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Letter from Leadership

2018 was a year of countless patient triumphs. It was also a year in which we laid the groundwork for transformation at the hospital. We must evolve to meet the demands of the growing community we serve, keeping compassionate care at our center. As we implement changes this year, your unwavering commitment to the wellbeing of our patients keeps our momentum strong.

This report is a celebration of the work that you contributed to in 2018. In the pages that follow, you will meet some of the people who benefited from your generosity last year. They are mothers and children who received the priceless gift of health. They survived childbirth, recovered from life-threatening illnesses, and rebounded from surgeries – because a hospital with top-notch patient care was there to support them – and you were too.

As women continue to be at the heart of our mission, in 2018 we launched a cervical cancer screening program and began providing hemoglobin testing for pregnant women at our community health centers. These programs reinforce our commitment to ensuring that women and all of the children who depend on them have the greatest chance at enjoying long, healthy lives.

We hope that you will join us as we forge ahead this year with renewed determination to create a healthy future for all Haitians.

John Walton
Board Chair

Jean Marc deMatteis
Chief Executive Officer

Julie Throckmorton
Chief Development Officer
Maternal Health

Cherline, a Deschapelles native and coordinator of HAS’ community health center in Bastien, always knew she wanted to have two children. However, the road to becoming a mother was a heart wrenching one. Prior to the birth of her first son, Cherline miscarried six babies. She recalls them all: girl, boy, twin boys, and twins (boy and girl).

In all of these instances, Cherline lost her babies as a result of a medical condition known as cervical insufficiency. When Cherline became pregnant with Emmanuel, one of HAS’ OBGYNs sewed Cherline’s cervix closed to help keep the baby in the womb. Concerned that the baby would not make it to term, her doctor ordered Cherline on 3 months of bedrest. She ate, bathed, and slept in one spot on the floor, with the hopes that minimal movement would preserve the life of her baby.

At 32 weeks, a horrible headache forced her to go to the hospital. Her blood pressure was too high for her to continue to carry the baby.

Emmanuel was born via cesarean at HAS. While Cherline recovered quickly, little Emmanuel was struggling to stay alive. Weighing 3.3 lbs, he spent 29 days in the neonatal ward, fighting hyperthermia and hypoglycemia.

“I was miserable,” she says. “I asked God, will this one die too?”

Because she is a nurse, she wanted to care for her son at home. The first time she returned for a check-up, Emmanuel weighed 7.7 lbs. The hospital staff rejoiced. She continued to take him to appointments in pediatrics with Dr. Toussaint.

“The hospital was there with me through all of this. My doctors were available to me around the clock.”

Today, Emmanuel is in the first grade. He likes watching cartoons and playing football. He and his younger sister, Princess, go to school on HAS’ campus – L’ecole Flamoyant. Cherline had been on bedrest for Princess, as well, and delivered a healthy baby girl via cesarean section at HAS.

The healthcare you make possible brings healing and hope to countless Haitian women, setting them up for success as mothers and providers.
In **Haiti**, women face giant health barriers

**Cervical cancer** is the #2 cause of cancer death

- **HAITI**: 4x higher than the Dominican Republic
- 50x higher than the U.S.

**Highest maternal mortality rate in Western Hemisphere**

- 1 in 90 lifetime risk of maternal death
- 1 in 400
- 1 in 3,800

**Together, we’re saving women’s lives**

**New Cervical Cancer Screening Program**

In 2018:

- **1,000+ women screened**
- **130+ women treated**

**2019 GOAL:**

- **120 screenings per month**

**24/7 Preventative & Obstetric Care**

- **2,150** women admitted to the high-risk maternity unit in the hospital
- **1,393** births at home assisted by a traditional birth attendant

**Family Planning**

- **21,395** family planning / reproductive health consultations
- **12,839** consultations with pregnant women
- **1,829** births in hospital
- **619** cesarean sections

At HAS, two of our priorities are to expand understanding of reproductive rights and to provide access to quality reproductive education and health services. In 2018, we are proud to report that we had 7,789 family planning users and 998 new users in total.
Pediatrics

Seven-year-old Thansly is full of life and spunk. He loves to bike around his neighborhood in Petite Rivière de l’Artibonite where he lives with his Aunt Thelia. He also loves going to school and says his favorite subject is math.

Thalia has been happily caring for Thansly ever since his mother immigrated to Chile to find work. Recently, Thansly became very sick. His whole body was swollen and achy. Thelia took Thansly to the Deschapelles dispensary where they prescribed him medicine. When his health didn’t improve, Thelia carried Thansly to the hospital, as he was too weak to walk on his own.

HAS’ pediatrics team diagnosed Thansly with a kidney problem, called glomerulonephritis, and began administering him a careful balance of medications.

“Our hearts are happy because our little Thansly is healthy again! I want to say thank you—to everyone who gives support to the hospital. It would have been a great, great loss for me to lose Thansly. I was crying a lot. The staff here has put a smile on my face again because I see my child is okay.”
Prevention

- 40,300 pediatric consultations at the community health centers and mobile clinics
- 104,013 malnutrition screenings
- 24,554 immunizations
- 21,161 doses of Vitamin A

Treatment

- 2,499 admissions to general pediatrics
- 931 children admitted to the pediatric surgery ward
- 186 children admitted to the malnutrition ward
- 733 newborns admitted to the neonatal ICU
On Easter Sunday, Lucien, 48, awoke with a horrible pain in his abdomen. His family took him to the hospital where he was consulted in HAS’ 24/7 triage room.

An internist diagnosed Lucien with mesenteric ischemia, a condition in which the blood flow is restricted to the small intestine. There is an 80% death rate for the acute version of this disease. Because HAS has a 24/7 on-call surgery staff, the team was able to get Lucien into the operating room quickly and perform the necessary surgeries to remove the parts of the intestine that no longer functioned and connect the remaining organs. Lucien was further treated with intravenous fluids and monitored carefully with laboratory tests.

Dr. Charles, his surgeon, says that every time he sees Lucien for follow-up appointments he is proud of the work he and the team did to keep this man alive.

Lucien’s family is also happy with the outcome. “Without the doctors, he would not have lived,” says Lucien’s sister. “The doctors and nurses are very good. Without them, he wouldn’t be here. They really take care of him. It’s important for the hospital to continue to give people healthcare—because we would have many people who would not find solutions without it.”

HAS’ surgery team performed 3,489 surgical procedures in 2018. We are grateful to you for helping to ensure that patients in the Artibonite Valley have access to safe, effective surgeries.
Delivering **Lifesaving Support**

**Internal Medicine**
- 892 patients were admitted to the internal medicine ward
- 32,451 consultations in the internal medicine outpatient clinics

**Surgery**
- 2,054 patients were admitted to the surgery department
- 45% of whom were pediatric patients
- 11,350 consultations in the surgery outpatient clinic

**Rehabilitation**
- 1,360 were treated in the rehab clinic
  - 10% stroke
  - 90% surgery
- 387 new prosthetics and/or orthotics
Community Health

Saintana’s home is filled with the sound of children’s laughter. She has two kids of her own, but over the years she has raised dozens of children whose mothers were unable to care for them. Currently, seven children live with her, ranging in age from one to eighteen years old.

“The love for children is deep in my heart. I love raising them, playing with them, feeding them, and bathing them.”

Worry can be inescapable as a mother, but a recent gift from HAS helps to ease Saintana’s mind. She and her family were lucky recipients of an HAS biosand filter.

“The filter helps us save money—I never have to buy water for our kids living here. And they are very rarely sick!”

She and her husband, Phillipe, who runs a nearby school, host an HAS mobile clinic regularly at their home. On the rare occasion that one of her children does need more serious medical care, she takes them to the hospital in Deschapelles.

Thanks to the support of donors like you, 140 families received biosand filters for their homes last year, providing a source of safe drinking water.

Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation

HAS’ water system currently produces and treats approximately 52,000 gallons/day, supplying water to both the hospital and the surrounding community. However, the system is over 60 years old and needs a major overhaul to secure the hospital’s future water supply. In 2018, HAS completed the planning stage of the Water System Renewal Project. In 2019, we are drilling and rehabilitating groundwater wells and repairing existing water system components with financial support from an anonymous donor and the Hummingbird Foundation.
COMMUNITY HEALTH

Providing for the Community

Increased Access to Clean Water

9 new wells = 140 household biosand filters
9 clean water for communities = drinking water for households 100

2 new community rainwater harvesting cisterns
1 repaired rainwater harvesting cistern
1 natural water source capped

Improved Hygiene and Sanitation

50,961 people reached with water and sanitation education

4 latrine blocks constructed for local schools or community health centers

Improved Farming and Forestry

500 farmers trained in sustainably growing and harvesting trees
244 women
256 men
218,329 tree seedlings planted
Celebrating Our Supporters

Thank you for the impactful gift you gave in 2018. HAS would not be the hospital and economic engine it is without you. You power our mission. You save lives.

1,884 total gifts  1,341 total donors  123 first-time donors  $1,903 average gift  $100 most common gift  $13,953 raised from recurring gifts

“My continuing support of HAS is to honor the memory of my husband, Wally Rogers MD 1939-2009, whom I believe worked for short periods in 3 different years at HAS in the 1970s and early 80s. He was a humble and highly qualified and respected pathologist who specialized in tropical medicine. He used his vacations from his regular job to travel to volunteer in hospitals where he thought his expertise would be useful. Albert Schweitzer was an inspiration to him...We believe the work HAS does is critical. HAS is named in my will.”

– Delight Gartlein
New Zealand

“The Glendorn Foundation, after thorough discussion, prompted by a long-standing Trustee, decided it would help fund the hemoglobin testing project. The Trustee’s spouse has a deep respect and love for the Haitian people and wants them to witness victories in their lives. This project will certainly aid in realizing that goal. HAS has been very responsive to us in answering questions regarding the use of grant monies. Their answers have been frank, timely, and to the point. We believe their mission is important and worthy of the Foundation’s support.”

– James L Smith
The Glendorn Foundation
A Special Thank You to Our Partners

We are fortunate to have many amazing partners, including Schweizer Partnerschaft Hôpital Albert Schweitzer Haiti (SPHASH) and Canadian Friends of Hôpital Albert Schweitzer Haiti (CFHAS).

**SPHASH** actively supports the hospital’s most important core programs, including pediatrics, surgery, and the microbiology lab. The dedicated group of Swiss volunteers drove our solar energy project.

**CFHAS’** ongoing support of maternal and child health services ensures that mothers and children in the Artibonite Valley have the support they need to be healthy.

Thank you to all of our partners who are working tirelessly to improve health outcomes in Haiti. It is only through committed partnership that we can make the greatest strides in public health.
Statement of Financial Position
Year ended December 31, 2018

ASSETS

Current Assets
Cash 1,067,000
Accounts and Contributions Receivable 119,000
Inventories 1,313,000
Prepaid Expenses and Deposits 17,000
Investment, At Fair Value 7,658,000
Property and Equipment, Net 3,713,000

TOTAL ASSETS 13,887,000

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses 563,000
Deferred Revenue 25,000
Accrued Pension Liability 54,000

Total Liabilities 642,000

Net Assets
Without Donor Restriction 9,512,000
With Donor Restriction 3,733,000

Total Net Assets 13,245,000

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS 13,887,000
Join us in keeping quality 24/7 healthcare available to individuals and families in Haiti’s Artibonite Valley by making a tax-deductible donation today.

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USA

Give by Wire Transfer:
Please contact us at 412-361-5200 to transfer funds electronically or to transfer an appreciated security.

“When you find a dollar for us, this dollar is invested in a life. While you may not directly see the work you are doing, you are making it possible. I wish I could thank you all directly because with what you are giving you are helping so many people and without it we would lose a lot of people.”

– Violine Examor
Prenatal Nurse at the Deschapelles Health Center
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“It’s important that everyone alive has the assurance that someone cares. That’s why we are here.”

- Dr. Larry Mellon, Founder