

# La Promisse

## Abundant Service Growth and Whole-Person Care at Hôpital Sacré Coeur By Christopher Powers, MD, HSC Volunteer, HHP Board member



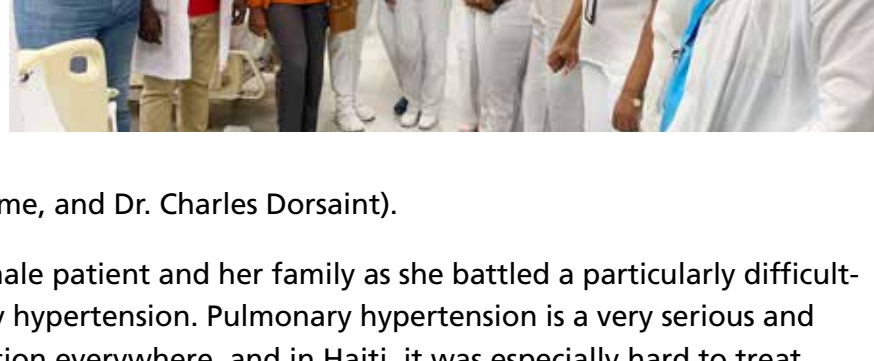
Dr. Chris Powers at opening of HSC Cardiac Intensive Care Unit

**I recently returned from Haiti after a week of volunteering at Hôpital Sacré Coeur. I was overjoyed to see continued growth, expansion, and progress across many services, including the emergency room, internal medicine, pediatric services, the ICU, and critical care units.**

It was my first time back since late May 2025, after Dr. Michael Canarie and I spent a week integrating POCUS (point-of-care ultrasound) education, training, and technology across a broader range of patient care services.

I was especially excited to work again with Dr. Alford Blaise, a former HSC general internist who had just completed a two-year noninvasive cardiology fellowship on the French protectorate island of Martinique. Sponsored by HSC and volunteer HSC cardiologists, including Drs. Carl Turissini and Joseph Kannam, Dr. Blaise was full of enthusiasm and vision for growing and expanding internal medicine services. **Notably, HSC's first Cardiac Intensive Care Unit was opening as a response to the increase in heart disease in Haiti.**

For the first time in six years since I started volunteering at HSC, I attended a wrap-up with the entire internal medicine team—covering both inpatient and outpatient services—focusing on all inpatients in the 25-bed internal medicine ward, with relevant discussion and knowledge sharing among us all (Dr. Blaise, Dr. Powers



(volunteer), Dr. Tamara Petit-Homme, and Dr. Charles Dorsaint).

During my week, I cared for a female patient and her family as she battled a particularly difficult-to-treat form of severe pulmonary hypertension. Pulmonary hypertension is a very serious and potentially life-threatening condition everywhere, and in Haiti, it was especially hard to treat because we lack the capacity to perform a procedure called a Right-Heart Catheterization (RHC), which measures pressures in the heart and helps determine suitable treatment options. Since we do not have access to RHC, we had to infer possible causes of the patient's condition (There are five classes of Pulmonary Hypertension according to the World Health Organization). Luckily, we were able to perform at least one additional test to check for chronic blood clots that might be causing her condition. **As always, the expert analysis by our HSC laboratory, led by Mr. Moliere, provided the results we needed.**

By the end of the week, the patient was feeling better and preparing for discharge home, with a scheduled follow-up at the outpatient internal medicine and cardiology clinics at HSC. **This level of care genuinely compares to that of any developed country's medical system in internal medicine, and I was very proud of our collaborative efforts that week.**

Having trained as an internist, pulmonologist, and palliative care physician, I have always believed that spirituality and healthcare are deeply connected. **Hôpital Sacré Coeur consistently honors the dignity of the whole person, providing comprehensive, compassionate care to the**



HSC Managers 2026 Planning Meeting

**Haitian population in and around Milot and to some in the greater Cap-Haïtien catchment area. As Holy Name sums up: Great Medicine, Soul Purpose.**

During this wrap-up meeting, I observed comprehensive care from our Internal Medicine team, led by Dr. Blaise, which positively influenced my entire week and all our patients.

While at Hôpital Sacré Coeur, all hospital services, both inpatient and outpatient, were preparing their end-of-year reports and setting service goals for 2026. This is an exciting step because each patient care service has internal data that guides decisions and supports ongoing growth in best-practice patient care. **I was not only grateful to attend the planning session but also impressed by the quality of planning and vision that prioritize healthcare quality and its delivery to patients.**

Most days, as I returned to the residence house, I would stop by for evening prayer at the charming little chapel on the campus (in kreyòl, "yon ti legliz"). The peace and silence of the chapel were so welcoming and needed, and the beautiful Haitian-carved crucifix above the altar reminded me of the sacrifice and service of our Lord.



Finishing my prayer in Kreyòl, Mèsi Bondye, Mèsi. I was able to rest peacefully for the evening, knowing I had done my best, and now I can trust in God and His ongoing Providence for HSC and the resilient, persevering Haitian people. **I am grateful for the continued relationship with our Haitian brothers and sisters. I extend my thanks to our entire Haiti Health Promise and Holy Name community for the opportunity to participate in healing collaborations.** ■

## Madam Joseph Claireteuse

### A Life of Faithful Service in the Shadows That Illuminate Hôpital Sacré Coeur

*By Alexis Abdel, Director of Human Resources*

**In every major healthcare institution, there are individuals whose discreet labor, often far from the spotlight, nonetheless forms the very backbone of the quality of care provided. Madam Joseph Claireteuse, affectionately known as Claire, belongs to this invaluable group of employees whose quiet dedication has lastingly shaped the credibility and human side of Hôpital Sacré Coeur. Her personal and professional journey powerfully shows the nobility of her work, the consistency of her effort, and her unwavering loyalty to a collective mission.**



Born in Milot into a modest, hardworking family deeply rooted in the values of dignity and perseverance, Claire grew up in an environment where a strong sense of duty and honesty was passed down as a cherished inheritance. As one of three siblings, she completed her entire schooling—from the first year of primary school to the second year of secondary school—at the Bon Berger College in her hometown. This academic journey, approached with seriousness and consistency, helped shape her disciplined, thoughtful character and her respect for established order.

Claire, the daughter of a former employee at Hôpital Sacré Coeur, developed a strong attachment to the hospital early on, almost seeing it as a second home. This bond was reinforced in March 1996 when she officially became a staff member at the Nutrition Center. In this role, she quickly stood out because of her dedication, energy, and strong sense of responsibility. Her hardworking attitude, combined with compassion and professionalism, played a significant part in ensuring the smooth running of nutritional activities, which are crucial for caring for vulnerable populations.

**Recognizing her qualities and potential, hospital management decided in January 2005 to grant her a transfer and promotion to the position of Steward of Housekeeping Staff.**

In this new role, Claire played a key part in organizing and supervising hospital hygiene, a fundamental pillar of patient and staff safety. She demonstrated remarkable organizational, coordination, and monitoring skills while fostering a climate of respect and collaboration within the teams.

Claire is the mother of a daughter—who was once a hospital scholarship recipient and a former nurse at the same institution—and has been married for over twenty-five years, marked by stability, patience, and balance. These family values naturally influence her professional practice, enhancing her moral credibility and benevolent authority.

**In August 2012, in recognition of her outstanding performance and continued dedication, she was promoted to Supervisor of Housekeeping Staff.** In this important role, she manages all activities related to linen laundering and hospital cleaning—functions that are often unnoticed but are vital for the hospital's smooth operation. With rare wisdom, exceptional patience, and a calm temperament, Claire effectively, carefully, passionately, and gently leads her team.

Fully aligned with the tradition of outstanding employees, Madam Joseph Claireteuse inspires trust and respect. Kind, honest, loyal, and deeply dedicated, she has the admiration of her supervisors, colleagues, and subordinates alike. Her daily actions perfectly reflect the mission and values upheld by Hôpital Sacré Coeur. **Ultimately, through her consistency, integrity, and strong sense of duty, Claire embodies a quiet strength at the heart of the hospital. Her journey demonstrates that the greatness of a healthcare organization depends not only on its clinical services but also equally on the dedication of the women and men working behind the scenes in support roles. Their exemplary efforts ensure, day after day, the dignity and quality of care.** ■

## HÔPITAL SACRÉ COEUR 2025 STATISTICS

Admissions	<b>7,201</b>	Newborn Deliveries	<b>2,290</b>
Outpatient Visits	<b>54,336</b>	Prescriptions Filled	<b>163,726</b>
Emergency Room Visits	<b>6,691</b>	Diagnostic Tests	<b>39,465</b>
Surgeries	<b>2,528</b>	Laboratory Tests	<b>183,366</b>

## TEEEM Partner: Moscow, Idaho Middle School Students Host "Haiti Night Fundraiser" for Hôpital Sacré Coeur

From October to December 2026, 20 passionate students met virtually with the Haiti Health Promise Team and HSC's Dr. Michele Paul-Hanna to learn about Haiti and Hôpital Sacré Coeur.

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**Over 100 people attended, and the endeavor raised \$1,286—an amount matched dollar for dollar by TEEEM.**

**TEEEM (The Empathy, Equality, Entrepreneurship Mission) is a New Jersey nonprofit that empowers students to become caring and impactful global citizens through empathy and social entrepreneurship by providing free resources to schools across the country and partnering them with non-profits like Haiti Health Promise of Holy Name.** ■



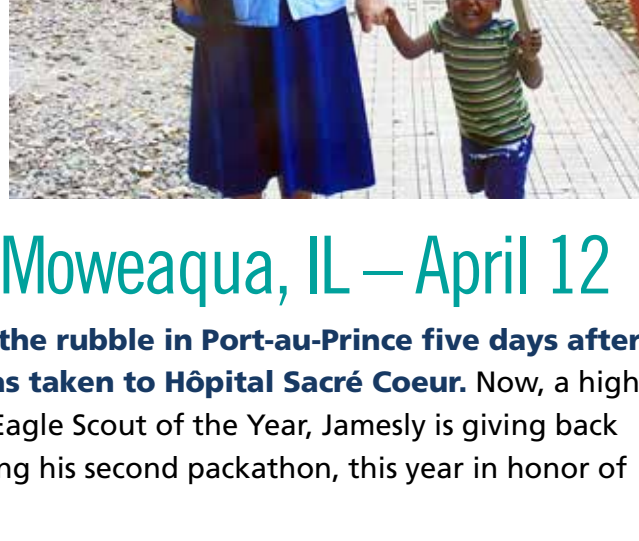
DATE	LOCATION	MEAL GOAL
April 12, 2026	Jamesly Jesse Packathon, Moweaqua, IL	50,000
April 29, 2026	Peace Ministries, Englewood Cliffs, NJ	30,000
May 08, 09, 2026	Church of the Presentation, Saddle River, NJ	50,000
May 15, 16, 2026	St. Joseph Parish, Needham, MA	150,000
August 22, 2026	St. Louis Packathon, St. Louis, MO	100,000
November 13, 14, 2026	St. Elizabeth's of Hungary Parish, Wyckoff, NJ	100,000
TBA	St. Joseph's Catholic School, Greensboro, SC	TBA
TBA	Washington, D.C. Packathon	100,000
TBA	San Diego Packathon	TBA



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To learn more about sponsoring a packathon, email HHP Executive Director, Dr. Joni Paterson at [jpaterson@holyname.org](mailto:jpaterson@holyname.org)

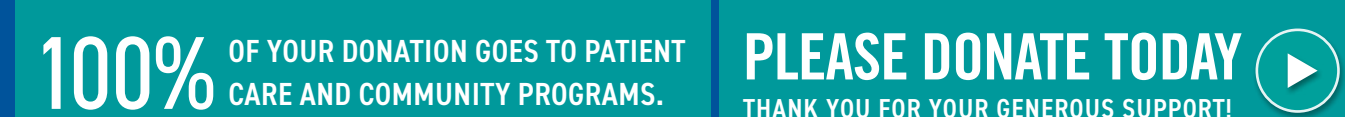


## Jamesly Jesse Packathon, Moweaqua, IL – April 12

**One-year-old Jamesly Jesse was rescued from the rubble in Port-au-Prince five days after the devastating 2010 Haiti earthquake and was taken to Hôpital Sacré Coeur.** Now, a high school senior in Moweaqua, Illinois, and the 2023 Eagle Scout of the Year, Jamesly is giving back to the Milot community that saved his life by hosting his second packathon, this year in honor of Sr. Ann Crawley. ■

▶ [CLICK HERE](#) to watch his astonishing story, "From Rescue to Gratitude."

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