

A Journey of Hope and Healing in Haiti

*Improving the lives of
vulnerable women,
children, and their
communities*



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Healthier Lives Worldwide



A photograph of a woman with dark skin and hair, wearing a light blue top with a white ruffled collar and a small floral pattern. She is holding a young child with dark skin and hair in her arms. The child is wearing an orange sleeveless top and black shorts. They are outdoors with green foliage in the background.

Over a Century

Vision

A world in which every human life is valued, and health and human dignity are shared by all.

Mission

Inspired by the example of Jesus, CMMB works in partnership globally to deliver locally sustainable, quality health solutions to women, children and their communities.

of Service in Haiti

New York, 1912 - Paluel Flagg, a dedicated anesthesiologist from St. Vincent's Hospital in New York, lost his newborn daughter due to neonatal asphyxia and his beloved wife later that same year. In his grief, he sought solace in the service to others.



One of his first mission trips was to Haiti, where he served those suffering from leprosy. Upon witnessing the immensity of need, Dr. Flagg knew more needed to be done. He recruited others who, like him, believed that everyone in need should have access to treatment.

More than 100 years later, CMMB continues to believe in a world in which every human life is valued, and health and human dignity are shared by all. Together, in partnership with foundations, corporations, and institutions, CMMB is working hard to deliver healthier lives worldwide.

This is our story in Haiti.



About Haiti

Population:
11 million

Life Expectancy:
62

Maternal Mortality Rate:
359/100,000 live births

Under-5 Mortality Rate:
69/1000 live births

**We couldn't do
the work we do
without hundreds
of local partners.**

Highlights of our Work in Haiti

ALESIDA ("AIDS Go Away")

Through this CDC-funded PEPFAR program and in partnership with health centers around Haiti, we are ensuring comprehensive care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Medicine Distribution

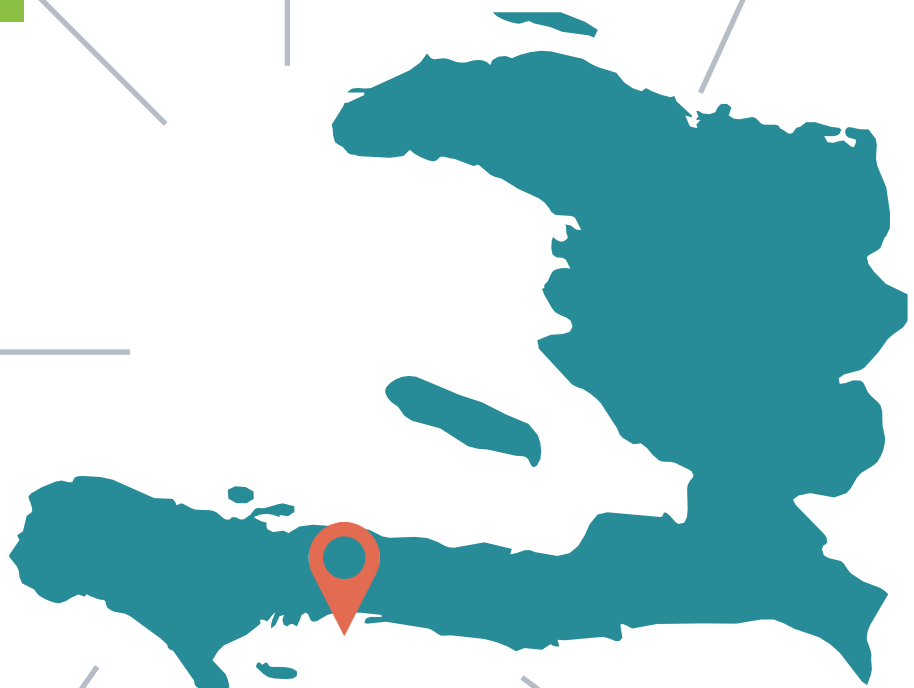
CMMB has distributed nearly \$1 billion worth of medical donations in Haiti since 1998, and \$70.8 million in 2016 alone. Medicine has reached all corners of Haiti thanks to our local network of partners.

Malaria Prevention & Treatment

CMMB Haiti's Global Fund-supported program strengthened community and facility capacity for early malaria diagnosis and treatment, while building community awareness and increasing prevention behaviors.

Rehabilitation for Amputees

After the 2010 earthquake, CMMB co-founded the Haiti Amputee Coalition providing prosthetic limbs, physical therapy and rehabilitation services.



CHAMPS Côtes-de-Fer

In addition to the building of the health center, CMMB partnered with mothers and children in Côtes-de-Fer, starting in 2013 to address the leading causes of illness and death.

Haitian Child Health Project

Through this UMCOR-supported program, CMMB will reach children and their families with improved local health infrastructure and community trainings.

Take a closer look at our work in Côtes-de-Fer.

Key Problems Impacting Health in Côtes-de-Fer:

- **Limited access to quality healthcare and medicine**
- **Lack of nutritious food and safe water**
- **Infectious diseases**
- **Lack of health education**



The closest hospital is more three hours away over rough terrain. The distance and price of transport make critical treatment inaccessible for many.



Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti

Côtes-de-Fer is a remote, rural, and hilly area in southeastern Haiti with a population of approximately 50,000. Life is slow here, with livestock more common on the roads than cars. An overwhelming majority of working-age people are unemployed, with some small scale fisherman along the coast. Residents have little access to basic infrastructure and services, including quality healthcare and education, and opportunities are limited. The poverty here is pervasive.

A Compassionate Leader

Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan

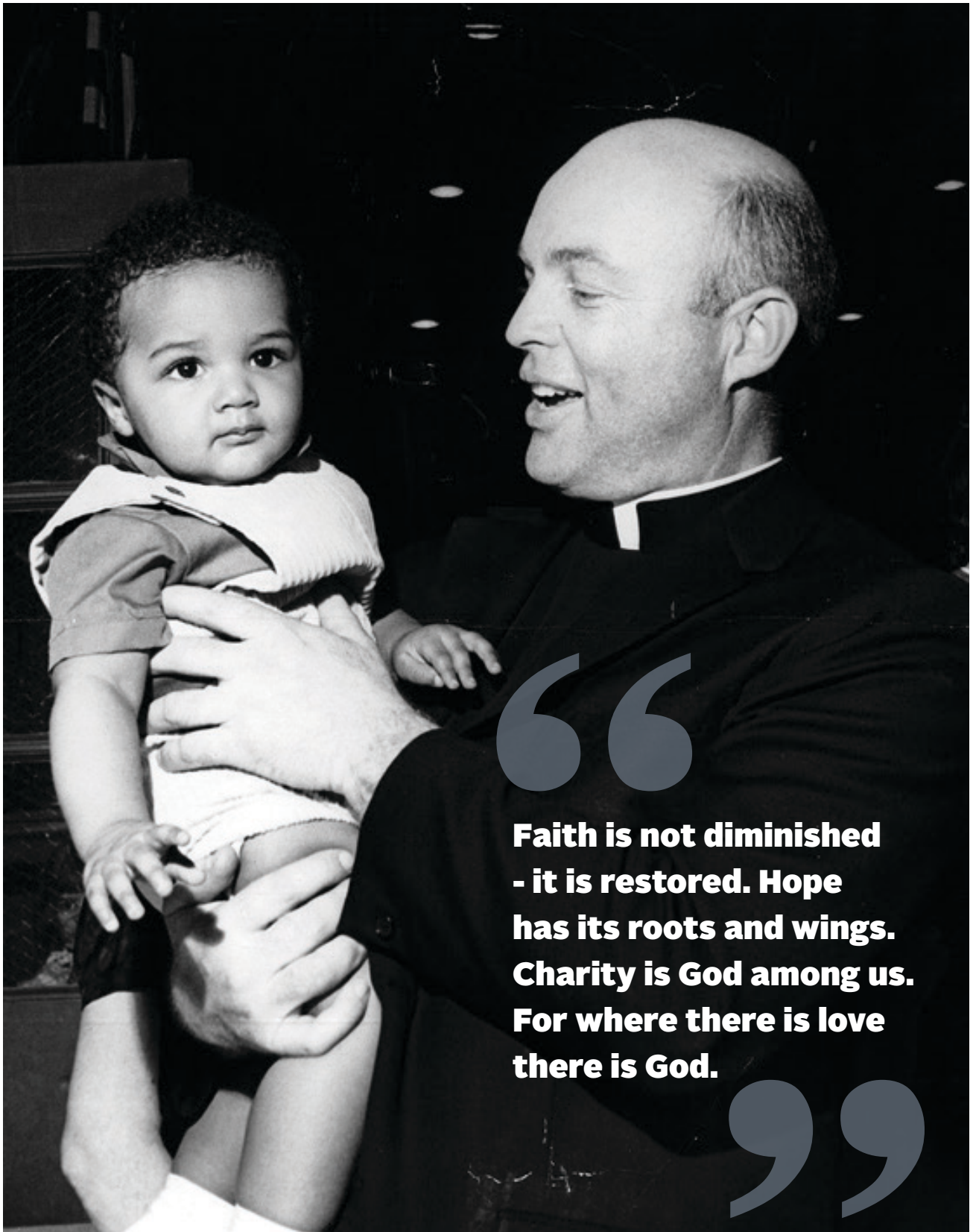
Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan was a man who devoted his life to advocating and serving the poorest and most marginalized in society. He was known by many for his kindness, humor and desire to speak up for the poor, and his interminable advocacy for peace and justice. A colleague and friend once said, "He had an extraordinary heart for people, and an appreciation for the people who served them."

He was appointed Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens in 1968. It was there that Bishop Joseph emerged as a leader in the New York community and more broadly in the US, as an expert in strengthening social and health services for those living on the margins of society. In 1980, Pope John Paul II appointed him Brooklyn's auxiliary Bishop, a title he held until his retirement in 2005.

He joined CMMB's board in March 2004, bringing his commitment and passion for social justice to the global health arena. For 10 years, CMMB learned and benefited from his spiritual direction, moral compass, and skills ministering to the poor. After the 2010 Haiti earthquake, Bishop Joseph championed for CMMB's robust response to the plight of the Haitian people, which culminated in the Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Center for Health.

He lived a life of faith and in service to improving the lives of others, including leading the compassionate Catholic response to the HIV/AIDS crisis in New York City. Bishop Joseph dedicated his life to fighting for peace and justice, and was a constant companion to the sick and the poor - for all those who could not fight for themselves. It is fitting and just that we honor his life and legacy by dedicating the health facility in his name.

Referring to his life's work, Bishop Joe once said, "I really think of this job as heaven on the way to heaven. It doesn't come at the end. It begins here."



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**Faith is not diminished
- it is restored. Hope
has its roots and wings.
Charity is God among us.
For where there is love
there is God.**

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Photo credit: thetablet.org

Bishop Joe's prayer was that the United States would grow in holiness and be enabled to be a just and compassionate society, contributing to a just and peaceful world.

Providing Health Bishop Joseph M. Sulli

With a shared mission to serve the poor and underserved, Mercy Health and CMMB entered into a partnership in 2013 to build a hospital for the community of Côtes-de-Fer. The hospital will:

- Provide safe deliveries
- Offer antenatal, postnatal, and ongoing pediatric care
- Offer pharmacy services
- Have the facilities to perform surgeries for life-threatening injuries
- Provide a place to receive emergency care

**Thank you to the community of Côtes- de-Fer for
their donation of the 14-acre plot of land where
the health center now stands and to our lead
funding partners:**

Mercy Health

Cornelius Family

Agnes Varis Charitable Trust

Health and Dignity: Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Center for Health

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Côtes-de-Fer is a very remote community. People here die on their way to the nearest hospital, three hours away by car. When CMMB came to the community with the hospital project, it was like God appearing on Earth - a miracle.

Fontilus Burrel, community leader in Haiti and local dairy owner

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**Over 50,000 people
will be served by
the Bishop Joseph
M. Sullivan Center
for Health and
its network of
facilities.**

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I am Haitian-American and have a strong passion for giving back. I've encountered many challenges.. my strong faith allowed me to succeed. Giving back to the country my parents call home would be a blessing.

Loubens Delice

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The Hospital's Guest House

Due to Côtes-de-Fer's remote location and limited access to infrastructure and services, recruiting and retaining qualified hospital personnel is a challenge. To respond to this challenge and help ensure long-term stability and sustainability, a guest house has been built and will provide accommodation to:

- Volunteers, including both clinical and administrative volunteers
- Short-term volunteers, including those on mission trips

Fees paid by people staying at the guest house will help fund hospital expenses and support its sustainability.

What's Next?

There are five phases for the development of the health center, two of which are now done. Phases I and II constituted the completion of inpatient and outpatient general medicine, emergency, surgery and lab facilities, staff housing and a 20-bed guest house.

What still needs to be done? Over the next 10+ years, we will add dental and ophthalmology facilities, and construct a community center, nurses' hostel, staff housing and additional hospital wards.

International Volunteer Program

Since our founder's first mission trip to Haiti, CMMB has been placing clinical and non-clinical volunteers around the world. They bring their expertise and compassion to serve people in need and to help build the capacity of these communities.

Spotlight: Mercy Health Volunteers

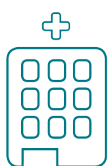
Mercy Health sent eight professionals, including doctors, registered nurses, and IT specialists, in the week leading up to the official opening of the health center in Côtes-de-Fer. These professionals are providing healthcare expertise to build the capacity of hospital staff and improve operations. A special thank you to these dedicated people: Dr. Herbert Schumm, Dr. Stephen Feagins, Erin Nester, Loretta Burgei, Loubens Delice, Mark Rau, Michelle Wall, and Father Emmanuel Otiaba.



CHAMPS: Children and Mothers Partnerships

In 2013, CMMB launched its Children and Mothers Partnerships initiative (CHAMPS). Through CHAMPS, CMMB works in communities for up to 20 years, building partnerships to collectively achieve sustainable change in the local health system and the lives of women, children, and their families.

Côtes-de-Fer was one of the first locations for CHAMPS programming. Strong community involvement and early support from generous donors enabled work to begin with residents to build a strong local health system.



Healthcare

Providing access to quality healthcare



Life

Safe pregnancies, thriving children



Medicine

Providing access to essential medicines



Water

Providing clean water and sanitation



Opportunity

Delivering nutrition and economic opportunity

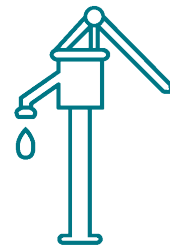
Providing Access to Quality Healthcare



In addition to building the Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Health Center, CMMB is working in Côtes-de-Fer to strengthen existing clinics and health facilities by:

- **Renovating existing clinics**
- **Helping strengthen supply chains to ensure a consistent flow of medications and medical equipment for every health facility**
- **Building the capacity of local community health workers**
- **Providing emergency transport vehicles**

Providing Clean Water & Sanitation



Accessing clean water in Côtes-de-Fer is a daily challenge. The journey into the mountains, where clean water can be found in springs, is often long and difficult. Most families also lack toilets and other infrastructure for hygiene and sanitation.

CMMB has been working to improve water and sanitation in Côtes-de-Fer, including:

- Distributing water treatment products, including purifying tablets and water filters for families
- Training community members on the importance of clean water and how to purify water for drinking
- Building infrastructure to meet the community's sanitation needs

Over the past two years, 26,000 people have benefited from our water programs in this community.



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My girls can't go to school because they have to fetch water every day for the family.

Mom

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I am so happy that I can give mothers medicine that helps their children stay healthy.

Nurse Angela, Gris Gris health facility

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Improving Access to Essential Medicine



CMMB's medical donation program, Healing Help, has delivered almost \$1 billion worth of medical donations since 1998. These medicines have reached health facilities in C tes-de-Fer, including Nurse Angela's in Gris Gris.

In addition to donated medicines, CMMB trains pharmacists in supply chain management, to help avoid stock outs and ensure pharmacies have the medicines they need to serve their patients.

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**I pray that my
baby will be
born healthy.**

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Meet Claircine, a mother of three living in Côtes-de-Fer, pregnant with her fourth child. She delivered all of her babies at home because the journey to the nearest clinic was more than three hours away. While all of her deliveries have gone smoothly thus far, should she have complications delivering her next child, both mother and baby are in danger of dying.



Safe Pregnancies, Thriving Children



For mothers like Claircine, CMMB is working hard to reduce risks for pregnant women and educating mothers on the 16 key family practices to raise healthy children.

Our community health workers are trusted health professionals who serve in the communities where they live. CHWs provide women and children with the information and healthcare they need to live healthier lives. Through home visits, conducting child health assessments, and leading Mothers Clubs, CHWs are an integral part of the continuum of care.

Mothers Clubs

Mothers' Clubs support vulnerable families by teaching mothers about health, hygiene, and nutrition. This 16-week course increases self-esteem and promotes healthy habits and behaviors that positively impact families and communities, as mothers share their new knowledge and healthy behaviors.



Community Health Workers: Caring Hands of the Community

CHWs are behind everything we do. CMMB recruits and trains these committed members of the community, giving them the tools they need to provide care to the most vulnerable families. Each CHW cares for between 50 to 200 families providing regular monthly visits. These amazing people saves lives every day.

Spotlight on Kerna Cavalier:

Kerna is one of 28 community health workers in Côtes-de-Fer. For many years, she has been serving her community with love and compassion. One of her main goals is to reduce risk during pregnancies. Despite the long hours, she continues to walk along dusty roads to remote homes in the hills, proud of the young mothers who are learning the importance of hygiene and nutrition, and improving the health of their families.



Once you visit a family, you become responsible for them. I'm trusted by my community because I've worked with them and I work with all my heart because I love my job.

Agent de Santé

Economic Opportunities, Empowered Mothers

Access to Loans

When women earn money, they invest in their families, and that positively impacts the broader community. After graduating from the Mothers' Club, participants have the opportunity to receive basic math training and access to microloans through our village savings and loans program to help them launch a business.

**Thank you to
Mercy Health
employees, who
gave hundreds
of goats and
gardens to
families in this
community.**



Goats and Gardens


Often, one or two goats, some seeds, a starter vegetable garden, and training can give impoverished people the extra bit of nutrition and income they need to support their family.

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**If you can't feed a hundred,
then feed just one.**

Mother Teresa

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We started the Angel Investor program in November 2016 motivated to change the lives of the most marginalized families. These are families too often forgotten, families too vulnerable to participate in development programs because of their extreme poverty.

For the Most Marginalized, An Angel Investor

Raffaelle lives in one of the most remote areas of Côtes-de-Fer. Her father is so ill, he cannot work. Her mother Ainesse had polio as a child, which left her with a physical disability, and as a result she is unable to properly care for her family.

Raffaelle is the youngest of nine children and her mother is expecting again. Food is scarce for this family - they often only have one meal a day. Our community health worker confirmed that all the children are suffering from severe malnutrition. She found an Angel Investor in December and ever since has been receiving a monthly supply of food that is making life more bearable for this family.

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**It feels so nice to help someone.
Can we help more people?**

Six-year old Luca from New York City

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In Côtes-de-Fer, we are very proud to already be changing the lives of 21 children and their families thanks to our Angel Investors. Their monthly commitment provides:

- Nutritious food and clean water or,
- Access to healthcare, immunizations, vitamins, and essential medicines, or
- School fees and other school-related items

Spread the word. Tell others how they can help transform a life.

Emergency

Haiti is especially vulnerable to natural disasters due to its geography, lying along two fault lines in the middle of the Caribbean. Compromised infrastructure throughout the country only compounds Haiti's inability to cope when faced with natural disasters, like earthquakes and hurricanes.



The Earthquake

In the months following the January 12, 2010, earthquake, with key partners, CMMB delivered lifesaving services and pharmaceutical and medical supplies to those in the most need.

Some of our efforts included:

- Raising almost **\$50 million** for relief and recovery
- Delivering **521 tons** of donated pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, reaching more than **1 million** people
- Co-founding the Haiti Amputee Coalition, which provided more than **700** amputees with prosthetic limbs
- Distributing more than **20,000** hygiene kits and **500,000** meals

Response

Vilieme stands with her youngest son next to their home, which was destroyed by the hurricane. They sought refuge at a neighbor's house. With the help of CMMB, she has rebuilt her home.



Hurricane Matthew

Hurricane Matthew, which made landfall on October 4, 2016, left the community of Côtes-de-Fer in a state of destruction. Our relief efforts included:

- Distributing water filters and over **100,000** water purification tablets, which helped avert a cholera epidemic
- Providing roofing materials to families whose homes were destroyed
- Supplying families with seeds to help restore lost crops and gardens
- Providing solar panel charging systems to provide light and power electrical devices
- Supplying over **6,000** families with much needed food, medicine and hygiene products

In Recognition and Gratitude

Haiti Leadership

Dr. Dianne Jean-François, Country Director

Dr. Dianne joined CMMB in 2003 after serving as a pediatrician consultant to the Development des Activités de Santé en Haiti, and as a general practitioner for the La Madeleine and Carrefour Poy health centers. She received her medical degree from the Faculté de Médecine et de Pharmacie in Haiti and her Masters in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Dr. Syndie Saint-Hilaire, Program Manager

Dr. Syndie Saint-Hilaire, CMMB's program manager in Haiti, has dedicated herself to helping improve the lives of the most vulnerable women and children in her community. Before joining CMMB, she worked for the general hospital and ran a private pediatric practice in Port-au-Prince. Bearing witness to the preventable deaths of so many Haitians was her motivation to study public health and join a CMMB. Syndie received a Master's degree in public health.



Jean Marseille, HIV/AIDS Program Director

Jean Marseille joined CMMB in 2014 as director of CMMB's HIV/AIDS program. Previously, Jean worked as a physician, with the responsibility of launching an HIV testing and treatment program, working with vulnerable populations. Jean is married with three young children, Erica, Bradley and Deborah. Jean loves nature, particularly where he grew up in the countryside. He believes dialogue, negotiation and forgiveness should trump confrontation, hostility and revenge to make this world a better place.



\$2 Million +

Mercy Health
– *The Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Center for Health*
was named in recognition of this donation

\$1 Million +

The James M. Cornelius Family Foundation
The Agnes Varis Charitable Trust
– *In recognition of this donation, the surgical wing will be named after Giovanni Rechichi.*

\$500,000 +

Mr. George O. Pfaff

\$250,000 and above

Michael A. Deck, M.D.
Mrs. Jane Guzikowski
United Therapeutics Corporation

\$100,000 and above

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Mr. Lamberto Andreotti
– *In recognition of this donation, examining room suites will be dedicated, one to Giulio & Livia Andreotti and one to Francesco & Lidia Brusone.*
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The Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population (MSPP) for their support of the hospital.
The Bishop's Conference of Haiti for their prayers and encouragement.

Join Hands with CMMB for a Healthier Tomorrow

While there has been significant progress achieved in the communities where we work, too many families are still living in extreme poverty with limited access to quality healthcare.

CHAMPS is changing the lives of thousands of people. We want to expand our reach so that we can help transform even more lives. But we can't do it alone.

Join us in this amazing opportunity to make healthier lives worldwide a reality for everyone. Together, we can put an end to preventable tragedies that cost mothers and children their lives.

Join hands with us for a healthier future.



Goal

Improve 1 million lives in 5 countries over 5 years



Healthcare

Providing access to quality healthcare to **1 million** people by improving 65 mission hospitals and other local healthcare systems



Life

60,000 safe pregnancies and **600,000** thriving children and women formerly at-risk



Medicine

Providing **1.2 million** life saving treatments



Water

Providing clean water and sanitation to more than **900,000** people



Opportunity

Better nutrition and economic opportunity for **50,000** extremely poor people

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