MISSION

The mission of HAS is to collaborate with the people of the Artibonite Valley as they strive to improve their health and quality of life.

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Dear Partners,

Hôpital Albert Schweitzer Haiti is a place of dreams.

You feel it as you walk beneath the majestic shade trees on campus, offering patients rare refuge from the Caribbean sun. You see it as you peer into the maternity ward at the faces of new mothers cradling babies who have overcome the first of many obstacles – surviving birth. You hear the dream in the voice of the nurses at one of HAS’ four community health centers, gushing about how much she loves serving the community in which she grew up.

In all these ways and more, the dream that inspired Dr. Larry and Mrs. Gwen Mellon to take up the medical profession and build a hospital serving some of the world’s poorest – is alive and shining brightly. And it is you, our donors, who have helped carry this dream on through the decades. Like our founders, you are visionaries, changemakers, do-gooders, people with big hearts and even bigger hopes of what Haiti can become – when its people are healthy and thriving.

In 2017 alone, your support enabled us to undertake a successful family planning initiative that reached almost 10,000 women, helping to mitigate the impact of the Zika virus. Thanks to you, we began offering mental health services, and finalized an ER expansion to extend life-saving care to a greater volume of patients.

You have invested in the dream – and helped us grow a highly effective healthcare network that is invaluable not only to the Artibonite Valley, but to all of Haiti.

Thank you for your generosity. Together, we can sustain this mission for many years to come.

Louis Martin
CEO

Julie Throckmorton
CDO

Dr. Bien-Aimé
Medical Director
Our patients are mothers like Jolina whose toddler is now gaining weight since receiving vitamins and Plumpy’Nut® from HAS. Children like Jude who can attend school pain-free, because his sickle cell anemia is being well-managed. Patients like Sandra, who was rushed to HAS in the middle of the night, with a swollen neck from diphtheria, who may have died without an emergency tracheotomy.

Like all of us, our patients want what’s best for their families. They want their newborns to grow into healthy children who have access to the best education and opportunities. As Jolina, one of our high-risk patients who gave birth at the hospital, said: “Tomorrow I hope that my daughter will be a strong pillar in her family and for everyone around her.”

Health is the foundation of our lives, and it is the foundation of a productive economy. Thanks to donors like you, we are lifting patients out of their struggle, putting brighter futures in Haiti within reach.

Our Patients: Inspiring Us Every Day
The Magic Behind the Mission

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OUR STAFF:
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525+ Employees

98% Haitian

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STAFF STORY

Miss Anne provides counseling and support services for patients who have been identified as HIV positive. In her role, she encourages these patients, many of whom are pregnant women, and ensures they make it to their first appointment with the HIV/AIDS service in nearby Verrettes. When speaking with patients who test positive, she does her best to make them understand that they will likely be able to live normal lives if they are diligent in taking their medicine. She loves to hear that an individual she has worked with is faithfully attending their appointments.
Although HAS has a wide network of care, consisting of community health centers, mobile clinics, and health posts, our 131-bed flagship hospital is the only facility in the Artibonite Valley able to treat the most complicated, high-risk cases. With diagnostic services, such as X-ray and laboratory testing, as well as surgical services, HAS is the only 24/7 option for emergency care in the region.

Your support has enabled us to meet accelerating patient demand – in 2017, our greatest number of patients yet received life-saving surgeries and delivered babies at the hospital.

**OUR IMPACT**

**Hospital Services**

- Days average length of stay: 4.6
- Occupancy rate: 139%
- Consultations per day in hospital outpatient clinics: 266
OUR IMPACT: Hospital Services

Surgery & Rehabilitation Services

HAS provides 24-hour surgical services, from minor procedures with local anesthesia to major procedures such as cesarean sections and orthopedic surgeries. Thirty percent of all surgical procedures are trauma-related.

HAS also provides complete rehabilitation services, including physiotherapy, in both the hospital and community health centers, making us one of the only health facilities in Haiti to treat patients with traumatic injuries from surgery to full recovery.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **1,949** patients admitted to surgery department
- **46%** pediatric patients
- **10,883** consultations in surgery outpatient clinic
- **1,607** hospital patients treated in the rehab clinic
- **376** new prosthetics and/or orthotics
**Adult Medicine**

We operate a comprehensive internal medicine and 24-hour observation unit (SOB). The internal medicine department treats a wide range of illnesses from infectious diseases like tuberculosis and typhoid, to chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. Patients who are seen in the hospital outpatient clinics who are deemed too sick to go home immediately, or who need additional tests to confirm diagnosis and treatment, are admitted to the SOB ward for monitoring. Thanks to USAID/ASHA funding, we completed the expansion and renovation of the SOB. This new space now accommodates a larger volume of patients, increasing our ability to provide life-saving care.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **830** patients admitted to the internal medicine ward
- **28,909** consultations in the internal medicine outpatient clinics
- **7%** increase in patients admitted to the 24-hour observation unit compared to 2016
High-Risk Obstetrics and Gynecology

Because of our integrated system of pre- and post-natal care, HAS is able to provide preventative and interventional healthcare for nearly 100 percent of women in the hospital’s service area. By making emergency obstetric and neonatal care available 24/7, including Cesarean sections for high-risk patients, HAS is significantly improving maternal and child health outcomes in the region.

HIGHLIGHTS

1,911 women admitted to the high-risk maternity unit
1,600 deliveries
39% Cesarean section

“"The population continues to grow and therefore the need for the hospital continues to be greater. We need to provide quality care and therefore we need to work on improving the efficiency of the institution, the number of staff providing care, and the amount of supplies available.”

– DR. JUDITHE NARCISSE
Chief of Internal Medicine

PATIENT STORY

Sheila came to HAS after spending many hours in painful labor at home. Thanks to an emergency Cesarean section, Sheila’s baby girl, Genitha, was born in perfect condition. Sheila, however, experienced many complications following the delivery, due to her delay in seeking care. She spent a month in the hospital and required two follow-up surgeries. Now at home, she brings Genitha in for monthly check ups with HAS’ pediatricians.

“I don’t have words to express the quality of care that I received here – the doctors were always there for me, gave me kind words and advice, kept my morale up. The whole maternity team was there for me throughout my time in the hospital.”

Photo by Mamen Saura
Continuing Challenges: Overcrowding in the Hospital

Our patient volume keeps growing – and nowhere is that more visible than in our maternity ward. Since 2012, hospital deliveries have increased by 75%. Historically, the hospital specialized in cases of high-risk pregnancies; however, through our public health outreach, more and more women are recognizing the advantages of delivering at healthcare facilities with skilled clinicians.

HAS has begun working on a strategy to address overcrowding and the continued increase in demand for quality maternal health services. Plans are being made for the renovation of an existing space to create a free-standing birth center on the HAS campus so women with low-risk births have a designated space in which to give birth, that is not only staffed with midwives, but provides immediate access to emergency services should complications arise.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

We are grateful to the Schweizer Partnerschaft Hôpital Albert Schweitzer Haiti (SPHASH) for their ongoing leadership and financing of our Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery Departments, as well as our Social Services program. In addition to ensuring HAS is able to provide quality pediatric care, SPHASH has enabled HAS to transition its power system from one fully reliant on generators to an integrated hybrid network that combines solar and generator power sources.
Over half of the available inpatient beds at HAS are reserved for children – for pediatric surgery, general pediatrics, nutritional rehabilitation, pediatric isolation, and neonatal intensive care. The children who are admitted to the hospital for care often suffer from serious, even life-threatening, health conditions, including severe acute malnutrition, infectious illnesses such as diarrheal diseases and upper respiratory infections, and injuries or conditions that require surgery and rehabilitation.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **2,621** admitted to general pediatrics
- **12,959** consultations in general pediatric and pediatric surgery outpatient clinics
- **13%** increase in newborns admitted to the neonatal ICU compared to 2016

**PATIENT STORY**

“He loves to play and laugh with other children,” Johnley’s mother says smiling as the boy chases a ball. Due to delivery complications, Johnley started life with brain abnormalities. In a resource-challenged setting, families often struggle to provide care for children who need additional assistance, but the combination of his mother’s perseverance and HAS’ quality physical therapy program gave the family an opportunity to make significant strides. At the age of one, he was not able to sit or crawl. Today at 2.5 years old, Johnley can not only do both, but can also walk and run.
Too often in Haiti, mountains of obstacles stand in the way of wellbeing, with extreme poverty and poor sanitation the greatest among them. With your support, we are helping to eliminate these barriers: providing clean drinking water through the drilling of new wells, administering vaccinations and malnutrition screenings to children, and educating women on family planning.

HAS’ community-based programs are aimed at strengthening individual households, to break the cycle of conditions like cholera, malnutrition, and vaccine-preventable diseases. Our four community health centers and numerous mobile clinics ensure that the 350,000 people living in the Artibonite Valley and the remote mountainous communities surrounding it have access to vital primary care and preventative health education.
Zika Response

Thanks to the generosity of Family Planning 2020 and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, HAS launched a comprehensive Zika Surveillance and Family Planning program in 2017, building on community outreach that began in 2016. The program focused on reducing the impact of the Zika virus through intensive community education and family planning. Project activities included 8 week-long family planning campaigns where community health nurses provided education and contraceptive services at 20 fixed locations throughout our service area; local radio stations aired a Zika prevention song to raise awareness; and HAS’ 49 community health workers went door to door talking with community members about the Zika virus.

THE PROJECT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS:

300 traditional birth attendants (matrones), 49 community health workers, and 100+ community health clinical staff received Zika education

100 community health clinical staff, 49 community health workers, and 100 community leaders received basic disease surveillance training to better track suspected Zika cases at the community level

49 community health workers and 200 community health assistants held community awareness events as part of the 8 week-long family planning campaigns

11,816 people reached through Zika education

2,615 women and adolescent girls received contraceptives, 43% of whom chose long-acting reversible methods of contraceptives (IUD or implant)
Maternal and Children’s Services

Our community health program supports some of the most vulnerable members of our community – women and children. In youth clubs, adolescents come together to talk about reproductive health and family planning, learning how to take ownership of their choices. Women receive pre-and postnatal consultations, including information on important pregnancy milestones and possible complications. Infants and children, who are especially affected by food shortages, get nutrition screenings, vitamins, immunizations, and deworming medication.

MATERNAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

14,305 prenatal conslts at either the health centers or mobile clinics
1,090 home births, all of which were assisted by HAS-trained birth attendants (matrones)
2,071 postnatal consultations at the health centers
23,870 family planning/reproductive health consultations
1,138 lactating women received the recommended postnatal dose of Vitamin A

CHILDREN’S SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

29,038 general pediatric consultations at the health centers
1,454 children under one year of age received all of the Ministry of Health required vaccinations
9,000 children 5 and under screened monthly for malnutrition
24,740 doses of Vitamin A were given to children between 6 months and 6 years
10,487 doses of deworming medication were distributed to children with diarrhea

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

We are grateful to the Canadian Friends of Hôpital Albert Schweitzer Haiti (CFHAS) for their support of maternal and child health services. Since its inception, CFHAS has raised over $1,000,000 for the hospital and organizes visiting work teams.
Renee Bergner and her late husband, Arthur, were fortunate to work alongside Dr. and Mrs. Mellon in the hospital’s early days. During their first visit, Arthur helped Dr. Mellon lay pipes to run water from mountain springs to village fountains. Renee saw patients as Mrs. Mellon stood by her side as her interpreter. The couple worked at HAS annually for many years in internal medicine and in pediatrics.

Renee has contributed significantly beyond her hospital service – she and Arthur founded the HAS Alumni Association in 1981, and she served on the HAS Board of Directors for 22 years.

“HAS delivers very good health care under some very difficult circumstances and was a pioneer in both community health and community development. HAS is unique in its commitment to equity in healthcare in its service area. Most importantly, it sets a powerful example of ethics and how a diverse group of people is able to join together in harmony to serve humanity.”
**Water and Sanitation**

Water is a life-giving resource, but it is not readily available in Haiti. Many Haitians suffer from debilitating water-borne diseases, such as typhoid, cholera, and other intestinal infections. HAS’ Wells & Water program combats these diseases by increasing access to potable water and improved sanitation facilities, as well as providing education to improve sanitation and hygiene practices.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **17,068** people reached with water and sanitation education
- **10** new wells drilled and 14 existing wells repaired
- **1** natural water source capped, protecting it from contamination and ensuring households have access to clean water
- **3** latrine blocks constructed for local schools or community health centers
- **100** household biosand filters constructed and installed
- **2** new community rainwater harvesting cisterns were constructed, 3 cisterns were repaired, increasing access to water in communities where drilling wells is not feasible

**COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

Even the youngest in our community are public health advocates. As a member of the WASH Committee for the Bloc Sanitaire at his school, sixth-grader Denis has an important responsibility: he helps maintain the bathroom and handwashing station and models good hygiene practices to his peers. When he’s not in school, he likes to play soccer and teach his friends about the importance of handwashing to prevent people from getting sick.
Agroforestry

The Haiti Timber Reintroduction Program (HTRIP), an agroforestry program supported by Haiti Friends, teaches farmers in the Artibonite how to sustainably produce and harvest timber. During a 10-month intensive program, farmers learn proper techniques for growing and tending trees, improving water retention in soil, and overall land conservation practices. In a country that has been stripped of its forest canopy – with only 2% of the original forest remaining – HTRIP is helping communities to not only restore their land to productivity, but improve the quality of their lives. To date, we have planted over 2 million trees.

HIGHLIGHTS

451 farmers successfully completed the training program
100,886 tree seedlings

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Cathey Falvo was met with a shock when she arrived at HAS for the first time in 1985. “In one day, the hospital treated more patients than my busy neighborhood health center in Ossining, New York managed in one week.”

Over the course of a few decades, Cathey has returned to work there a dozen times. What draws her back again and again is the opportunity to learn about infectious diseases rarely seen in the US. She admires HAS’ ability to efficiently and effectively care for large numbers of patients, despite limited resources. Equally important, she says, is the focus on basic preventative medicine and public health to make sure the community is as healthy as possible.
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Per audited statements for the year ending December 31, 2017.

Annual Operating Expenses

- Program Services: 81%
- Fundraising & Outreach: 10%
- Other (Depreciation): 5%
- Administration: 4%

Funding Sources

- Contributions: 73%
- Patient & Pharmacy Fees: 6%
- Donated Goods & Services: 2%
- Investment Income: 16%
- Other: 3%
Guided by the principle of “reverence for life,” we believe all people, regardless of their economic status, deserve compassionate, high-quality healthcare. We are grateful to you for embracing the spirit of Albert Schweitzer and for walking alongside Haitians in their journey to optimal health.

Just as much as we are inspired by the strength of the Haitian people, we are energized by the steadfast generosity of our donors – that extends far beyond international borders right to the mountainous heart of Haiti, and to a single, life-giving hospital.

Help us to continue to make a difference in the lives of our patients. Please visit our online giving portal hashaiti.org/donate or send in the enclosed donor reply envelope today. If you would like to learn more about how to leverage planned giving to make your most meaningful gift to HAS, please contact Miriam Perez-Putnam at miriam@hashaiti.org.

"The majority of people who come to HAS do not have the ability to pay for care. If HAS were not here, you would see a great quantity of people who would have died already. When you support HAS, you are supporting these people, the people who are [disadvantaged]."

– JOVIN MARCKENSLEY
Nurse in Emergency Triage and Observation Room