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2020 Annual Impact Report



a letter from the director

Dear friends of CHM,

As we all know, 2020 was a year of new challenges and opportunities for all of us. Although Haiti did not report high numbers of COVID disease and deaths, that is not to say her challenges were not extreme; continued political unrest, an economy near collapse, and the highest levels of food insecurity in years have hit our neighborhood of Carrefour very hard. We have people come to us daily asking if we can help them feed their families.

We have been blessed with a very committed and competent medical and support staff and they have refused to close the clinic even when they have to dodge bullets, fires, and flying rocks on their way to work. There have been many nights when we have had to open an additional inpatient care room to care for all of the malnourished and sick children in addition to the premature and sick newborns.

Over 400 of you gave of your financial resources to provide care for 5,231 patients in 2020! Thank you!! Many more have prayed, volunteered and encouraged us. We love passing on the wonderful things you say to our staff in Haiti!

We now have 26 Haitian staff who run ALL of the day-to-day operations of the clinic. They have truly taken ownership of this ministry!! Our staff is made up of diverse yet passionate individuals who have come together to create something beautiful.

We thank God for all the ways He has blessed the work of the ministry. We know this work is from His hand and direction. We continue to depend upon Him for direction, protection, and provision, nor could we do it without all of you who give, pray and encourage us all. You have saved the lives of countless babies and children this year. We have no words for our gratitude that you have chosen to take this journey with us.

Please continue to pray for Haiti and all of her challenges in 2021, and may your year be blessed as well.

Mickey McRoberts, Executive Director & Co-Founder



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children's health ministries' mission

Did you know 4 of 5 infant and child deaths in Haiti are preventable?

Children's Health Ministries' mission is to eliminate preventable infant and child deaths that are caused by malnutrition and lack of access to basic healthcare.



To accomplish this mission Children's Health Ministries is committed to investing in Haitians serving fellow Haitians: we are equipping and empowering Haitian doctors, nurses, and other hard-working individuals to deliver dignified and compassionate healthcare and nutrition services to patients and families in Carrefour, one of the poorest communities in all of Haiti.

Political instability continues:

- President Jovenel Moïse ruled by decree (without a parliament)
- Significant increase in gang activity and violent inter-gang conflict
- ➤ Kidnappings for ransom occurred as often as once per day, usually of physicians, wealthy businessmen, and Haitian diaspora



an update on Haiti and Carrefour

Gang activity in Carrefour:

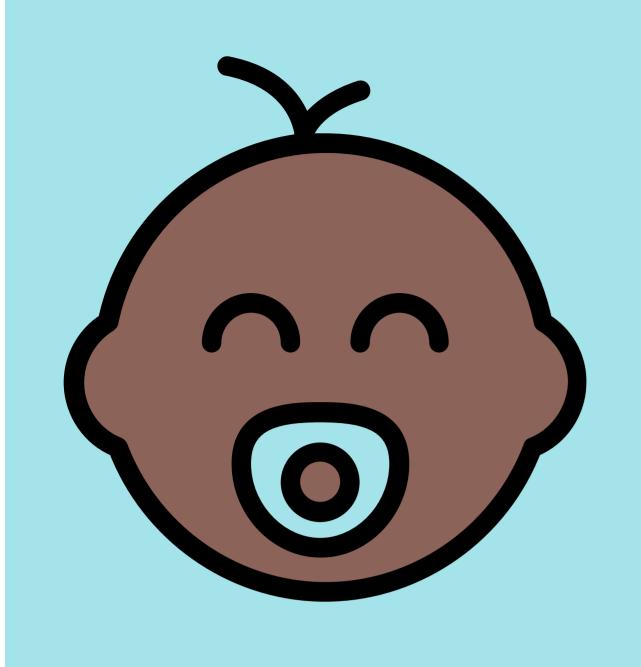
- ➤ Counter-gang efforts by police are pushing more gang members out of Port au Prince and into outlying urban areas like Carrefour
- A significant number of gang members now live near the CHM clinic and in the surrounding areas
- ▶ God has kept the clinic safe!



Coronavirus Pandemic & the Economy:

- The pandemic led to massive loss of employment, both among Haitian nationals and the Haitian diaspora. The diaspora sends an average \$2 billion into Haiti each year, but in 2020 it was significantly less.
- The Haitian government artificially devalued the US dollar in an attempt to salvage the value of the Haitian gourde, causing a nearly 50% decrease in buying power of the US dollar
- Prices of food and other imported goods have nearly doubled
- Many businesses and NGOs closed due to financial complications of sudden devaluing of the US dollar, including a 30% reduction in staff at Haiti's only pediatric hospital, which is funded in US dollars but pays employees in Haitian gourdes

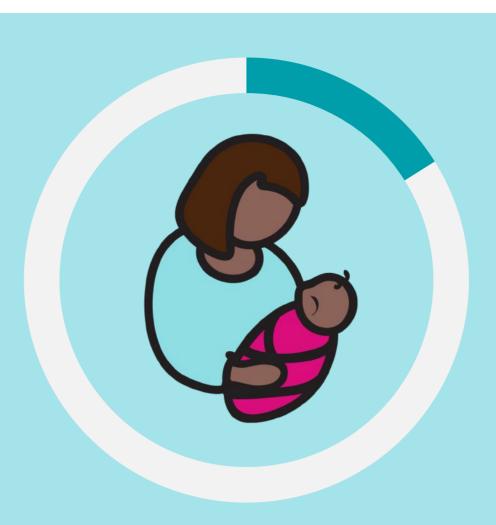
2020 results at a glance



5,302

newborns, infants, children, and women received care because of your support, and HUNDREDS

of lives were saved!



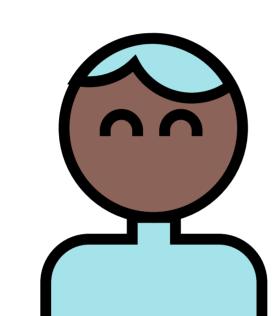
16% increase

Even in an incredibly difficult year, you made sure we could respond to the increased need in Haiti and see 16% more patients!



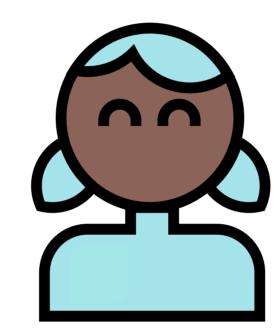
154 newborns

treated in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit



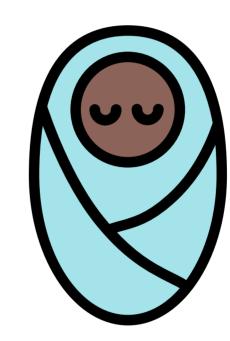
211 children

treated in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit



234 children

treated for moderate to severe malnutrition



120 babies

provided with infant formula



3,670 cans

of infant formula distributed



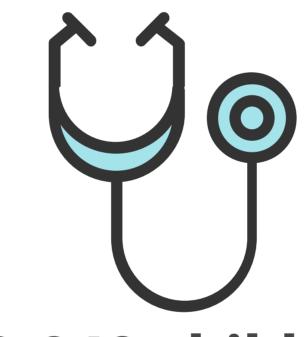
116 families

provided with nutritional support



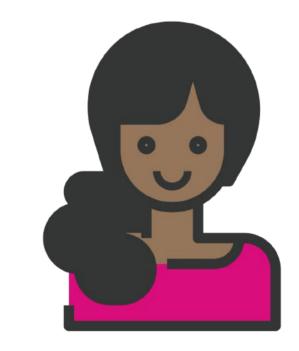
30,312 packages

of nutritious FMSC MannaPack Rice Meals



3,842 children

treated in the pediatric primary care clinic



321 women

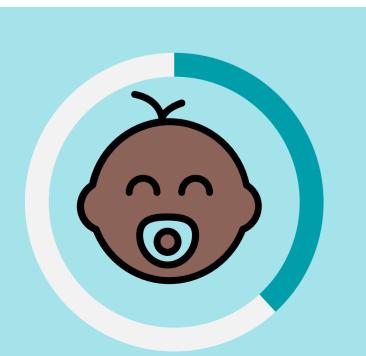
provided with family planning



26 Haitians

employed (with 6 new positions in 2020)

program growth from 2019 to 2020



38%↑ **Malnutrition Program**



70%↑ **Neonatal Intensive Pediatric Intensive**

Care Unit



12%↑

Care Unit



81%↑

Primary Care Pediatric Clinic



43%↑

Infant Formula Program



16%↑

Family Nutritional Support Program



30%↑

Children's Health Ministries Staff



Two in 5 Haitian children are malnourished and 1 in 14 will die of malnutrition-related causes before their 5th birthday.

Your partnership this year provided high quality malnutrition treatment and prevention measures to prevent needless illness and death due to undernutrition.

Malnutrition treatment is where Mickey and Liz started over 8 years ago, and our entire team remains committed to the idea that **children should not be starving to death** in this advanced day and age! CHM's malnutrition treatment program provides children with the gold-standard in malnutrition treatment products and the most up-to-date treatment protocols from research around the world, all while emphasizing education and parental involvement that will help ensure children remain healthy after treatment.

Providing nutrition education and malnutrition screening in the communities surrounding our clinic has been made more difficult by the influx of gangs in our community but we remain passionate about doing as much as possible to prevent children from ever succumbing to malnutrition.

malnutrition prevention measures

nutrition education

provided to all patient families

breastfeeding education & support

provided to all pregnant & new mothers

community outreach

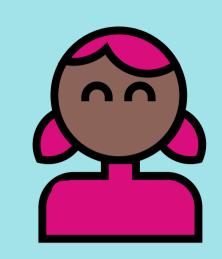
sharing about the causes & signs of malnutrition

intestinal parasite prevention

provided to all qualifying children

Childre

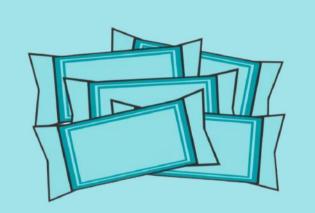
111 children
treated for moderate
malnutrition



133 children treated for severe acute malnutrition



treatment rate
of malnourished children



13,440 packets

of Medika Mamba used (ready-to-use therapeutic food formulated to treat malnutrition)



44 cans of therapeutic milk used (F-75 & F-100)

clean water education

free treatment products to all families

neonatal intensive care unit

There are only 25 quality NICU beds in Haiti's capital city, meaning 9 out of 10 premature or critically-ill newborns born in Haiti do not have access to a hospital bed.

Your support this year kept the doors open to the ONLY free neonatal care center in the Port au Prince area!

newborn newborns babies referred treated in from other the NICU hospitals

115

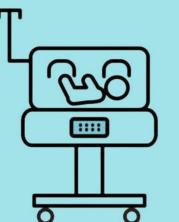


lives saved patient deaths* by NICU care (17 premature, 14 full-term)

full-term infants treated for critical illness



patients left against medical advice



premature infants treated in the NICU



patients referred to other hospitals

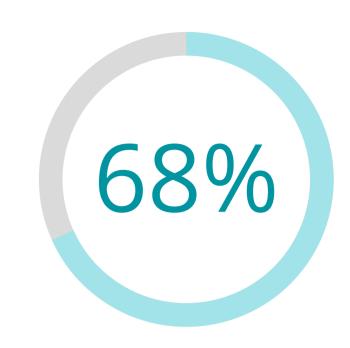


28.5 weeks average gestational age of preemies in our NICU



patients were deceased upon arrival

75% successful discharges



in the NICU

successful discharges of premature infants



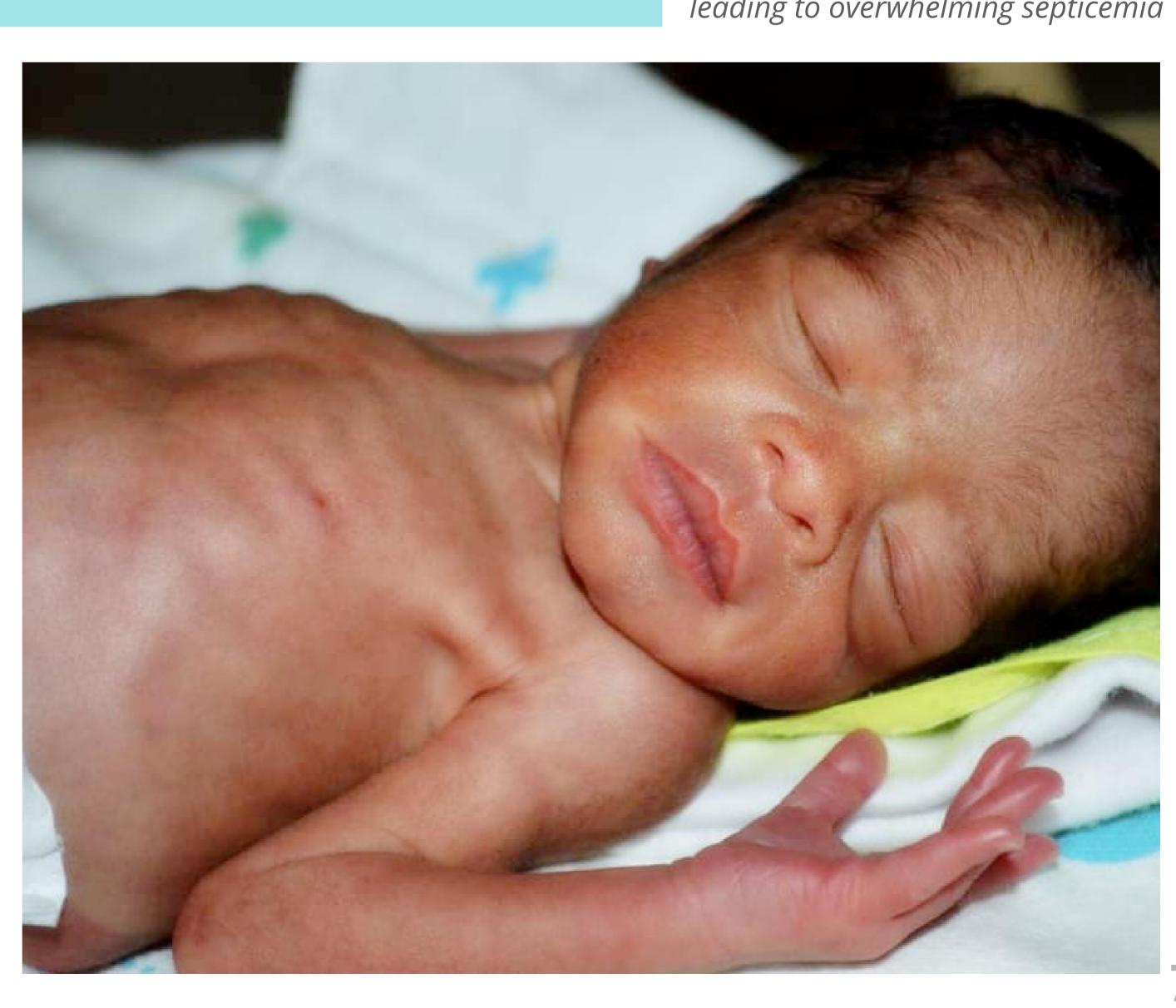
successful discharges of critically ill full-term infants

*A note on patient deaths:

The majority of patient deaths in the NICU were due to complications of an extremely premature birth or delayed treatment of infection after a home birth or due to medical negligence in other facilities, leading to overwhelming septicemia

This was our first full year utilizing the remodeled shipping container you helped us purchase in 2019 and it made a world of difference, ensuring we could safely and successfully treat our most fragile patients premature babies! We also added two incubators to keep those tiny babies warm.

Due to insufficient staffing and supplies in nearly all area hospitals and the economic hardship faced by all of Haiti, our free and well-equipped NICU has become a referral site for many other medical facilities: this year we received newborn patients from over 10 different health centers! Our pediatrician believes it would have been many more but for the violent gang confrontations often taking place on the road between Carrefour and Port au Prince.



Left: Beverly hours after her birth at 27 weeks gestation, 2 pounds 5 ounces

Right: Beverly at 4 months old, 10 pounds 8 ounces



Beverly's Story

Baby Beverly was born 13 weeks too early, weighing just 2 pounds. Her body temperature at admission was more than 7 degrees below normal (91.4!) and her blood sugar was dangerously low.



Beverly's mother told us later that she was sure in that moment that her daughter was going to die - there was no way that she could be that tiny, lifeless, and cold and still survive.

Beverly not only survived, but thrived, and after 33 days in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Lozana and Beverly went home! Beverly was still tiny, weighing just 3 pounds 7 ounces, but she was so much healthier and stronger!

Lozana continues to breastfeed Beverly and they are doing very well!

"You gave me my daughter back that I thought I had lost. After thanking God, I will never stop saying thank you to you for that."

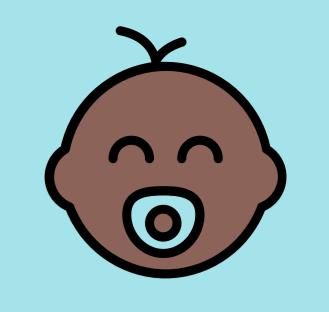
- Lozana, Beverly's mother

infant formula program

Food scarcity this year in Haiti led to more malnourished mothers who were physically unable to produce enough milk to feed their babies. Babies without access to infant formula or breastmilk are given mashed crackers in water or flour-based porridge, all but ensuring they will be malnourished from an incredibly early age.

Your partnership providing at-risk babies with proper nutrition this year restored life to the eyes of weak and undernourished babies and gave HOPE to families with nowhere else to turn.

Your support of this program has been crucial to saving lives this year. Nearly half of our formula supply this year was donated by a dear friend of CHM who collected unneeded formula samples and shipped them to Haiti. **Thank you, Jamie!!** The additional 3,000+ cans of formula were purchased in Haiti. Like nearly all food commodities, the price of infant formula in Haiti has increased dramatically over the past six months, and this program will be one of the most difficult to sustain financially in 2021.

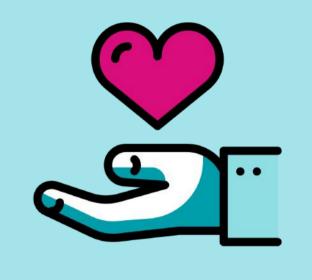


120

babies provided with infant formula



7,460
cans of infant
formula distributed



3,670

cans of infant formula **donated**

Providing pregnant and new mothers breastfeeding education and support is an essential component to preventing malnutrition in impoverished communities. It is an uphill battle, however, as many Haitian beliefs and traditions go against the practice of exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months.

Ensuring women had the tools and knowledge they needed to feed their babies saved hundreds of lives this year!

breastfeeding support



606

mothers and babies
given breastfeeding
education and support



71

mothers and babies
followed for
breastfeeding success



40

breastfeeding women provided nutritional support

Many families in our community are lucky to eat just one meal per day. The tradition in our area of the country is for a hungry mother to not exclusively breastfeed, but to breastfeed a little and supplement with baby food, porridge, or crackers in water. Our encouraging nursing and auxiliary staff have empowered thousands of women to feed themselves as much as possible so they can give their babies the nutrition they need to thrive.

Nidline was born at home approximately two months before her due date. She survived an incredible 3 weeks without medical care before her mother brought her in to the government-run maternity hospital in Carrefour because Nidline was not breastfeeding well.

The hospital kept Nidline for two full weeks, charging Nidline's family for medications and care, but did hardly anything to help her get healthy. Eventually, the hospital gave up and referred her to our clinic, probably assuming Nidline wouldn't survive.

Due to her premature birth and the medical negligence at the maternity hospital, Nidline weighed only 1 pound 14 ounces at five weeks old. At the time she came through our gates she was extremely malnourished, severely dehydrated, and unable to eat on her own.

Nidline spent 46 days in our inpatient malnutrition unit with her mother by her side. She received IV fluids, treatment for the infection wracking her tiny body, and learned how to eat on her own.

After graduating from our inpatient unit, Nidline moved to our outpatient infant formula program where she received a weekly allotment of formula, a health and weight check, and her mother received education on various health and nutritional topics for her baby girl.

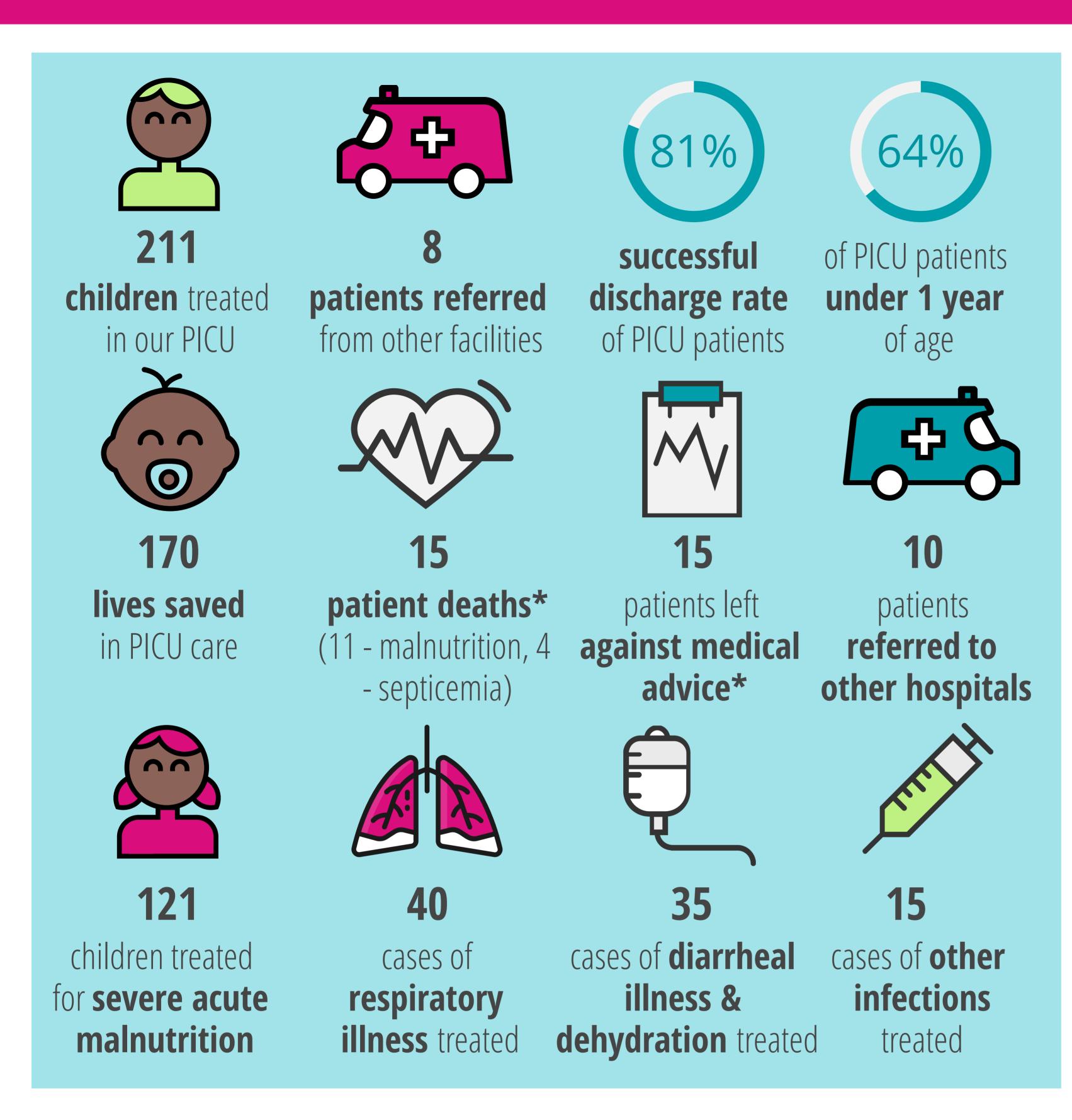
nidline's story



Left: Nidline at her admission to our inpatient malnutrition unit, weighing 1 pound 14 ounces

Right: Nidline one month after her graduation from malnutrition treatment into our infant formula program, weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces

pediatric intensive care unit



Children in our community are almost all chronically undernourished. This causes extreme immune deficiency, and puts children at much higher risk of dying of diseases that would produce only mild illness in a healthy child, most often pneumonia and diarrhea.

Thanks to your support this year, CHM was able to operate one of the only free pediatric emergency care centers in the Port au Prince area and also one of the few inpatient malnutrition treatment centers in all of Haiti.

Food scarcity and the worsening economic crisis in Haiti led to a substantial increase in the number and severity of malnourished patients we received into inpatient care this year. We opened a second PICU room this summer and added an additional nurse to the night rotation to accommodate this influx.

The spread of COVID-19 in Haiti significantly reduced the number of children we treated for respiratory distress this year; the intense fear and stigmatization of the disease kept parents from seeking treatment for their children for any form of respiratory infection.



*A note on patient death and AMA patients:

Belief in voodoo and supernatural curses is extremely widespread in our community. Many believe the symptoms of severe malnutrition are the result of a curse or a demon possession. This leads many families to seek healing from a voodoo priest (*hougan*) before seeking medical treatment, often delaying proper medical treatment until it is too late. Some will also leave medical care before treatment is complete and seek care from an *hougan*, often due to pressure from family members who are very involved in the voodoo traditions.

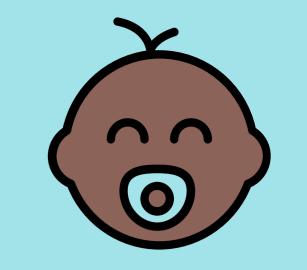
primary care pediatric clinic

Easily preventable and/or treatable illnesses claim the lives of tens of thousands of babies and children every year in Haiti because families are unable to afford the cost of seeing a doctor, the price of medications, or the cost of hospitalizations. For example, it is estimated that only 38% of Haitian children showing signs of pneumonia are seen by a physician!

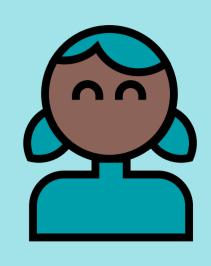
Your partnership this year prevented hundreds, if not thousands, of infant and child deaths by providing free access to early healthcare interventions for common childhood illnesses like pneumonia, diarrhea, intestinal parasites, and more.



All families receiving primary pediatric care are also provided with lessons in various health and nutrition topics, including focused teaching on the importance of safe drinking water. CHM provides free Clorox and droppers to any family as an effective method of treating unsafe water sources.



2,518
children treated
one time in the
outpatient pediatric clinic



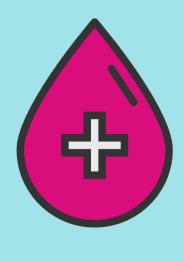
1,324
children seen on a
recurring basis in the
outpatient pediatric clinic



2,881
bottles of antibiotics
given to sick children



doses of antiparasitic medication given



doses of Vitamin A given to prevent blindness

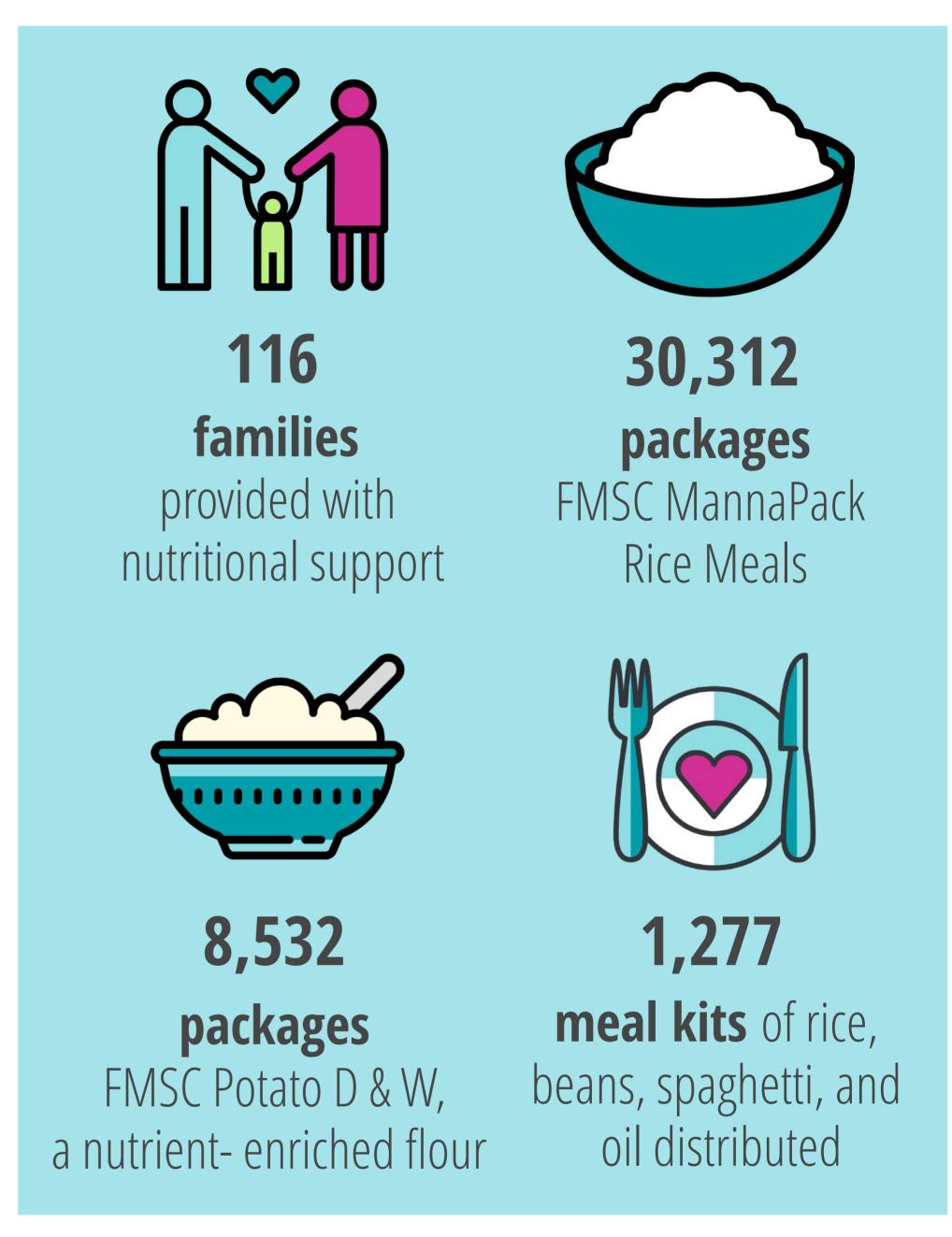
We hope to begin providing childhood vaccinations to patients of the outpatient pediatric clinic in mid to late 2021. Providing easy and free access to vaccines will help improve the health outcomes of the entire community and prevent many avoidable illnesses and deaths.

family nutritional support

COVID-19 economic fallout all made the economic and food insecurity situation in Haiti much more severe. The United Nations estimates that by mid-2021 nearly 50% of Haitian families will be facing acute food insecurity and 15% will be in need of emergency food assistance. Carrefour is one of the poorest areas in the country and is already facing food insecurity at a much higher level than Haiti as a whole.

Your support and the partnership of great organizations like FMSC have allowed us to feed more families this year than ever before!





We received more requests for food assistance in 2020 than ever before, and also saw some of our worst cases of malnutrition. Due to limited resources we were sadly unable to respond to all requests for food assistance.

We continue to work in close partnership with Feed My Starving Children and **greatly** appreciate the food donations, as well as the prayer support they provide for CHM. Due to the food-packaging restrictions of COVID-19 and subsequent shortages in the supply train, our 2020 FMSC food allotment, though generous, was not enough to meet the needs of our families. We purchased as much rice, beans, spaghetti, and oil as we could when our FMSC supplies ran out, but the cost of purchasing enough food to feed 60+ families every week is very great.

We are exploring other ways we can partner with FMSC in 2021 to reach more families with nutritious meals. This may include becoming a FMSC Partner and shipping our own container(s) of FMSC meals from the United States. This would allow us to receive a much greater amount of food, up to 42 TONS of food per container!

We are celebrating 6 years of partnership with FMSC!!

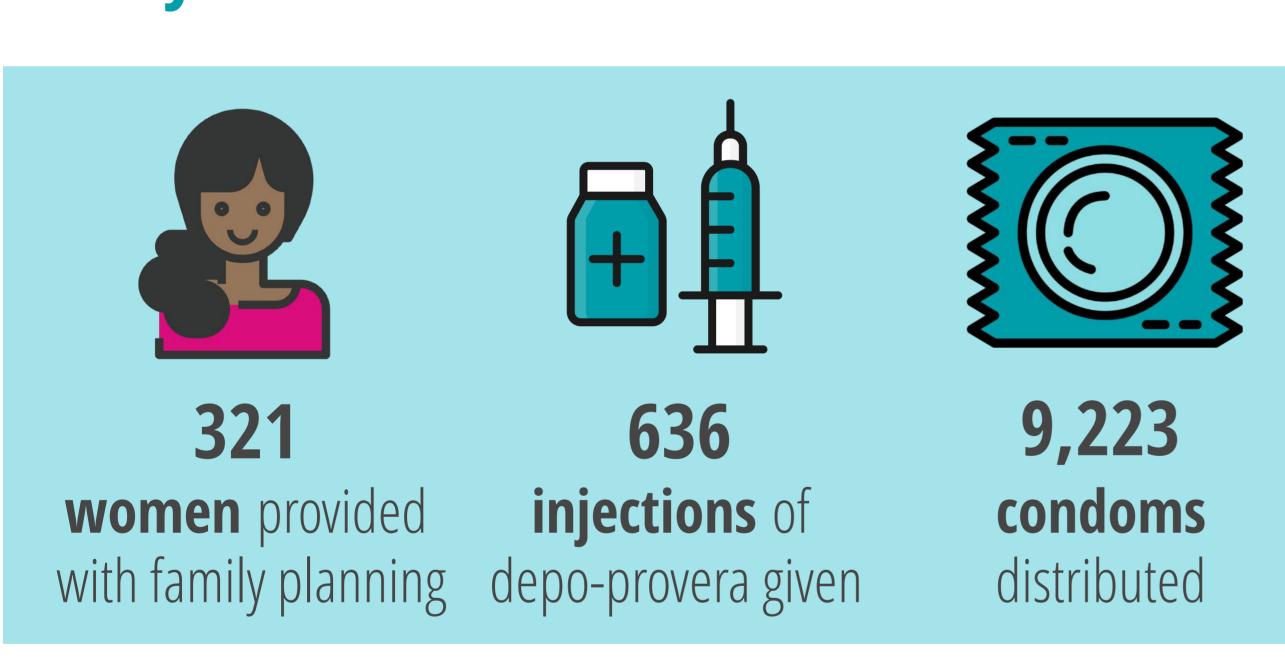


family planning

Research has shown that providing women with the ability to space pregnancies and/or have fewer children by offering safe birth control options is one of the best ways to eliminate poverty and hunger in developing countries.

Family planning is a complicated topic in Haiti. The subject is still very taboo and using contraception is forbidden by many churches, and even some husbands. Many government-run family planning clinics also treat impoverished women very badly and shame them for having many children.

Thanks to your faithful partnership over the years, we have been able to build a strong foundation of trust within our community - trust that we not only provide top-quality healthcare for children, but that we treat our patients and their families with compassion and dignity. This foundation of trust has opened doors for us to begin discussions with mothers of our patients and also women outside our clinic family about the health and socio-economic benefits of family planning.





Partnership with



Profamil, or the Association for the



Promotion of the Haitian Family, was founded in 1984 BY Haitians FOR Haitians. Profamil works to provide safe and accessible family planning methods at an affordable cost to all Haitians.

We have been partnering with Profamil since 2018, and Profamil provides CHM with family planning commodities free of charge! We look forward to continue working with them in 2021 and beyond to increase the variety of birth control methods we are able to offer our patients. We are also hoping to reach farther out into the Carrefour community this year to spread the word about our family planning services, particularly among the 15-18 age group of young women.

partner testimonials

Feed My Starving Children, - est. 1987 in Minnesota, USA

"The partnership between Feed My Starving Children and Children's Health Ministries is one that fits the mission of both organizations. Through this partnership, we get to witness how two organizations harmoniously work together to bring hope and love to

people who need it the most!

CHM's dedication and commitment to Haiti and the Haitian people is inspiring. Their approach to providing care and love to the Haitian people will have a lasting impact that transcends families and communities.

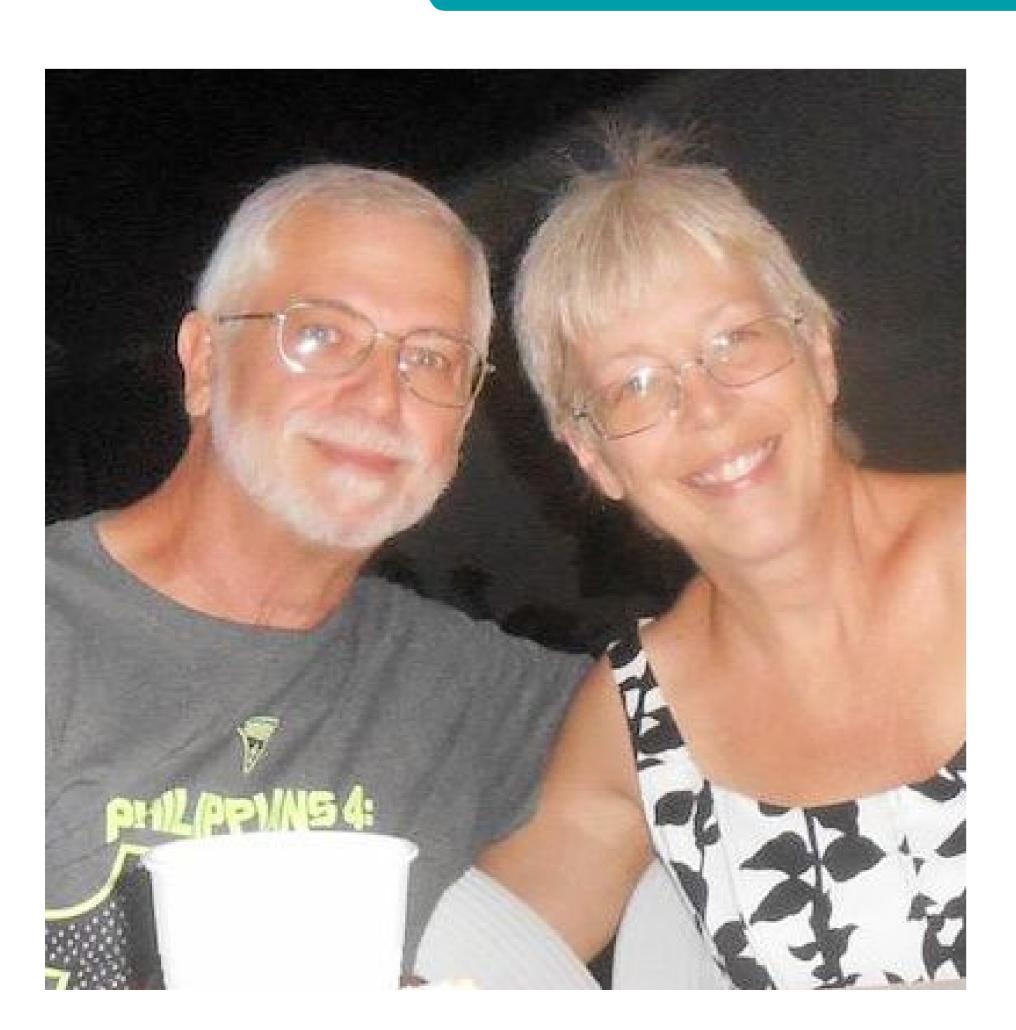
As a native of Haiti, it warms my heart to see people who care so deeply about others and sacrifice so much to make the name of Jesus known through health care and nutrition initiatives."

- Junior Obrand
FMSC Regional Program
Director for the Caribbean



Pictured (from left): FMSC Executive Assistant Annalisa, Junior Obrand, and CHM co-founders Mickey & Liz Photo taken near the CHM clinic in 2015

Haiti Health Ministries - est. 2005 in Gressier, Haiti



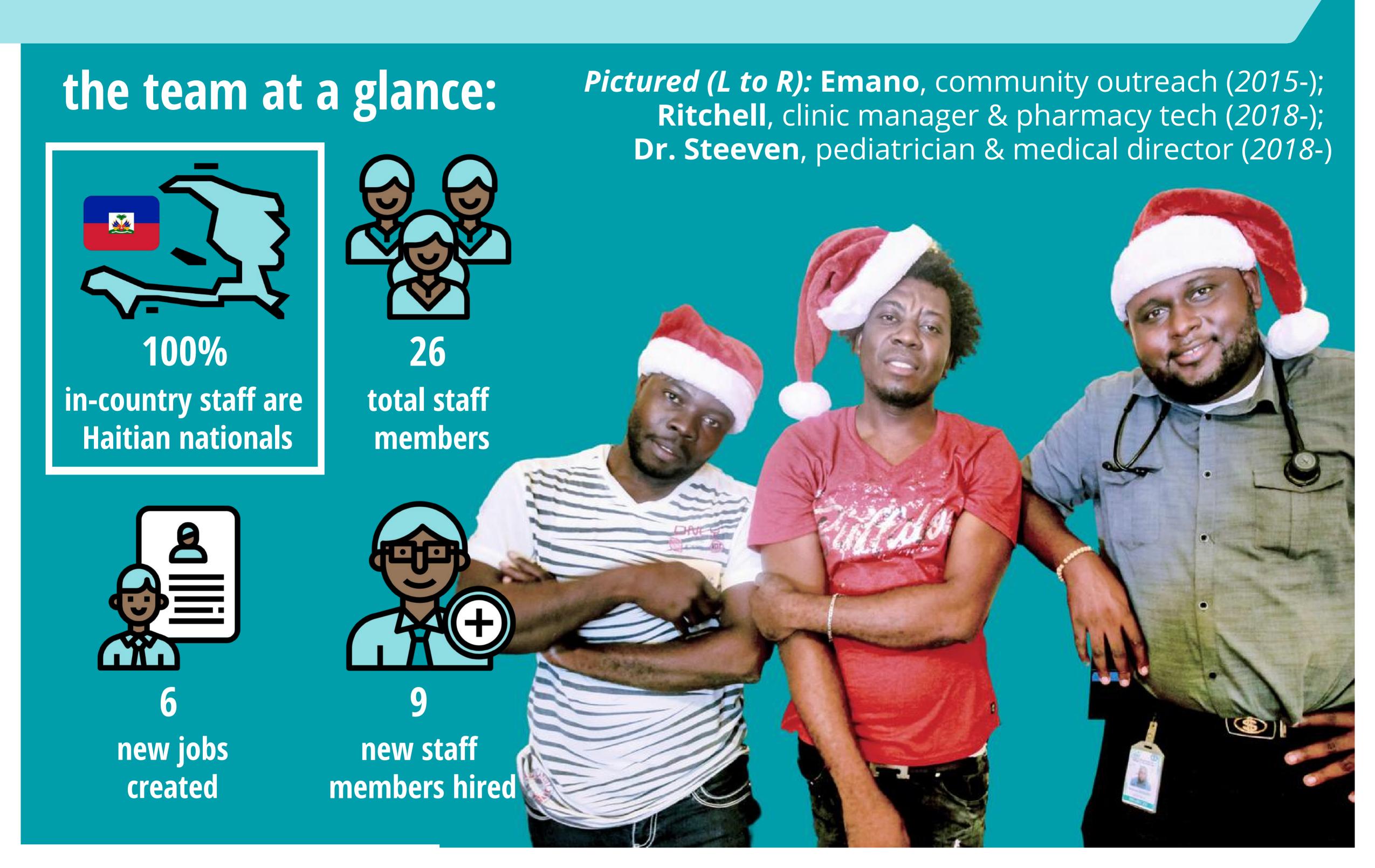
"[The CHM clinic] is a remarkable accomplishment. We have sent critically ill babies from our clinic to their facility with very good results. Please support this well run establishment in Carrefour, Haiti. Those of us who see these babies in the field need help that is affordable!"

- Sandra Wilkins

Co-founder of Haiti Health Ministries & Registered Nurse

Pictured: Sandy Wilkins, right, and her husband Dr. Jim Wilkins, co-founders of Haiti Health Ministries and residents of Haiti for 21 years

the children's health ministries haiti team



current staff:



pediatrician / medical director



community outreach & family advocate



13 registered nurses



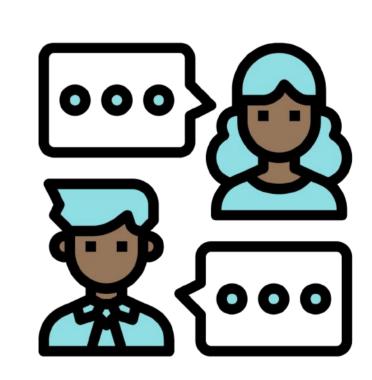
4 housekeeping, and food preparation personnel



clinic manager
/ pharmacy tech



transportation director & ambulance driver



family educator



z security guards



inventory & medical records keeper



night shift medication & inventory specialist

staff spotlights: medical staff

dr. steeven joseph, pediatrician

The proud father of two children, Dr. Steeven joined the CHM team in 2018, though he didn't become a full-time staff member until 2020. He is dedicated to helping children and their families, serves his patients sacrificially in the name of Jesus, and is passionate about educating nurses in advanced critical care practices.

Dr. Steeven consults with patients in our outpatient clinic, attends to all of the patients in our inpatient units, and serves as the medical director for the entire clinic.

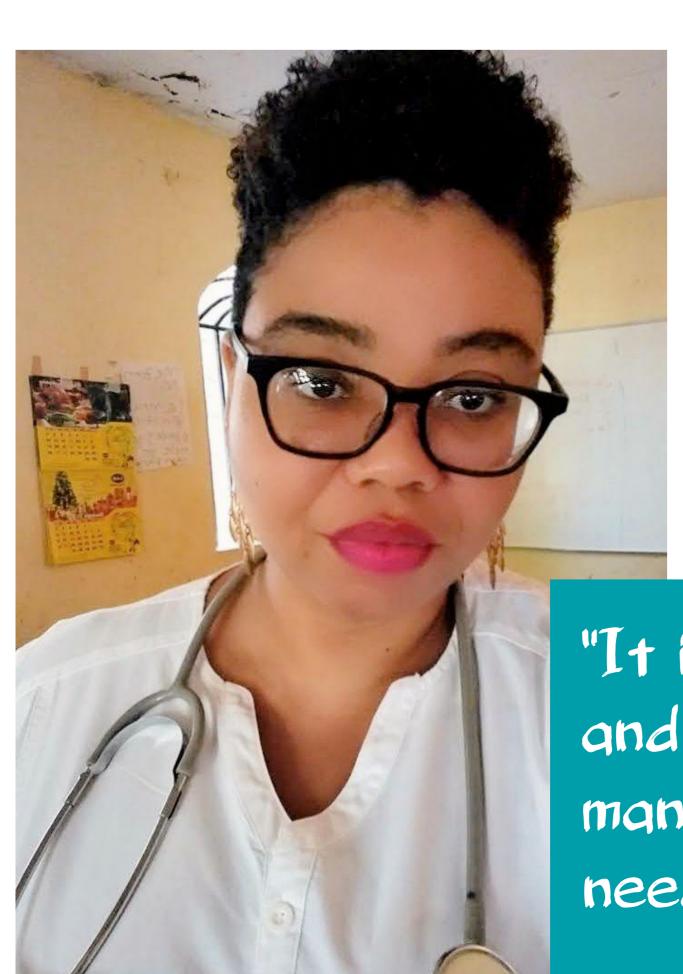


"Haiti is a really poor country. We face many problems: economical, political, and natural – and many parents struggle to find a way to survive, to give food to their children, to give them health or medical care. So in this dark picture in Carrefour, I can say that CHM is the light. We provide hope.

We help parents of children with malnutrition - we save them. And newborns, when the parents can't provide care - they come to us at CHM. We save life, we provide hope, and that is the most important thing we can do in life."

- Dr. Steeven Joseph

kimberly gustav, head nurse



Registered nurse Kimberly Gustav came on board the CHM team in late 2020 as our new head nurse. Nurse Kimberly has 7 years of nursing and supervisory experience working with Doctors Without Borders in Haiti, and her knowledge and skills are now being put to use managing our growing medical staff and ensuring our patients receive the highest level of care possible.

"It is a great work that CHM is doing in the community. I was born and raised in Carrefour, and I never knew that there were this many cases of severe malnutrition here! These people have great need of quality healthcare."

- Nurse Kimberly, after her first day working at CHM

staff spotlights: support staff

ritchell saint paul, clinic manager

Ritchell was originally hired in 2018 to help with security and patient logistics but he quickly showed us he had aptitude for much more than that! Ritchell now manages the pharmacy, in-country supply purchasing, the clinic cash flow, coordinating transportation and pickup of commodities, and more! He is half of the powerhouse team (along with Dr. Steeven) that allowed us to hand over on-the-ground operations in Haiti in 2019, WAY before we ever expected to be able to! Ritchell is the glue that holds all the many moving parts of the clinic together, and we couldn't do it without him!



"I like working at CHM because it helps me take care of my friends and family and even strangers who need help. Since working at CHM I have learned to love people in a way that I didn't use to, and to share what I have with those who don't have anything. I am paying school for my little brother and sister and also sending food to my parents in the countryside. I also like working here because we are helping many of my country people with health and nutrition. Without CHM you couldn't even count the number of malnourished children there would be in this community."

- Ritchell Saint Paul



linda norpelus, housekeeping

Linda's son, Mousanto, was a patient with us in 2018. He had a severe congenital heart defect, and he passed away just weeks before he was supposed to have surgery in the Dominican Republic. Neither Mousanto's mother, Linda, or his father were working, but they never asked for anything except for help for their son. We noticed Linda's compassionate heart and dedicated work ethic while she was spending so much time at the clinic, and finally in 2020 we were able to offer her a position as a member of the housekeeping team at the clinic.

"I like to work at the clinic because I am now able to take care of the needs of my husband and children. I am even able to help others who are in need, like if my neighbor needs food, I can help them. It used to be me needing help. I am thankful CHM is taking care of this community and saving the lives of many children. I will never stop saying thank you for the opportunity you have given me!"

- Linda Norpelus

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Mickey McRoberts

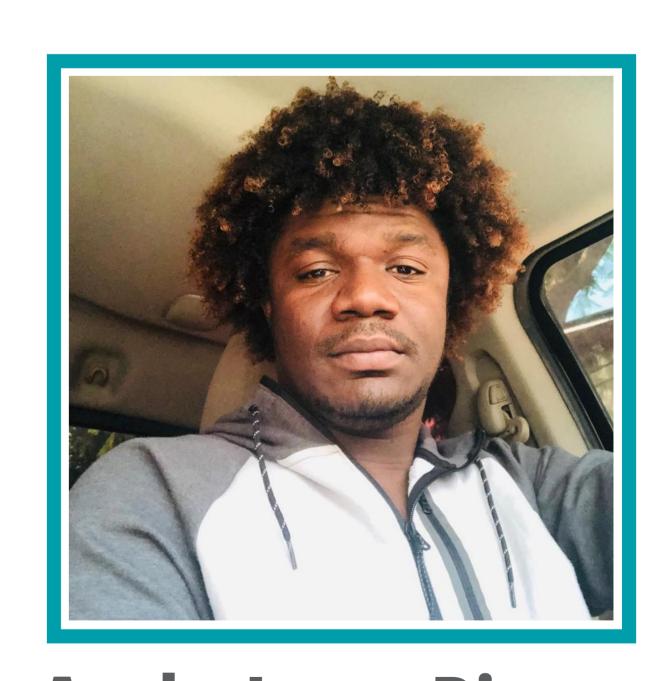
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Executive Director



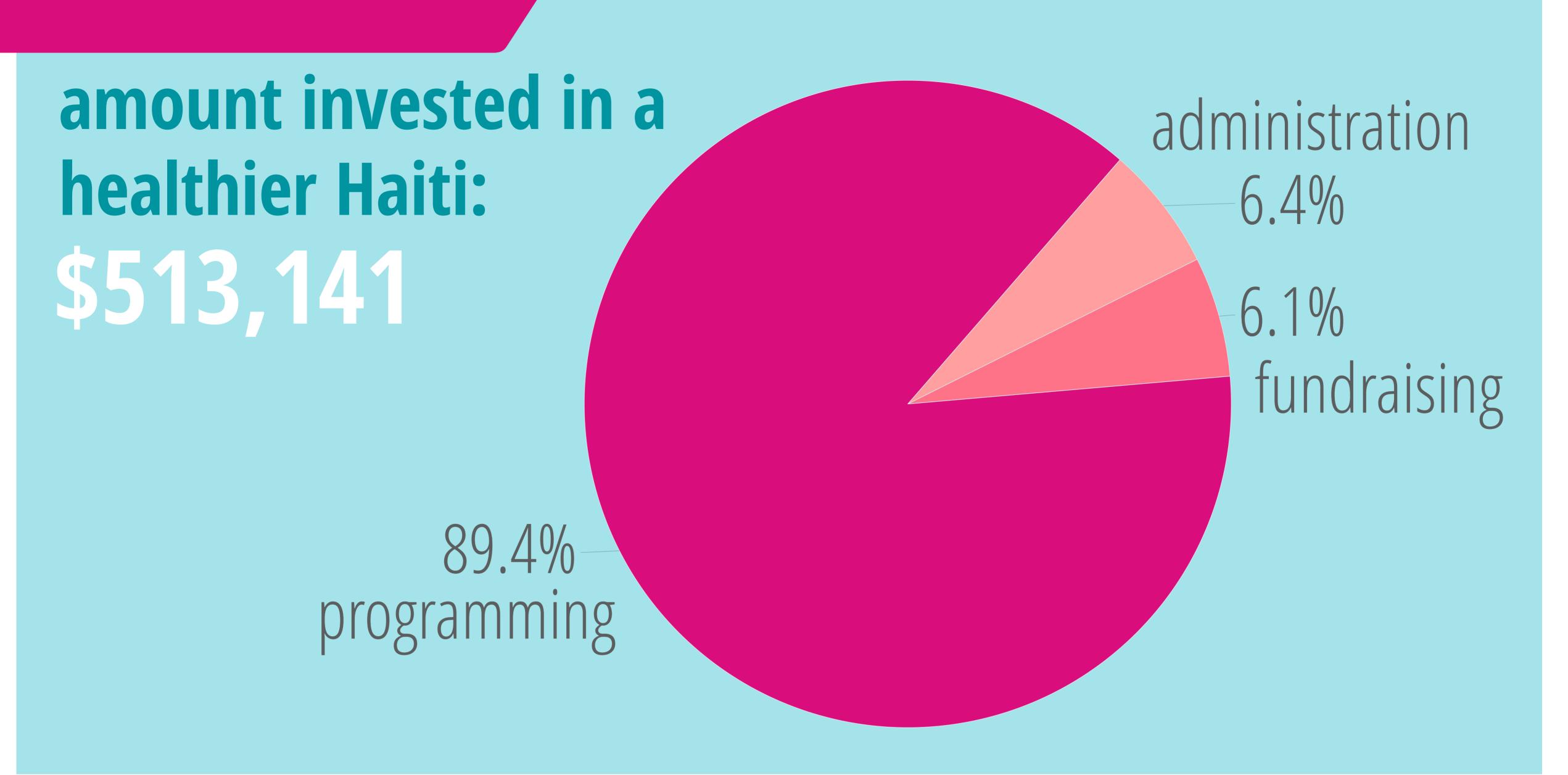
Liz Jean-Pierre

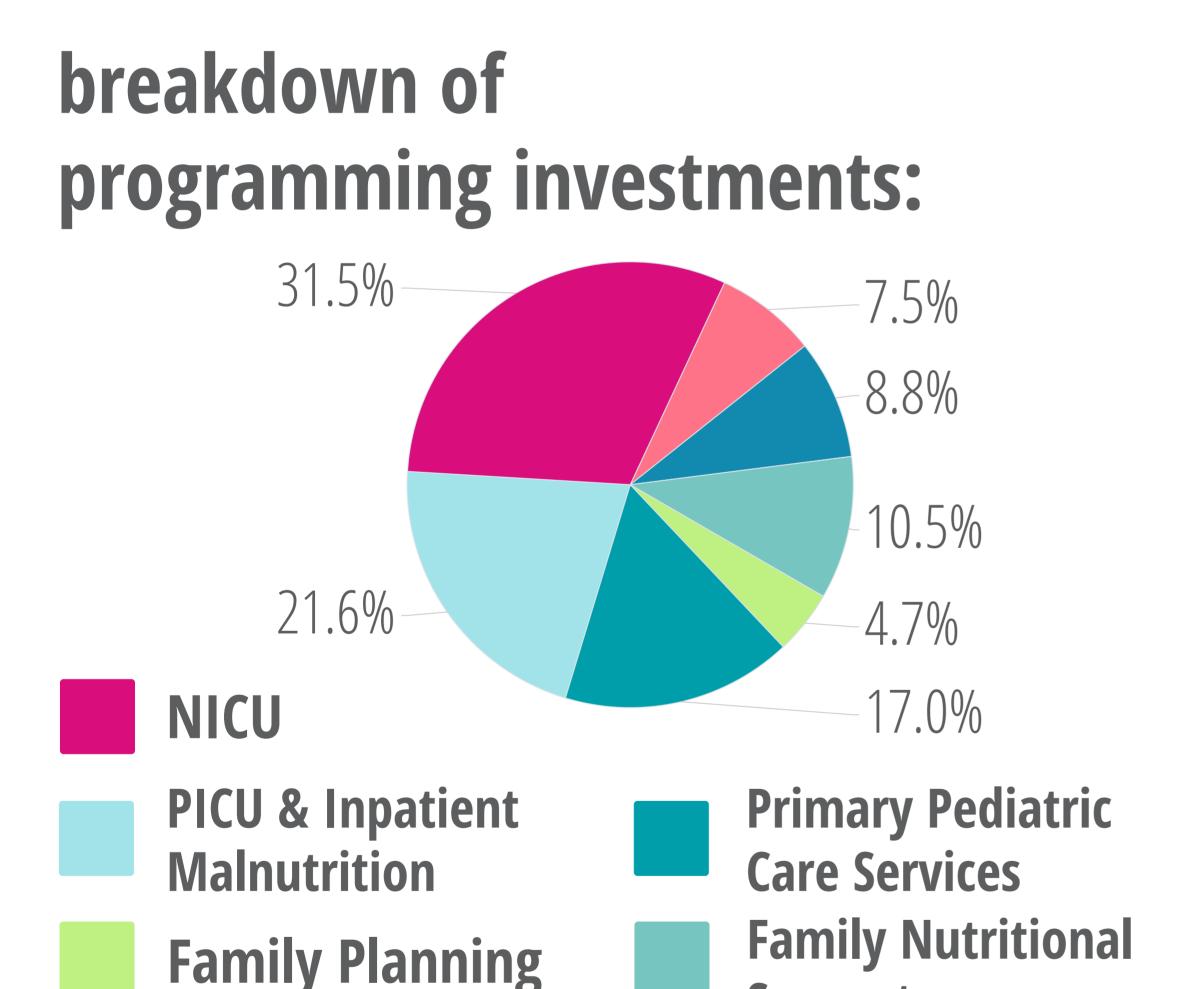
Co-Founder,
Operations &
Communications Director



Andy Jean-Pierre
Facilities & Support Team
Manager, Logistics
Coordinator

financials





Note: The above graph represents cash expenditures and excludes use of gifts-in-kind.

Support

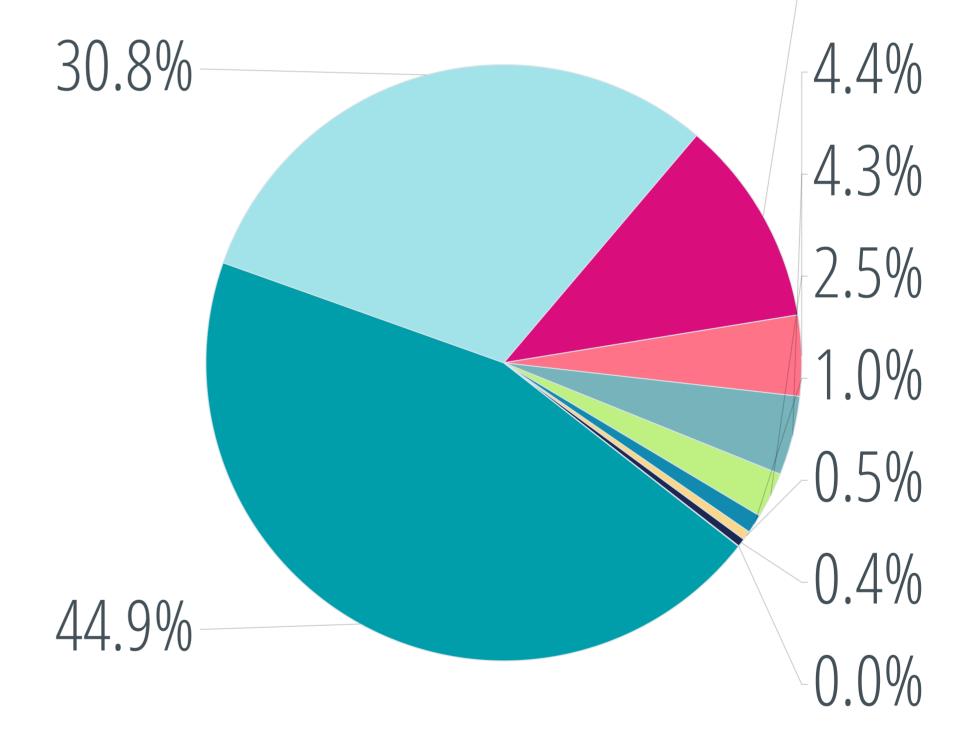
Baby Programs

GuideStar, the world's largest and most trusted source of information on nonprofit organizations, has awarded Children's Health Ministries the Platinum Badge of Financial Transparency for 4 years running!

Malnutrition



gross receipts: \$465,699



Individual Contributions - \$209,059.56

Gifts In Kind (Non-Cash Gifts) - \$143,211.22

Legacies & Bequests - \$52,300

Foundations & Trusts - \$20,347.39

Nonprofit Organization Grants - \$20,000

Nonprofit Organizations - \$11,557.97

Corporate Match - \$4,779

Program Income - \$2,290.69

IRA Contributions - \$2,050

Corporate Contributions - \$98.40

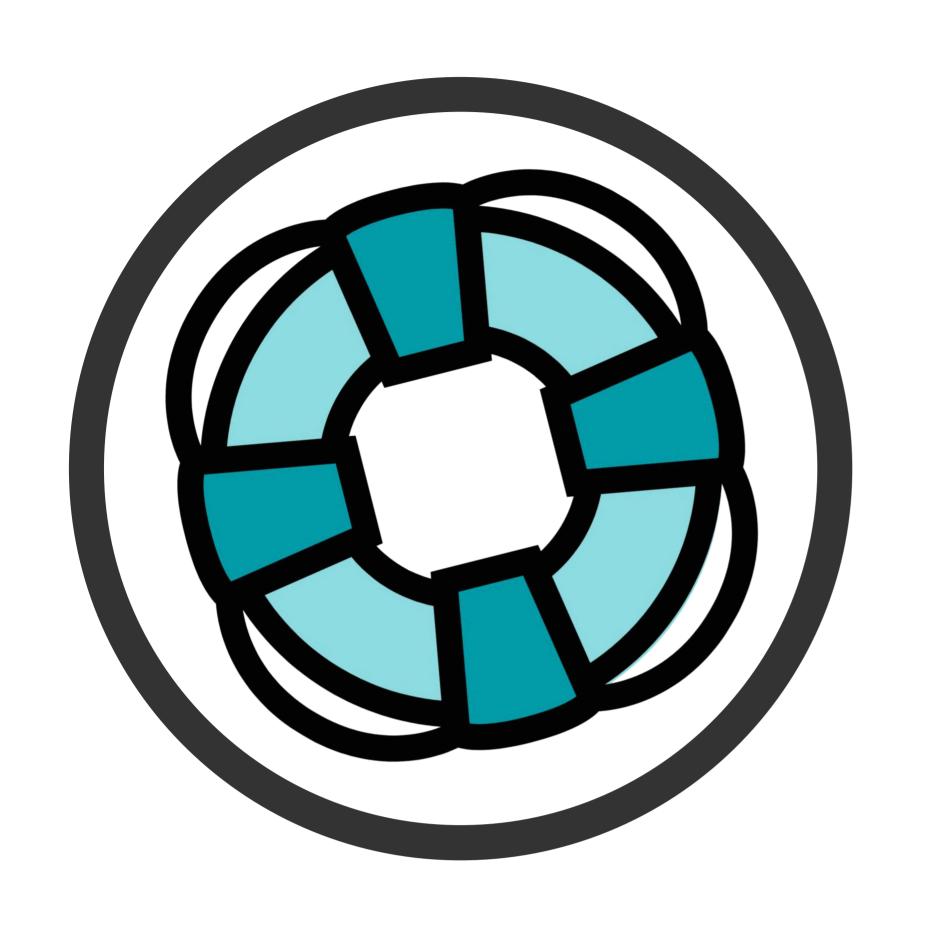
coming up in 2021

We are excited to leave 2020 behind and see what God has in store for CHM in 2021! Here are some of the new projects we're currently working on:

- Registration with the Haitian Ministry of Health (Ministère de Santé Publique et de la Population MSPP) to become a fully licensed clinic
- **Deepening our partnership with Profamil** to provide a wider variety of Family Planning methods, particularly more long term methods
- Transferring more leadership and responsibilities to our Haitian team, especially to our Clinic Manager and Medical Director
- Finances willing, hiring additional Haitian medical and support staff to help with the increasing number of patients, MSPP reporting, Family Planning expansion, and the continued growth of the clinic



how to make a difference



JOIN the LIFE SAVERS!

Have the greatest impact on CHM's work in Haiti by saving LIVES and restoring HOPE as a member of the LIFE SAVERS, our sustaining monthly giving team!



Be a CHAMPION for CHILDREN!

Help us raise money to support the lifesaving work of CHM - host a bake sale, hold a birthday fundraiser on Facebook, or tell your faith community about CHM and ask about potential funding resources such as Outreach or Missions budgets!



SHARE your passion for CHM!

Host a ZOOM gathering and invite your friends and family to meet members of the CHM team and hear about the work and mission of Children's Health Ministries! Also share our social media posts and emails with everyone you know!

Thank you so much to everyone who donated in 2020 and made these incredible results possible!





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