forever grateful for your steadfast support.

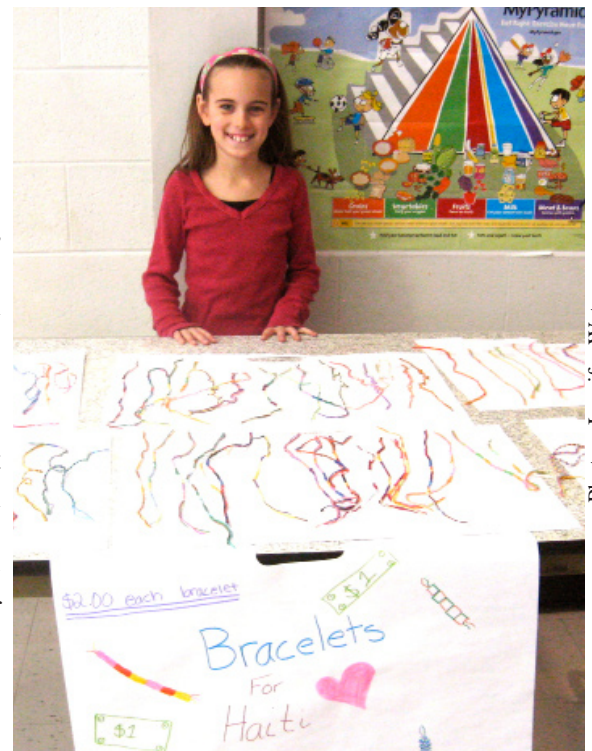


Photo - Jennifer Watson

Kathryn selling bracelets in support of **Hope for Haiti**.

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## An Evening in Provence – **Hope for Haiti**’s Gala 2010

Elizabeth Davison, Executive Director



Photo - Matt Jepsen

**Hope for Haiti** Staff and Gala Co-Chairs

On behalf of **Hope for Haiti**’s Board of Directors, staff, and all the children and families whom we touch with our mission, we would like to thank everyone who participated in this year’s Gala, “An Evening in Provence.” This year, though the tone of the Gala was particularly somber, we are most proud to share that we raised a record amount of funds for our on-going programs. Truly we owe the success of the evening to you, our loyal friends and supporters. It is because of your generosity that we are able to make a difference in the lives of the Haitian people through education, nutrition, and healthcare. We hope you will all join us again next year on March 5, 2011!

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*Ou dwe pise pou pise.*

**Take Action. Don’t just talk about it, do something.**



# Why I Give to *Hope for Haiti*

Photo - Tiffany Kuehner



Matt Dalio and friends

Last year, I had the privilege of visiting *Hope for Haiti*'s operations in Haiti. I left in awe at the scope of their reach, the leverage of their resources and the personal care for every human they touch. It is amazing to think that the chaos that they worked in last year would come to be considered "order". When the earthquake hit, it destroyed virtually every social structure in Port-au-Prince. What remained of the UN, the Red Cross and the military was frozen. Yet *Hope for Haiti* acted. Within 24 hours, they were on the front lines, pulling people from the rubble, setting up a triage center and communicating information back to the US. Within days, they had arranged the very first cargo shipment of emergency relief supplies into Haiti. As the situation stabilized, they were the local experts for the largest aid organizations. Today, *Hope for Haiti* has adjusted, yet again, to focus on returning order to a slowly stabilizing society. They are nimble, practical and effective.

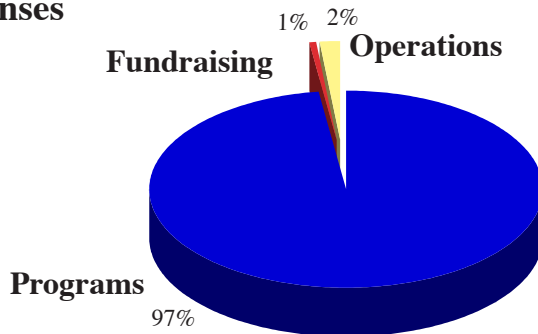
Every Christmas, the last gift that my parents hand out is a donation to a charity of our choice. This year every member of our family chose one organization: *Hope for Haiti*. I hope that you will join us in that support. - *Matt Dalio*

For over 20 years, *Hope for Haiti* has helped the poorest of the poor through education, nutrition and healthcare. Through our local partnerships we receive in-kind donations of medications and supplies. Our generous donors provide us with the ability to ship them to Haiti. For every \$1,000 donated to *Hope for Haiti*, we deliver \$50,000 in medications and medical supplies to clinics and hospitals.

## Our promise to you...

More than 97 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to benefit the men, women, and children of Haiti.

### Expenses



*Hope for Haiti* has received the highest possible rating from *Charity Navigator* which sets the standard for charity accountability.

## We Have Moved!

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### Planning for the Future?

We humbly request that you consider *Hope for Haiti* in some small way when formulating your Estate Plans. When you make such a decision we promise:

- Your donation will be helping those most in need.
- Your gift will make a real and significant difference in the lives of many children.
- Your legacy will be one of helping the poorest of the poor.

If you would like assistance or information on ways to include *Hope for Haiti* in your plans, please feel free to contact our office.

*Anpil ti patat fê chay.*

Many sweet potatoes make a load...many small things amount to much.



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**March 5, 2011**

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