

# La Promisse

## Hôpital Sacré Cœur Strengthens its Status as a Teaching Hospital

Teaching has been a core value at Hôpital Sacré Cœur (HSC) for decades. Now, with the signing of a Memoranda of Understanding with Partners in Health hospital in Mirebalais and a northern Haiti Baptist Hospital to accept their physician residents for training, HSC has elevated its educational standing.

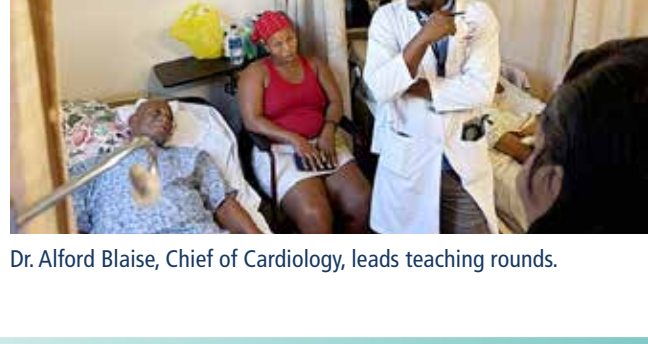
Residents rotate through hospital departments, advancing their knowledge and skills: skills that will, in the near future, heal patients across Haiti and save precious lives. ■



"Our nurses are our future." Sign by the simulation center, where much teaching happens.



Thirty-one nursing students have started their second year of training to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.



Dr. Alford Blaise, Chief of Cardiology, leads teaching rounds.



Dr. Yumilla Cordovi teaching Haitian radiology students. The next generation.

## Two Bili Lights Donated to NICU to Treat Jaundiced Infants.

**Thanks to the generosity of HHP Board Member and longtime HSC volunteer Dr. Michael Canarie, and David and Pam Canarie, two critically needed bili lights arrived at the Hôpital Sacré Cœur NICU, much to the staff's gratitude.**

A bili light is a specialized blue phototherapy lamp used to treat newborn jaundice by breaking down excess bilirubin in a baby's blood, allowing it to be naturally eliminated from the body. To treat the condition, the infant is placed bare-skinned under the light with the eyes protected. When blood tests show that bilirubin levels have returned to normal, treatment is complete.

**Thanks to the generosity of the Canarie family, many infants will be successfully treated and spared the consequences of severe afflictions and possible deformities.** ■



## Infant's Leg Saved by Skilled Orthopedic Surgeons at Hôpital Sacré Cœur

He was just three months old when his parents brought him to the orthopedic clinic at Hôpital Sacré Cœur (HSC) in Milot. His left leg showed a visible deformity caused by an amniotic band, a thin strand of fetal tissue that had wrapped around his tibia during pregnancy, interfering with the bone's normal growth. Amniotic bands form inside the amniotic sac and, in rare cases, can constrict a developing limb, leaving a bone deformity.

Given the severity of the infant's case, HSC's orthopedic team recommended surgical correction.

The procedure entailed a corrective osteotomy of the tibia to reposition it, then stabilizing it with hardware so it could heal. The amniotic band was then released. When the child returned for follow-up six weeks later, an X-ray showed healing and correction of the deformity. **The once at-risk leg resumed a normal growth path.**

**Thank You for Your Support of the Orthopedic Department at Hôpital Sacré Cœur.**

**Beyond its technical success, this case illustrates what access to specialized surgical care can mean for a child and family in northern Haiti. Left untreated, the deformity could have progressed as the child grew, permanently affecting his mobility.**

**Thanks to the expertise of the orthopedic team and the support that makes this care possible, this child will be able to grow up with a fully functional leg and the same chance as his peers to run, play, and thrive.** ■

## World Bank Donates Biofuel Incinerators, Reducing Reliance on Fossil Fuels

Through the Ministry of Public Health and Population, the World Bank provided Hôpital Sacré Cœur with two biofuel-powered incinerators to replace the older diesel-fueled unit. These thermal waste treatment centers reduce reliance on diesel fuel, process waste more efficiently, and safely destroy pathogens.

The first unit has been installed, and staff training began in July. Installation of the second unit is underway after weather-related delays. By agreement with the donors, the incinerator will also be available for community use. The former trash separation area has been safely demolished. ■



## St. Louis Packathon Reaches Six-Year Total of 611,080 Meals Packed

On August 22, more than 300 volunteers gathered in the gymnasium at Chaminade College Preparatory School in St. Louis, Missouri, and packed 100,300 meals in just over two hours. The enthusiastic participants completed their sixth Feed Milot Haiti Packathon in record time, bringing the six-year total to 611,080 meals.

Fox, NBC, and CBS local affiliates covered the event. As packathon chair, Dr. Bill Guyol said in a CBS interview, "It is life-saving for the families that receive these meals. One packet contains six meals, and for many of these families, that's all they will get for the day. ...It's a blessing for the families we serve."

**This was the sixth packathon organized by Dr. Guyol. His steadfast dedication extends far beyond hosting packathons.** Dr. Guyol has served on the Haiti Health Promise board of directors for nearly two decades, has led volunteer medical teams at Hôpital Sacré Cœur in Milot since 2006, has mentored HSC physicians, and has provided generous financial support. Haiti Health Promise and Hôpital Sacré Cœur are incredibly grateful for Dr. Guyol's outstanding leadership.

**Many thanks to the ever generous and committed St. Louis community! A special shout-out to the Knights of Malta, Notre Dame, and Chaminade families who have supported all six of the packathons!**

**We look forward to the St. Louis community's seventh packathon and to their steady march toward packing one million meals.** ■



HHP Board Member, Tom Schlafly; Holy Name Foundation President, Cathy Davey; and HHP Board Member and packathon host, Dr. William Guyol



## 2026 Packathon Results

| DATE                                       | LOCATION                                     | MEALS PACKED   |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 4/12/26                                    | Jamesly Jesse Packathon, Moweaqua, IL        | 50,160         |
| 4/29/26                                    | Peace Ministries, Englewood Cliffs, NJ       | 30,000         |
| 5/8-5/9/2026                               | Church of the Presentation, Saddle River, NJ | 50,840         |
| 5/15-16/2026                               | St. Joseph Parish, Needham, MA               | 164,880        |
| 8/22/2026                                  | St. Louis Packathon, St. Louis, MO           | 103,000        |
| <b>TOTAL MEALS PACKED IN 2026</b>          |                                              | <b>398,880</b> |
| Total Meals Packed Since Program Inception |                                              | 3,702,920      |
| Total Volunteers Since Program Inception   |                                              | 16,064         |
| Total Packathons Held                      |                                              | 49             |



St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 2025 Packathon

### NEXT 2026 PACKATHON

| DATE                  | LOCATION                                       | MEAL GOAL | REGISTER & DONATE            |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| November 13, 14, 2026 | St. Elizabeth's of Hungary Parish, Wyckoff, NJ | 100,000   | <a href="#">CLICK HERE ►</a> |



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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)



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