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Expanding the Concept of Comprehensive Healthcare

When patients present at a U.S. hospital, medical personnel rightly assume they have access to clean water, adequate nutrition, safe housing, educational opportunities, and access to social services for life challenges and disasters. **Medical personnel in Milot, Haiti, must assume the opposite.** None of these foundations of good health are present.

As Holy Name President and CEO Michael Maron notes, "Running a hospital in Haiti is unlike any healthcare experience in the United States. Hôpital Sacré Coeur is more than just a hospital. The health promise to provide high-quality, responsive care to the community has drawn Hôpital Sacré Coeur into other social determinants of health." Haiti's widespread suffocating poverty has pushed the hospital to be a driving force in offering non-traditional services such as food distribution, access to clean water and electricity, housing, and education. In the same way, the hospital must generate its own electricity and oxygen, dig its own wells, and farm its own food sources.

A successful, responsive healthcare facility in Haiti must assume all the related healthcare needs of the community.

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The benefits of addressing these social challenges include improved medical outcomes, closer relationships with the community and its members, and, of particular importance, more physical security for the hospital. As the primary economic driver in the region and chief purveyor of essential services, the community depends on and invests in the hospital's well-being. Without Hôpital Sacré Coeur, the region would be a ghost town, and people would likely die. The residents know that. The community is Hôpital Sacré Coeur's robust line of defense against any bad actors who might come along. Such community loyalty has been earned through decades of compassionate care, integrity, responsiveness, and the constant offer of human dignity to a beleaguered and often disregarded populace.

Amid Haiti's unparalleled political and economic instability, Hôpital Sacré Coeur continues serving the community and expanding its programs and facilities. Untouched by the violence present in southern Haiti, the hospital has retained its status as one of Haiti's leading healthcare institutions, a beacon of hope, and one of the only full-service hospitals operational in the country. Hôpital Sacré Coeur has become the most critically important hospital in northern Haiti — and possibly, the nation.

Charting a Compassionate Course

Hôpital Sacre Coeur's new logo features a compass, heart, and the Holy Name dove. Together, they mark a unique, abiding partnership between a leading US hospital and an ever-growing Hôpital Sacrè Coeur set on charting a heartfelt and heart-led course of medical excellence and humanitarian care, now and in the future.



A sense of trust, confidence, and enthusiastic dedication to performance excellence imbues the hospital staff. Hôpital Sacré Coeur's reputation in Haiti for quality care, favorable outcomes, and professional development continues to grow. **As noted by many medical volunteers, the Haitian surgical staff of today is equal to many American hospitals.** A similar sense of trust runs through the community as more and more residents experience Hôpital Sacré Coeur as a cherished lifeline and vessel of hope.







Dr. Igmar Omar Limonta Pérez, Maxillofacial Surgeon



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Providing compassionate care and treating each patient as a unique and valued person is always on the minds of the medical staff. Stories about staff who have taken orphans into their own families abound. Staff routinely go the extra mile to provide whole-person care tenderly and thoughtfully, adding relief and comfort.

Standing on a Firm and Sacred Foundation

As shocking and regrettably horrific events pop up across the globe and surprising swings in governance at all levels keep the American populace on edge, confident steps into the future seem off the table for many individuals. Even the weather defies predictability. While finding a firm foundation eludes many individuals and organizations, Haiti Health Promise of Holy Name and Hôpital Sacré Coeur stand firm on their unwavering vow — a deeply sacred vow — to help the Haitian people help themselves and be good stewards of your generous dollars.

Since 1992, I have volunteered at Hôpital Sacré Coeur for several weeks each year. The progress



is steady and astonishing. The significant positive impact in the lives of the Haitians we care for, the staff we greet as colleagues, and the community we embrace as family is truly beyond belief. No matter what lies ahead, we intend to honor and keep that vow and multiply those results.

Whether you ever step foot in Haiti or not, your financial support and prayers are tangible: your presence is felt daily, and your contribution is gratefully and repeatedly acknowledged by patients, their families, and their community. Donors like you link together in partnership with volunteers and hospital staff and keep at bay the encroaching ravages of poverty, disease, hopelessness, and death perched upon the edges of daily life. Through your financial commitment, you establish a safe, life-affirming haven that provides a healthy pause and often a life-changing reset to the downward spiral of despair and death.



You Plant the Seeds of Hope and Rebirth.

Hôpital Sacré Coeur is an excellent example of what can be accomplished by good people of faith and unwavering commitment who believe that regardless of the challenges life offers up, you can change the course of poverty's strongest march with the strategic placement of money, relevant knowledge, appropriate technology, a collective will and the grace of God.

In a world seemingly dominated by news of death, destruction, and despair, you showcase a kinder, gentler alternative. You show what goodness is possible and offer a glimpse of what hope looks like.

Please donate today.

Join us in building an enduring community of health and promise.

With our most profound appreciation and gratitude for you.

David G. Butler, MD

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Chairman, Haiti Health Promise of Holy Name (Founded as The CRUDEM Foundation)

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100% of every dollar supports patient care and community programs at Hôpital Sacré Coeur.



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