

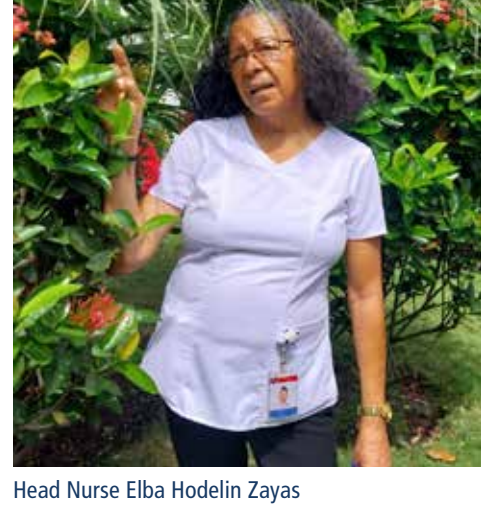
La Promisse

Haiti Health Promise's Give a Life appeal provides opportunities to support the hard-working Hôpital Sacré Coeur employees' annual salaries. This appeal significantly contributes to keeping the hospital open and providing patients with life-saving care.

We are deeply grateful to Pastor Fr. Vincent D'Agostino and Our Lady of Parish Church in Park Ridge, New Jersey, for their generous donation to sponsor a nurse for a year.

The church's donation supported the exemplary work of HSC Head Nurse Elba Hodelin Zayas. Please read her inspiring story.

Elba Hodelin Zayas: Hôpital Sacré Coeur Chief Nurse



Head Nurse Elba Hodelin Zayas

On November 4th, 2001, Elba Hodelin Zayas, a registered neonatology nurse, embarked on a journey from Cuba to Hôpital Sacré Coeur. Her destination was the pediatric department, where she would soon rise to the role of chief nurse. Her decision to serve Haiti, particularly Milot, was a testament to her dedication. She quickly took ownership of the pediatrics department, making it her own.

Elba Hodelin Zayas, affectionately known as Manmita, is not just the head nurse. She embodies the role of a mother to all the pediatric service staff and patients. Her duties extend beyond providing instructions about the service's cleanliness, linens, and medical prescriptions. She also guides the children's clinical evolution and ensures the pediatrics department's proper functioning. Her compassion and sensitivity to the needs of others naturally lead her to provide comfort and advice when needed. Nurse Elba's care extends beyond clinical needs, as she has repeatedly gone above and beyond to assist patients and their families with non-medical needs. If she can provide relief and make someone's life better, Nurse Elba is all in.

As the head nurse of the pediatrics department for twenty years, Nurse Elba has witnessed the evolution of the pediatrics department. Her adaptability and resilience were particularly evident during the intense period following the 2010 earthquake when she oversaw the safe transfer of children from the pediatrics building to one of the MASH tents erected to accommodate the more than 850 patients who came to the hospital from Port-au-Prince. Nurse Elba brought calm and reassurance to a tragic and frightening time. Her leadership and logistics abilities were rewarded in 2022 when she assumed the position of Materials Manager. Now, Nurse Elba is a caring and supportive mother to all departments.

Hôpital Sacré Coeur administration and staff are deeply grateful to Nurse Elba for her unwavering 23-year commitment to the children who receive care at Hôpital Sacré Coeur. Her courage, dedication, and compassion have been a source of inspiration to all. ■

If you would like to sponsor an HSC staff member, Please [CLICK HERE](#) ▶

Hôpital Sacré Coeur's Expanding "Farm for Life" Hires Veterinarian

By Abdel Alexis, Director of Human Resources

Much effort is being devoted to developing the Hôpital Sacré Coeur farm. The farm's meat and produce supply the hospital cafeteria and help employees and disadvantaged members of the community. After hiring a highly experienced veterinary medicine specialist in May, animal production operations are expanding and moving in the right direction.

Osmani Rojas Perez, VMD, graduated from the Universidad Central de las Villas in Santa Clara, Cuba, in July 1992. He completed postgraduate training in poultry genetics, dairy and beef cattle management, dairy cattle genetics, semen conservation, and artificial insemination in dairy and beef cattle. Dr. Perez also trained in aquaculture and pig farming.



Osmani Rojas Perez, VMD



With his extensive experience and expertise, Dr. Perez has held significant positions in several organizations in Cuba, Latin America, and Florida. His roles included Zoonoses and Occupational Hygiene Department Director, Veterinarian Surgeon, and Aquaculture Specialist. In 2009, Dr. Perez was hired as a consultant for the poultry production project of the non-governmental organization MFT Haiti. In 2014, he joined a national agricultural company in Port-au-Prince as director of animal production. At the same time, he set up his veterinary clinic in the Haitian capital, one of the very few in the country. Fleeing the exacerbating security conditions in Port-au-Prince, he moved his family to Limonde in northern Haiti, where he set up his clinic and worked for the MATANA Foundation as an Animal Production Manager. On May 1, 2024, he joined the Hôpital Sacré Coeur farm team as Animal Production Manager.

Dr. Perez is dedicated to making the farm's animal production axis successful. The farm houses cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, rabbits, chickens, and fish. As soon as he arrived, Dr. Perez accomplished three key objectives: livestock vaccination, fish production (building and seeding a pond with protein-rich tilapia), and repair of the space for broiler and egg production. An immediate poultry goal is to produce approximately 1,500 chickens every six weeks to help the cafeteria and the neediest in the community. In August, Dr. Perez set up the piggery and appropriate covered spaces to better care for the cattle and goats on the farm. Next, he plans to improve the cattle herd using artificial insemination to enable milk production.



Through a partnership with the only agricultural school in the north of Haiti, five students between fifteen and eighteen have been selected for a six-month apprenticeship as farmers. Those who succeed in the training session will receive animals, materials, and supplies to start their businesses. New students will be selected every six months.

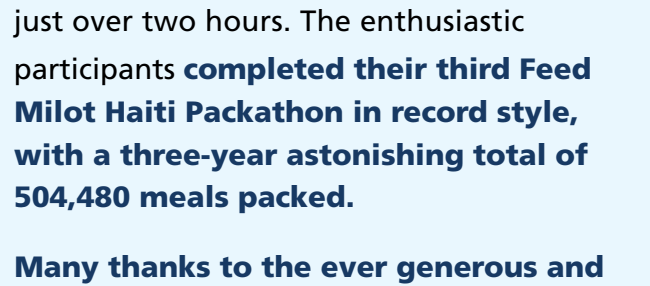
Hôpital Sacré Coeur's "Farm for Life" expansion demonstrates the hospital's compassion for the community. Staff thank Holy Name and Haiti Health Promise donors, who provide so many opportunities for people to find healing and relief and turn their dreams into realities. ■

St. Louis Packathon Reaches a Three-Year Total of 504,480 Meals Packed



On August 24, more than 300 volunteers gathered in the gymnasium of Chaminade College Preparatory School in St. Louis, Missouri, and packed 100,080 meals in just over two hours. The enthusiastic participants completed their third Feed Milot Haiti packathon in record style, with a three-year astonishing total of 504,480 meals packed.

Many thanks to the ever generous and committed St. Louis community! We look forward to your fifth packathon. ■

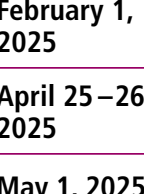


Haiti Health Promise Board member Thomas Schlafly and Board Vice Chair William Guyol, MD



UPCOMING PACKATHONS

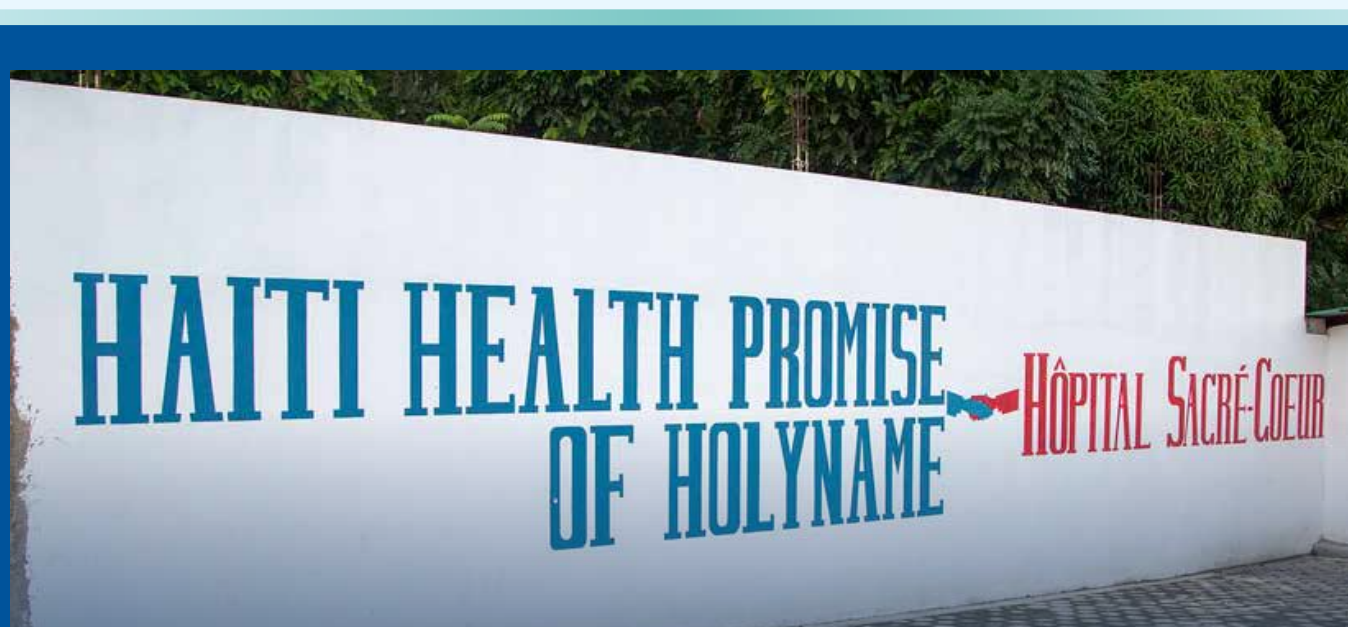
DATE	LOCATION	MEAL GOAL	FOR DETAILS
November 15-16	St Elizabeth's of Hungary Parish Packathon, Wyckoff, NJ	100,000	CLICK HERE ▶
January 10-11, 2025	Church of the Presentation Packathon, Upper Saddle River, NJ	50,000	CLICK HERE ▶
February 1, 2025	Grace Redeemer Church Packathon, Glen Rock, NJ	50,000	URL TO COME
April 25-26, 2025	St. Joseph's Parish Packathon, Needham, MA	150,000	CLICK HERE ▶
May 1, 2025	Washington, D.C. Packathon, Washington, D.C.	200,000	CLICK HERE ▶



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