

CERVICAL CANCER “SEE AND TREAT”3 PROGRAM: FROM LAUNCH TO DATE – SAVING LIVES

HAITIAN WOMEN STILL NEED YOUR HELP: Our original fundraising drive helped get the cervical cancer “See and Treat” program off the ground. Thanks in large measure to the generous matching grant offered by **Dr. Unjeria Jackson and the efforts of other generous Morristown physicians**, we have raised 1/3 of what is needed to meet our FUNDRAISING GOAL of \$30,000 which will take the program through the first 18 months and 3000 patients.

This program operates solely on donations received through Hands Up for Haiti. No assistance is received from the US or Haitian governments or other institutions/organizations.

The problem: In Haiti, cervical cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in women with 94 cases per 100,000 population and an estimated 1,500 **preventable** deaths each year, the highest reported incidence of cervical cancer of any country in the world, 50 times higher than the rate in the United States.

Hands Up for Haiti’s Response: To help change this reality, Hands Up for Haiti (a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization), under the leadership of Dr. Nelly Osias, Haitian OB-GYN, and Dr. Liza Lizarraga, launched a new “See and Treat” program under the umbrella of the Haiti SANS Cervical Cancer alliance. The program trains nurses and physicians in a simple and cost effective strategy using visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA) of the cervix, which can detect early dysplastic lesions before the development of invasive cancer. This is followed with cryotherapy, treatment that freezes early lesions before they become cancerous - *preventing needless deaths*



Progress to Date: We set up our first "see & treat" clinic in August 2016 in Limbe, a town on the outskirts of Cap Haitien, headed by Dr. Osias. Through the use of grassroots organizing and outreach, we are able to inform & educate women about the cervical cancer program and screen 20 to 30 patients weekly at the clinic for cervical cancer and STDs.



As of early November, the clinic performed VIA on 279 women:

- **235 women had never had a pap smear**
- **55 women were identified as VIA positive & cryotherapy**
- **ALL women are screened and treated for free**

Looking towards 2017: In order to continue to help the women of Haiti we need to continue our support of the Limbe clinic and look for an additional site in the city of Cap Haitian, the second largest city in Haiti, for a second clinic. Medications need to be restocked, the tanks need refilling and Haitian

personnel need to be compensated for their work. It is crucial to the program's success that, together with the local organizations with whom we are partnering on this project, we keep these clinics running and properly equipped, providing adequate maintenance for the equipment, and that we are able to pay the Haitian physicians and nurses who are working in the clinics. Knowledge of the clinic's existence is spreading and an overwhelming amount of patients are requesting to be seen. We hope to increase our screening capabilities and save the lives of more Haitian women.



WE CAN SCREEN AND TREAT EACH WOMAN FOR ONLY \$10 A PATIENT.

TO CONTINUE THIS VITAL PROGRAM:

Your tax-free donation can be made directly to the Cervical Cancer Fund through the HUFH website here:

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/HandsUpForHaiti/donationform.html>

Or checks can be sent directly to:

Hands Up For Haiti
Cervical Cancer Fund
PO Box 913
Mt. Kisco, NY 10549

**Thank You for making this program a reality!
Dr. Liza Lizarraga and Dr. Nelly Osias**

