



HSC Soccer Team. Mike Maron, Holy Name President & CEO (back row, 1st on right), Dr. David Butler, HHP Chair, (back row, 2nd on right) Dr. Harold Prével, CEO, HSC, (back row, 5th on right), Kyle Maron, volunteer, (second row, 3rd from the right)

Haitian and American Youth Unite to Benefit Hôpital Sacré Coeur

Speaking to youth around the world, Pope Leo XIV said, “You are the sign that a different world is possible: a world of fraternity and friendship where conflicts are not resolved by weapons but through dialogue.”

Haiti Health Promise witnessed the flowering of that possibility while working with students across the US. Through our new collaboration with the New Jersey nonprofit TEEEM (The Empathy, Equality, Entrepreneurship Mission), staff from Haiti Health Promise and Hôpital Sacré Coeur met monthly with middle and high school students from New Jersey and Idaho.

Thoughtful conversations revealed that Haitian youth share the same aspirations, interests, and emotional responses as their peers. **Ultimately, the only differences between American and Haitian youth are their location and circumstances.**

Recognizing Commonalities Leads to Empathy

Students in Moscow, Idaho, imagined what it might feel like to sit in a hospital bed: scared, lonely, uncertain

about the road ahead. Seeking ways to bring hope, they brainstormed creative approaches to offer comfort, such as writing cards and sending colorful scarves, socks, and picture books. Considering the bigger picture, the students crafted innovative strategies to garner support for critical medical supplies and personnel, ultimately holding two events that raised nearly \$4,000 — which TEEEM generously matched — for Hôpital Sacré Coeur.

Over in the Northeast, a group of eighth-grade students at Eric Smith Middle School in Ramsey,

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New Jersey, focused their efforts on Hôpital Sacré Coeur’s Pediatric Diabetes Program. As World Cup excitement highlighted a shared love of soccer in both the US and Haiti, the students learned that structured exercise is a critical component of diabetes management. After consulting with Hôpital Sacré Coeur’s Dr. Michele Hanna, their soccer coach, and a sports medicine expert, the students created a short instructional video, subtitled in Creole, featuring soccer drills tailored for patients. To ensure the children can practice what they see, a generous donor gifted 50 high-quality soccer balls.

On the Path to a Healthy Future

Haiti Health Promise of Holy Name does not believe postal codes should determine a child’s longevity. For 58 years, Hôpital Sacré Coeur has provided the clinical expertise and resources to keep children healthy and to motivate them to build a better future. **The road to a better Haiti is generational.** The resilience and resourcefulness of Haitian youth, paired with the global awareness and social entrepreneurial skills of young people in the US, instill strong confidence in the promise of a new generation of compassionate, civic-minded leaders whose future may replace conflict with compassionate dialogue and action.



Please join our young people in this exciting and impactful mission.

Donate today.

Mark your sacred commitment to a kinder, more loving future.

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

With our love and gratitude,

David G. Butler, MD
Chair, Haiti Health Promise of Holy Name

P.S. Your local school or alma mater can participate in the TEEEM curriculum to foster global awareness, empathy, and social entrepreneurship; please contact us at: HaitiHealthPromise@holynome.org.



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