

## Hôpital Sacré Coeur

# The Healing Benefits of Courageous Acts of Love

In 1965, Burt Bacharach and Hal David released their song “What the World Needs Now is Love.” The song has remained popular for over 50 years. This musical expression of public sentiment closely aligns with theological and spiritual dictums, and practical applications abound.

Hôpital Sacré Coeur’s history in Milot, Haiti is well attuned to the healing benefits of love. For 56 years, love was planted, nourished, and flourished in what many perceive as a small and insignificant portion of a Caribbean island. Surrounded by physical reminders of society’s worst, the Milot region boldly demonstrates humanity’s best expressions and God given impulses. Perhaps Haitians have powerful lessons for the global community.

### Another Stellar Year Showing an Abundance of Caring

Let’s start with the numbers. In 2024, the hospital staff provided 234,160 direct medical services, 3,108 HIV/AIDS counseling and testing, and 16,004 community service visits for preventative healthcare and education. In addition, 542,840 nutritious meals were given to the most vulnerable in the Milot region. Over the course of one year, the staff carried out nearly eight hundred thousand person-to-person healing interactions. Eight hundred thousand demonstrations people in distress saw as evidence they were seen, heard, respected, and responded to positively. That is one brilliant, healing example of Love-in-Action.

## Another Stellar Year for Hôpital Sacré Coeur

Hôpital Sacré Coeur 2024 Services  
to Milot, Haiti



## HSC's Love Flows Outward to Empower and Uplift a Community with Life-saving Water

Water is an essential and inseparable element of life.

No one can live without it. Long periods of drought due to the el niño phenomenon have reduced available water and endangered people's health — particularly women and children. In the Milot region, the state water supply system is not functioning. Daily, residents flocked to the hospital for help. **As always, Hôpital Sacré Coeur responded to the people's needs.**

**This year, staff installed three community wells in Milot. Over the next two years, six more will be installed.** These wells provide households with water for drinking, cooking, and cleaning. Future wells will support community gardens and small farms. Free garden classes and seeds will give hungry residents the tools to feed themselves. **These acts of empathy and compassion address the immediate cry for help while setting the stage for longer term self-sufficiency.**

## Another Infant Saved from the Brink... One of Countless Patients

Widson's mother Staisy realized his belly button was enlarged. She took her 11-month-old son to a village midwife who gave him tea saying Widson had gas. After two days of treatments Widson's belly button was bigger. Frantic, Staisy took her infant son to a government run hospital. After examining him, **the physicians told her to take him to Hôpital Sacré Coeur "which has the experts that can help."**

As soon as Staisy arrived at Hôpital Sacré Coeur, X-rays were ordered, and the pediatrician saw that Widson's intestine had become infected from lack of basic needs. Emergency surgery was performed. Hours later, a much happier Widson recuperated in the children's ward, under the careful attention of the Hôpital Sacré Coeur staff and his mother's loving gaze. Unlike other hospitals, no one demanded payment before seeing Widson. At Hôpital Sacré Coeur, treatment is never withheld due to inability to pay. **The life of the patient always comes first.**



***“Above all, be loving.  
This ties everything together perfectly.”***

**– Colossians 3:14**

Widson’s story is repeated in thousands of unique ways at Hôpital Sacré Coeur, where the blind, quite literally, are healed to see. The lame walks with strength and new-found purpose. Those who once struggled to take a breath fill their lungs with precious air and fresh possibilities for their lives. As Harold Prével, Hôpital Sacré Coeur CEO notes, “Physicians very often see the disease, not the patient. By getting drowned in that routine, they fail to use the best drug ever developed: Love. At Hôpital Sacré Coeur we use that powerful drug to treat our patients and community. Like Holy Name, we know it takes great science and heart to heal. That’s what we call: Great Medicine. Soul Purpose.”

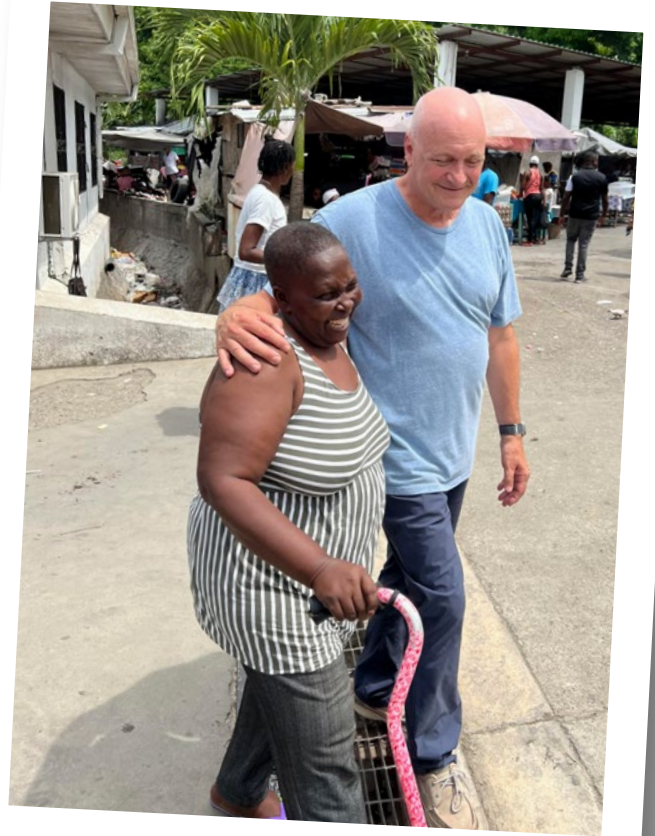
### **Mark the Holiness**

During this global season of holiness, all can benefit from remembering the story of creation; how God called forth all that is, not from a desire to underscore superiority, practice domination or exploitation, but from the essence of the Divine self — from love. In love, from love, and

for love, we share one source and a similar calling to continue to evoke, create, and call forth the spaces — physical and personal — where love and life flourish.

At Hôpital Sacré Coeur, we witness in awe and wonder the continuous creating of miracles where love evokes life and the communion of flourishing lives.

Great medicine, infused with love, provides a distinctive advantage. Medicine delivered by heart, mind, and soul compels the healing of lives and the betterment of current and future generations.



**Your Love is Needed.**

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of health, peace, and promise.**

With our most profound love and gratitude for you.



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