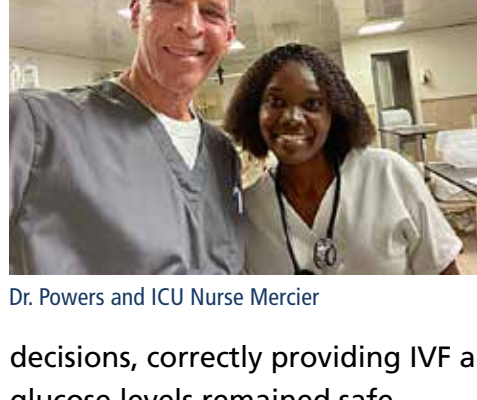


La Promisse

Si Dye Vle (If God Will)

By Christopher Powers, MD.
HSC Medical Volunteer

It was the middle of the night and the first time I had taken an overnight call for Hôpital Sacré Coeur's growing ICU program. The nursing staff were busy caring for a young 20-year-old Haitian man with very brittle type I diabetes. He had been admitted a few days before with severe ketoacidosis (DKA). The patient's condition had worsened since his admission, and he was transferred to the intensive care unit.



Dr. Powers and ICU Nurse Mercier

Our ABG (arterial blood gas) machine had just used the last cartridge; we couldn't check the acid/base (pH) status. All week, I communicated with our other volunteer ICU physicians and the new Hôpital Sacré Coeur ICU doctor, Celia. However, I needed additional support in caring for this critically ill patient. We developed a plan for both the patient's insulin regimen and the intravenous fluids (IVF) regimen to maintain an adequate glucose level so that the insulin could continue to reverse the patient's severe acidosis.

During the night, the nurses made excellent real-time decisions, correctly providing IVF and electrolyte replacements for the patient, and ensuring his glucose levels remained safe.

I was so moved by the staff's acceptance of our temporary laboratory limitations, yet still collaborating to provide the best care possible. I felt a kinship and solidarity with our ICU team. By the next evening, the patient was getting better and could take a few sips of soda; he could advance his diet to some bouyon soup the following morning. This patient fully recovered and was discharged from the ICU. His mother had kept a constant bedside vigil. She was very appreciative of the overall care. She had her role: providing motherly love and encouragement throughout his hospital stay.

To witness and participate in this collaborative care was a priceless gift, along with the immaculate gift of the work of love and justice, which was ongoing in the care of our patient. Recognizing the collective work of the laboratory staff, the pharmacy, the nursing staff, the hospital staff, and the physicians was a beautiful collaboration and an answer to the prayers of many who quietly work to keep this beautiful mission hospital functioning and growing. **Though the material resources are occasionally in short supply, the human resources working together for good are in strong supply, ever renewing themselves with increased participation. It was a powerful witness to me, and I was so thankful to be able to be part of this tapestry of healthcare providers.**

At the end of the workday, when possible, I try to spend some quiet time in the beautiful chapel on campus. Collecting my thoughts, my heart forms a prayer of gratitude mixed with hope for the continued progress of the ICU and the overall progress of this beautiful mission.

As we continue to work collectively for and with the Haitian people, I am reminded of a beautiful quote from St. Mother Teresa. "We cannot do great things, only small things with great love." ■



Another Stellar Year 2023 HÔPITAL SACRÉ COEUR STATISTICS

Beds	230	Surgeries	2,491	Lab Tests	138,682
Outpatient Visits	57,057	Emergency Room Visits	4,963	Diagnostic Tests	17,377
Admissions	6,557	Newborn Deliveries	2,340	Prescriptions Filled	136,303

BOOTS. GLORIOUS BOOTS.

Hôpital Sacré Coeur's farm workers are singing the praises of Dr. Stephen and Judith Flohr, who generously donated eight pairs of well-crafted, durable work boots. Moved by the stories of the farm's aims and progress, the Flohrs reached out to help. The farm workers who toil in ever-changing climate and soil conditions often resorted to working barefoot, chancing any number of foot ailments and injuries. The Flohr's sensitivity marked paid to that issue. Now, the relieved and very happy workers walk with pride, in comfort and in safety.

And boots were not their only surprise. Another donor who wishes to remain anonymous furnished the workers with the latest spades, shovels, and hoes to add to their productivity and comfort. Looking good and doing good at Hôpital Sacré Coeur's Farm for Life.

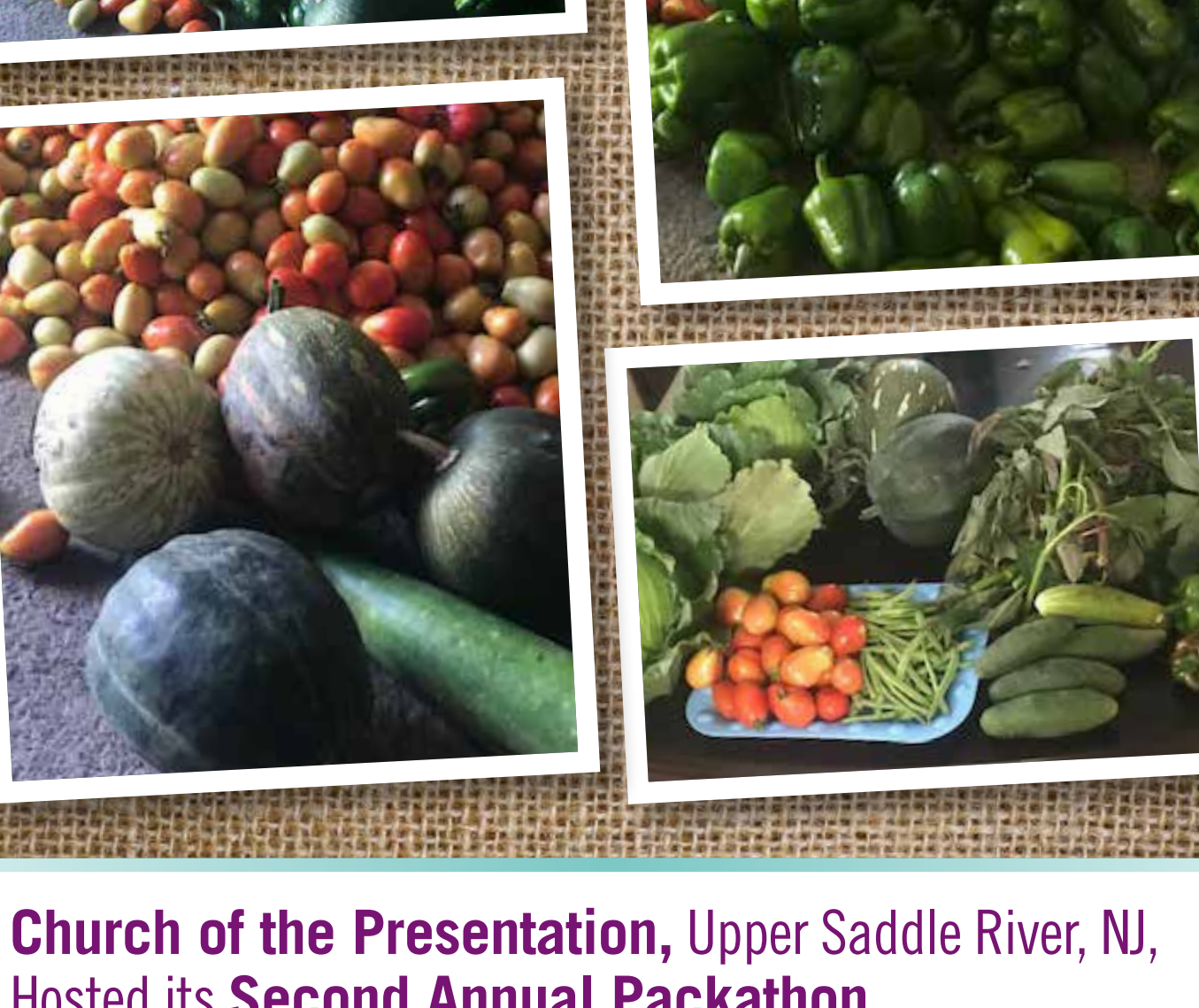
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Harvest Time

Hôpital Sacré Coeur's Farm for Life enjoyed a bountiful February harvest. ■



Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, NJ, Hosted its Second Annual Packathon

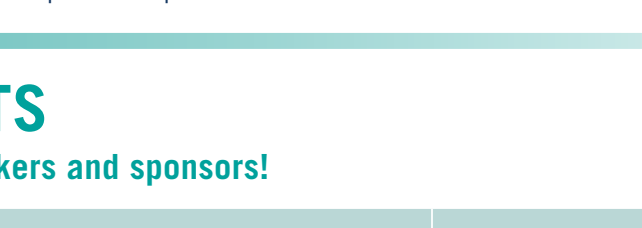
On January 26 & 27, 2024, more than 350 volunteers packed 60,000 meals. The enthusiasm was palpable as people of all ages worked together to pack nutritious meals for desperately hungry people in Milot. The robust family event overflowed with fun and compassion.

Many thanks to Fr. Bob Stagg, Pastor who led the call to provide relief to our sisters and brothers in Haiti and to Outreach Director, Maureen Murphy who rallied the troops.

God bless the Church of the Presentation.



Church of the Presentation Outreach Director, Maureen Murphy (in red shirt) and her family.



(3rd from left) Fr. Bob Stagg, Pastor of Church of the Presentation, and parishioners pack meals.

2023 PACKATHON RESULTS

Our deepest thanks to the more than 7,000 packers and sponsors!

DATE	LOCATION	MEALS PACKED
1/27 & 28/23	CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION PACKATHON, UPPER SADDLE RIVER, NJ	81,160
3/18/23	ALBUQUERQUE FEEDS MILOT PACKATHON, ALBUQUERQUE, NM	53,040
3/21/23	EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF JACKSONVILLE PACKATHON, JACKSONVILLE, FL	52,320
4/28 - 30/23	ST. JOSEPH PARISH PACKATHON, NEEDHAM, MA	157,860
5/19/23	ST. CECILIA PARISH PACKATHON, WILBRAHAM, MA	30,000
6/5/23	CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF PEACE PACKATHON, ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ	10,320
6/17 & 18/23	WENATCHEE FEEDS MILOT PACKATHON, WENATCHEE, WA	97,200
7/21 & 22/23	CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF PEACE AND FRIENDS PACKATHON, SEATTLE, WA	72,000
8/26/23	ST. LOUIS FEEDS MILOT PACKATHON, ST. LOUIS, MO	103,680
10/22/23	JAMESLY JESSE'S FEED MILOT PACKATHON, MOWEAQUA, IL	100,080
11/18/23	ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY PARISH PACKATHON, WYKOFF, NJ	61,440
11/18/23	DUBUQUE FEEDS MILOT PACKATHON, DUBUQUE, IA	92,160
TOTAL MEALS PACKED IN 2023		911,260

DATE	LOCATION	MEAL GOAL
April 11	Episcopal School of Jacksonville Packathon for Alumni, Parents & Students, Jacksonville, FL	100,000
April 25	Peace Ministries, Teaneck, NJ	20,000
April 26 - 28	St. Joseph Parish Packathon, Needham, MA	100,000
May 4 - 5	Wenatchee, WA Packathon	100,000



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