



# CCH News

November 2019



COMMUNITY COALITION FOR  
**HAI+I**

## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

The amazing CCH Team in Haiti is trying their best to carry forward our mission during this crisis, but it is a very difficult time for everyone.

CCH's Clinic offers the only healthcare available in Jacmel most days. The public hospital is reportedly open but has very few supplies and some doctors and nurses have stopped coming to work. Many other healthcare partners have been forced to close their doors.

**CCH is determined to keep serving the community – but it's getting harder.**

Schools remain closed for the most part. Opening for a day or two at a time, when possible, has become less attractive. Community partners tell us it creates false hope and also may attract unwanted attention, putting the children, teachers and facilities at risk.

**Our dedicated CCH staff continue to meet with and encourage teachers and community leaders – but it's getting harder.**

We are receiving many kind messages of hope and encouragement. These messages

often include the question, "What does CCH need most?"

We know you want to be part of the solution, and for that we are eternally grateful.

What CCH really needs right now is **financial support** and **prayers**.

We're nearly a year and a half into simmering unrest and two months into a country totally locked down... And all the while, the needs of the Haitian people are becoming more urgent and their options for help are dwindling.

**You can stand in the gap.**

When you give to CCH, your dollars put medicine into patients' hands and food in people's bellies.

If you've not yet given to CCH this fall, would you please consider your capacity and our urgent needs? Will you be part of the next steps that we take?

I'll keep you updated. Please keep praying. Thank you for your support!

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Black Friday.  
Cyber Monday.

**#GIVING  
TUESDAY™**

**December 3, 2019**  
[www.cchaiti.org](http://www.cchaiti.org)

Show your favorite charities some love this year on Giving Tuesday. Join us online for a blow-out day of fun impact.

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**#GIVINGTUESDAY™**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2019**

# HEALTHCARE

## You're Helping to Heal

Our healthcare staff and volunteers rock! They provide vital primary care, PT, and surgical services to patients.

In May, PT volunteers came to work and train clinicians at our rehab clinic. And thanks to your generosity, we completed our second year of school clinics where students received care right in their own communities.

In September, CCH welcomed a

surgical team led by Dr. Bachman of INOVA-Fairfax hospital. They worked alongside a team of Haitian doctors and residents to share expertise in laparoscopic procedures. CCH surgical teams performed pro bono surgeries for patients like Pierre (below). But many patients are still waiting for surgery. Four surgical teams were cancelled this fall due to the unrest.

CCH's primary care clinic is one of few still open in southern Haiti these days. Patients rely on us!



LEFT: Dr. Sharon Bachman, lead surgeon. Dr. Zambito and Dr. DuPont, both 4th year Residents in general surgery (from INOVA-Fairfax and the University Hospital of Haiti in Port au Prince). RIGHT: Patient Pierre is thrilled to finally get the surgery he needed.



# EDUCATION

The first half of 2019 had many successes to celebrate. Thanks to donors and volunteers, CCH hosted a summer camp for 145 students and teachers. They played strategic board games, experienced hands on measuring activities, discussed community service, and more. It was a full and fun week!

Our girls soccer team received new equipment from generous donors. And our teachers received professional development training and classroom prep help before the start of the new school year.

Unfortunately, the continuing political protests and “lockdown”

in Haiti, are impacting our schools' ability to stay open. CCH has been meeting with school administrators, teachers, and parents to see how we can support the communities we serve and keep schools running.



Students and teachers at our partner schools await a return to normalcy.

## We're on this Road Together



Mitholène and Keti are dedicated to healthcare

In October, Keti walked for hours to the CCH clinic in Jacmel, braving road blocks and protests to get the blood pressure medicine she needed.

CCH Nurse, Mitholène, had her own harrowing journey to the clinic that day. She'd started her commute by taptap—one of Haiti's colorfully painted truck taxis. When roadblocks stopped it, Mitholène got out and started walking.

Mitholène knew how important it was for the clinic to be open. More protests were expected later that day. There was a small window in which people would be able to safely move around. She was also aware that the clinic had been short-staffed recently because other doctors and nurses were having trouble getting to work.

From different communities, for different reasons, Keti and Mitholène both kept walking to the CCH Clinic. Keti said, **“I knew you'd be open, you're CCH.”**

Thanks to both of these women's dedication—and yours—Keti got the medicine she needed.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Your Gifts for Good Are Multiplying

What is community development? At CCH we are purchasing livestock for families and teaching animal care. We're sowing community gardens, teaching students about community service, and hosting leadership development seminars.

Over the past several months, our staff have formed a new partnership with a farming co-op in the community of Orangé. With the group's leaders, they designed goat project specific to the community. In June, 30 goats were purchased. By October, 10 baby goats have been born, to be gifted to other

needy families in Orangé. As inflation rises and scarcity takes hold, these goats are a crucial source of income for families.

Our cohort of Haitian leaders met several times this year for "training the trainers" seminars. At their request, CCH provided training on: conflict mediation, problem solving, and motivation & persuasion.



CCH volunteer Wood Parker facilitates a leadership seminar

*"In Haiti, often the first reaction to a disagreement is to stop talking to the other person. This training was great to teach us new ways to approach problems."*

- Rubinste, CCH In-Country Director

## Mark Your Calendar!

### Nov. 28, 2019 -

Thanksgiving! Need an easy and meaningful hostess gift? Purchase a special CCH "Gift for Good" turkey online and receive an electronic acknowledgement card to share. Other animals are also available!



**Select dates in Nov. & Dec. 2019** - "Gifts for Good" markets at local churches where you can buy fair trade Haitian art and jewelry plus livestock etc., for Haitian families. Check out our "Events" page online for dates & details.

**Dec. 3, 2019** - Giving Tuesday. Hop online for a fun day of giving with exciting matches that make your donation go farther!

**Mar. 28, 2020** - 7th Annual CCH Benefit at Lansdowne Resort & Spa in Leesburg, VA

**May, Jun., & Oct. 2020** - "Come & Serve" volunteer trips to Haiti open to everyone. (Although CCH is not welcoming volunteers to Haiti at this time, we remain hopeful that stability will return and our volunteer program will be back up and running next year.)

## Your Gift Has Critical Impact **RIGHT** Now

In this time of crisis, your gift ensures that CCH keeps its doors open and its ministries going into 2020. Help us shine our light brightly in this time of despair.



*A Mont Fleuri student enjoys a hot lunch at school—perhaps his only meal of the day.*

**Please send your gift now in the enclosed envelope or donate online through our secure website at [www.cchaiti.org/donate](http://www.cchaiti.org/donate).**

Remember, it's also an advantageous time to donate stock—a win-win for you and CCH! For more information please contact CCH Development Director, Carson Rich ([carson@cchaiti.org](mailto:carson@cchaiti.org) or 571.234.1714). Mesi Anpil!



## Your Gifts are in Good Hands

In November, CCH Executive Director Clark Seipt was named as a Finalist for the Excellence in Chief Executive Leadership (EXCEL) Award from the Center for Nonprofit Advancement. This award spotlights outstanding chief executives among nonprofits in the Washington DC region. The EXCEL award is highly competitive and emphasizes innovation, motivation, community building, ethical integrity and strategic leadership.

## Volunteers Build Schools and Relationships

Your support of CCH volunteers has a huge impact on their lives as they are transformed alongside Haitian brothers and sisters. It also has a big impact on what CCH is able to accomplish. This year, volunteers improved CCH medical facilities, served in our medical clinics, built school classrooms, trained teachers, and empowered women and church groups.



LEFT: Terri Thompson (center) with friends from Chabin on Evergreen Church's (Moorhead, MN) annual trip. RIGHT: Trinity Pres. Church (Herndon, VA) members build new classrooms at Lavanneau school alongside parents and students.



### Got your hands full with holiday shopping?

Consider a "Gift for Good" from CCH. You can shop online for those "hard to buy for" folks on your list and provide a family in Haiti with the gift of livestock, healthcare, or education. Your dollars go directly to CCH programs in Haiti, and you receive a photo card to wrap up for your loved one.

[www.cchaiti.org](http://www.cchaiti.org)

## One Life, Transformed through Your Giving

Standing outside her two-room, mud home with corrugated steel roof, Ardline looks at her goats and smiles. The morning sun starts to bake the ground on a new day. It's a new day for Ardline because of the goat she received because of someone like you.

Ardline wants to send her children to school, and you make that possible. Months ago, Ardline received a single goat from CCH. That goat later had not one but two kids. She was later able to sell one of those goats to pay for

her children's school tuition and brighter future.

When you meet Ardline you are immediately struck by her determination and resilience. Her quiet confidence shines through everything she does. Ardline has hope because you are with her.

Ardline wants you to know that she is determined to overcome the current crisis in Haiti and thankful for the Lord's

blessing in her life. She is not giving up. And we know you are not giving up on Ardline.

*"The baby goat helped me a lot. I have children that I want to send to school. So I sold one to pay for the tuition fees. I thank CCH!"*

- Ardline



Thanks to "Gifts for Good" donors, Ardline received a goat from CCH