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On Valentine's Day, Our Infirmary Heals the Heart



Enola Bernard is a 67-year-old hypertension patient who visits the Hope for Haiti Infirmary in Les Cayes every day. "When I have money, I take a motorcycle taxi to the clinic from my house. If not, I walk," says Enola, who suffers from painful foot wounds due to her cardiac condition. Thanks to Hope for Haiti, Enola has received low-cost, quality healthcare for the past 5 years. "I first came when there was a visiting medical mission in 2009. If a person comes here as a patient, they will come back because we receive such good service from the doctors and nurses."

Arterial hypertension is the leading cause of death for Haitian adults, and the Infirmary staff works tirelessly to reduce risk for heart attack or stroke. Explains Infirmary Director Dr. Elmide Nazaire, "every day I see about 40 patients. 20-25 of them have hypertension,

Help us make hearts healthy this Valentine's Day!

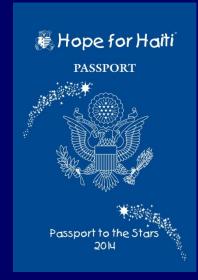
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and the majority also have diabetes." Patients in rural Haiti are particularly vulnerable to the chronic disease because of the challenges to accessing healthcare. Many of our patients are very poor and have to choose between followup appointments and proper diet. Follow-up appointments can range from every day, like in Enola's case, or as infrequently as every two months if a patient is stable. Because the Infirmary distributes medications free of charge, patients are more likely to adhere to their treatment and improve - decreasing the need for expensive follow-up or hospitalizations.

Enola knows the importance of taking her medication regularly and also received crutches. "I don't have children. I don't have a family to look after me. I am responsible for my own healthcare. Since I come here every day, my wounds keep improving." Here at Hope for Haiti, we're proud to be family to patients like Enola.



Please help heal her heart and others with a <u>donation</u> this Valentine's Day. For just \$25, you can give the gift of total health for a chronic illness patient. Thank you!

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some people entertain us. some people enlighten us. some people save our lives If you haven't already read about Hope for Haiti's Infirmary Director, Dr. Elmide Nazaire, Kreyðl/Creole Corner We jodi a men sonje demen. See today, but remember tomorrow. she was honored for her work as a global health worker by Save the Children and the REAL Awards in Laguna Niguel, CA on the fourth anniversary of the earthquake- January 12, 2014. Read the article From the Field and check out the coverage on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

If you have any questions about Hope for Haiti, please let us know by contacting our office at <u>239-434-7183</u>. Thank you!

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