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On the Road to Recovery



Dominique Savio Secondary School

Left: During renovations and repairs

Right: Freshly painted and ready for the new school year

S MALL STEPS TOWARD RECOVERY help mend not only broken buildings, but the hearts of community members. Since the Earthquake on January 12th, *Hope for Haiti* has remained dedicated to rebuilding lives through expanding access to healthcare and education and focusing on program reconstruction projects. Since January, *Hope for Haiti* has completed renovation projects like Dominique Savio Secondary School as shown above.

Dominique Savio is run by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and serves some of the poorest communities of Croix-des-Bouquets and Cité Soleil. Suffering severe structural damage from the Earthquake, the Secondary School and the entire compound needed large repairs in order to be safe for this coming school year. In less than six months, *Hope for Haiti*, with the

generous support of BOSCH, completed all renovations for the Secondary School to open in time for the new school year. For students and the community, this means more than the opportunity to return to school, it symbolizes the hope and attainability of restoring lives and building back a better Haiti.

These projects are not easy, and challenges are expected, but with local partnerships matched with international support and hard work, the rebuilding of Haiti can be done. With multiple construction projects underway, *Hope for Haiti* takes time to celebrate each accomplishment. The road towards recovery after a natural disaster of this magnitude is tremendously difficult, but it takes one step at a time. For Dominique Savio Secondary School, this step means everything.

From Our President

JoAnne M. Kuehner, President and Founder



i WOULD LIKE TO GIVE special recognition to a few longtime supporters of *Hope for Haiti*.

I must start with Bob Macauley, the founder of AmeriCares, who I credit for teaching me everything I know about reaching out to those who are less fortunate. He taught me to be a beggar for the poor. “No” is not an acceptable answer. You just have to find another way. He always reminded me that I was not begging for myself, but for those who could not beg for themselves. I will be eternally grateful. He has molded me into the person that I am today. Thank you, Bob.

Hugs to Dan and Beth Hughes for recognizing the need for a clinic in Les Cayes and for making it happen. This clinic is now fully staffed with two full time Haitian doctors seeing as many as 250 patients a week.

The Order of Malta American Association stepped up to the plate immediately after the earthquake, underwriting the rental of a 757 cargo plane filled with medical supplies, as well as the purchase of Big White (a Mitsubishi truck), which transports supplies from Port-au-Prince to Les Cayes in the south. Thank you for fulfilling the mission of the Order, serving the poor and the sick.

Our thanks to Jim and Judy Boyle for focusing on bringing water to schools and villages. Clean drinking water is the number one ingredient to insure good health for a community.

Fund for the Poor has been a supporter of *Hope for Haiti* since the very beginning. They understand how important education is to an undeveloped country; it is something no one can take away. They were there when we were educating 1,000 children and they are still funding our programs which now include over 10,000 children. Thank you for believing in us and the children of Haiti!

Although I could fill this newsletter with thanks to all of you who have put your trust in us for the past 20 years, I cannot close without thanking my family, without whom none of this work would have been possible. Each of our four children and their families support *Hope for Haiti* in different ways, pulling in favors from everyone they know. Carl, Tiffany’s dad, was on the first flight we sent after the earthquake and is being honored at a fundraiser this fall in Stamford, Connecticut for the work that he is doing for *Hope for Haiti*.

To my husband Carl, thank you for allowing me to share our time with the people of Haiti. When things got tough you encouraged me to press on. I’m a stronger person thanks to YOU.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JoAnne'.

From Our Office

Elizabeth Davison, Executive Director

ONE OF THE REASONS I love working with *Hope for Haiti* is that good feeling you get when you help someone else. Here in Naples, every day, I am blessed to work with staff and volunteers who feel the same way. Side by side, our staff and volunteers work to help make life better for the people of Haiti in an atmosphere of love and fun.

And to double my pleasure, I get to use my nursing training when I travel to Haiti with doctors and nurses on Mobile Medical Mission trips. Once we get to Haiti, we team up with our fantastic Haitian medical personnel who staff *Hope for Haiti's* Infirmary in Les Cayes. It is glorious to be part of a team that is making a huge difference in the lives of so many in rural southern Haiti.

This summer took me to Scottsdale, Arizona to meet with, and thank in person, our friends at GoDaddy.com. Their immediate support following the earthquake helped us move tons of supplies by air to Haiti as well as providing the ability for *Hope for Haiti* to purchase much needed skin grafting equipment.

So yes, I love working at *Hope for Haiti* with the best team of volunteers, supporters and staff in the world. I hope you enjoy the wonderful stories you are about to read in this issue of our newsletter. Because of you, we are able to help many. Thank you so very much for all you do.



Who We Help

Patrick Eucalitto, Program Director

hOPE FOR HAITI'S efforts in emergency medical care are more systematic, more efficient, and reaching more patients than ever before. By working to maximize the effects of our Robert E. Hord Emergency Medical Fund, we are continuously responding to critical health issues for the poorest of the poor. Our methodology is simple and our successes are many: we address life-threatening emergencies for those who are unable to seek treatment themselves.

Through the Robert E. Hord Fund, we have tracked and cared for over 200 patients in the last three months. The cases range from complex and expensive operations to low-cost, routine treatments. Even small interventions can go a long way in preventing future emergencies, saving lives before patients reach the brink of uncertainty. Kensley Victor is just one example of this program's importance.

For four long years Kensley has been sick, and our doctors suspect leukemia. At 10 years old, Kensley should be in fifth grade. But after fighting his disease every year to move forward, he is beginning first grade once again. Given the cruelty of leukemia, we are honestly not sure what we can do. But with the Robert E. Hord Fund, we have the resources to try. With your support, we can continue with others. Because just like all other 10-year-olds, Kensley deserves to make it to fifth grade.

Expanded Education Program Targets Teachers While Improving Schools

Patrick Eucalitto, Program Director

AMONG THE MANY FACTORS that enable a school to function well, *Hope for Haiti* views teachers as the most influential variable, the puzzle piece with the highest potential to improve school performance. That's why our Education Program works to subsidize teacher salaries at schools with little to no income. This year, we're committed to working with 40 primary and secondary schools where we'll help pay teachers to ensure that their students receive a full year of education.

But paying salaries is not the only way to help teachers, and supporting teachers is not the only way to improve Haiti's schools. Enhancing a school's physical environment, bolstering its material resources, or providing improved curriculum can target teachers while helping students. If teachers are better equipped to do their jobs, students and schools also benefit. For this reason, *Hope for Haiti* created a Back-to-School Program to provide schools with additional resources in September, before the academic year began. With this support, our 40 program partners have been building benches, repairing chalkboards, and painting classrooms to improve the conditions in which their teachers work and, by extension, the way their students learn.

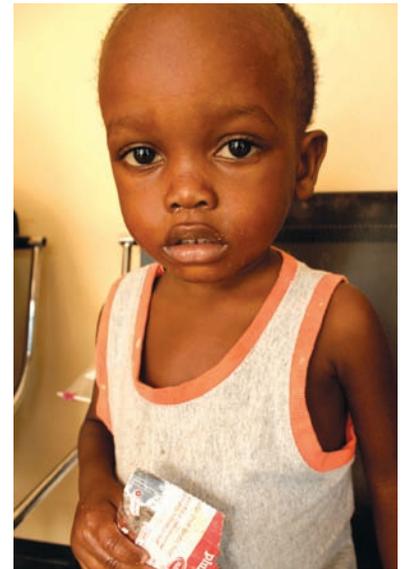


Additionally, *Hope for Haiti* has received generous support from the Mary Alphonse Bradley Fund to partner with a local printing press, Editions Dawill, and provide textbooks and notebooks to our supported schools. Every child in grades one through six is receiving a set of five textbooks and notebooks, one per subject area. Every child in grades one through six, representing thousands of students ages 5 to 18, will spend this year with real learning tools in their hands. *Hope for Haiti's* field staff is organizing and distributing over 29,000 notebooks and 27,000 reusable textbooks to thousands of children in need. These invaluable

educational materials bring 33 primary schools closer to achieving a quality education, helping to create schools where teachers are empowered to lead and students have a fair chance to learn.

Spike in Malnutrition Since Earthquake Met with Vigor

THE JANUARY EARTHQUAKE generated many silent consequences. Among them, a severe spike in childhood malnutrition is quietly working its way through the IDP camps of Port-au-Prince, through makeshift homes scattered between the rubble, and into the overcrowded households of the southern peninsula. **Hope for Haiti** directly supports nutrition centers in three distinct regions of Haiti's south—all three clinics report increased incidence of underfed, seriously ill, malnourished babies and toddlers. Resources are low, families are strained, and poor health indicators are rising accordingly.



The Missionaries of Charity “Baby House,” located at Delmas, 31 stopped functioning in the days after the earthquake. With their facilities in ruins, there wasn't much they could do. They transferred sick children and orphans to other parts of the country, turning inward to take care of their own. But with sick babies and desperate mothers crowding their doorstep, there once again wasn't much they could do. So they opened their doors, pitched tents among the wreckage, and lined up cribs one after another in the hot, outside air.

Motivated by this scene, **Hope for Haiti** is working to improve the Sisters' temporary facilities. We're improving the food storage and kitchen areas, installing screens, and hooking up fans. Meanwhile, we're bolstering our other nutrition partners with financial support and in-kind medical supplies. We're developing a public health network in our supported schools and promoting midwife training in rural areas. As we do so, we'll continue to adapt to new needs—because there's not much to hear when the light of a malnourished child fades. But in the post-quake environment, **Hope for Haiti** is listening.

Expansion to Infirmary Boosts Quality, Patient Capacity

H OPE FOR HAITI'S Infirmary St. Etienne continues to expand and improve both its facilities and policies. After our first full year of operation and 20,000 patient visits, the Infirmary St. Etienne continues to strive for excellence. Thanks to our donors, we expanded our facilities to include a pavilion space under which patients can escape the hot sun and our public health nurses can conduct education sessions. We also expanded and remodeled our on-site depot to improve our access to and management of the in-kind medical donations we receive. Our Haitian medical team members take enormous pride in their work and personally invest in the people for whom they care. We could not be happier



with the facilities' improvements and their effect on our team spirit. Thank you once again to everyone who helps the wonderful staff at the Infirmary St. Etienne continue caring for the people of Haiti.

Development Highlights

Stephanie Jepsen, Director of Development

hOPE FOR HAITI has been lucky to have several volunteers serve as incredible ambassadors in the last few months. What these individuals have been able to do as a result of their volunteer experience (both in Naples and Haiti) has opened the doors to new avenues of support and heightened awareness about our organization. Our volunteers help bring time, treasure and talent to aid in our mission and are an extremely valuable part of our organization's success.

Below you will find reflections from two wonderful volunteers, Mark E. Horowitz, MD, who recently returned from a skilled medical mission trip and Marcie Nguyen, who regularly volunteers in the Naples office and also traveled to Haiti.



I have been a Family Physician for 23 years, practicing in the wilds of New York City. For most of those 23 years, I have had a desire to devote at least some of my professional life to some aspect of

global health. It would not be an overstatement to say working with Hope for Haiti has changed my life beyond my expectations.

I further feel privileged to have worked with the fine Haitian health care workers in Cayes and in the satellite clinics. It was my great honor to shake the hand of the priest who organized the clinic in Cherettes and Sr. Agnes in Aquin and thank them for trusting me with the people who attended their clinics.

– Mark E. Horowitz, MD

It's not just volunteering in general that warms me from within...it's volunteering at Hope for Haiti! There is something fantastic that happens when people



unite for the common cause of doing something for others—it really amazes me. In the midst of chaos and the demands of the relief efforts, someone always

made sure that I knew how important the volunteers are. I am always asked by friends and family, "Well, what can we do to help Haiti?" To which I enthusiastically reply, donate to Hope for Haiti! I can confidently assure people that funds donated are indeed going to Haiti and are having a great impact.

Thank you to the Hope for Haiti team, for providing the foundation for this life enriching experience.

– Marcie Nguyen

Our Promise to You & Planning for the Future



fOR OVER 20 YEARS, Hope for Haiti has helped the poorest of the poor through critical education, nutrition and healthcare programs. Our promise to you is that **more than 95 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to benefit the Haitian people**, particularly children, in our programs.

We humbly request that you consider Hope for Haiti when planning for the future, particularly when formulating your estate plans. Leave a legacy for the benefit of those in need. If you would like more information on this and other ways to help, please contact our office at 239-434-7183.

Why I Give to Hope for Haiti



THEY SAY THAT “time heals all wounds.” I go to Haiti. I see the needs. I give; I volunteer.

A child falls—I pick her up, place her on my knee, apply a band-aid to her wound, wipe away her tears, kiss her cheek and away she goes. I give; I volunteer.

A country falls and falls again and her wounds are deep. Some people say that your band-aids are too small. I say, “You haven’t seen ours.” They stretch from Naples to Haiti and back again—tenfold. I give; I volunteer.

The phone rings—a familiar voice says, “Can you come in tomorrow, we are expecting 15 pallets of medical supplies?” I give; I volunteer.

The procedure is basically the same, but the supplies may be different. We unpack the boxes, sort, count and label. They may be as small as a few pills or as large as a walker. I give; I volunteer.

By the end of the day, we have separated items, packed boxes and filled pallets—off they go to Haiti. I give; I volunteer.

My heart swells and my soul is healed. I give; I volunteer.

– *Francesca M. Copeland, DM*

Hope for Haiti Gala “Flight of Hope”

SAVE THE DATE – March 5, 2011

hOPE FOR HAITI’S Gala 2011 promises to provide guests with a fun and delicious evening as you are transported to a “*Flight of Hope*.” Known in Naples as the “fun Gala of the season,” this year’s event will certainly live up to its reputation as you join us for many surprises and a most spectacular décor.

Sponsorships are now available and early sign up ensures an excellent table. According to Connie Byrne of Arthrex, Inc. (a regular Gala Sponsor) — “*Hope for Haiti’s Gala is always so much fun. I love the entertainment and the evening’s unique experiences.*” Silent Auction, Live Auction and Raffle Prizes will abound. This just in—renowned artist, Philecia, whose works are in private collections throughout the USA and in Europe, museums and Government Buildings, has donated a painting called “*The Dance of Hope*” in acrylic and gold leaf. This piece of art, valued at \$14,000, will be part of the live auction.

Please contact the **Hope for Haiti** office for more information at 239-434-7183 or e-mail info@hopeforhaiti.com. Again, be sure to **mark your calendars for March 5, 2011!** Thank you.





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