



Navigating New Waters: Facing an Uncertain Future for Global Health



"The struggle for health and social justice, both local and global, can't slow today, or any day, until the poor are no longer poor, and the excluded are included. Let's all unite around the only war worth waging."

Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of Partners in Health

Dear Karen and Jay,

Heal - Teach – Support: 2017 may bring big changes to the world of Global Health, changes which could affect our work in Haiti. All of us at HUFH not only remain committed to our mission of working towards a sustainable health care system in the north of Haiti, but also believe in the greater humanitarian mission to ensure access to health care as a basic human right for all people, anywhere in the world, particularly those who are most vulnerable and in need of strong advocates. In the face of an uncertain future for global health, we must increase our efforts and work that much harder.

We are in Haiti to **Heal** as we **Teach** and **Support**, working together with our Haitian colleagues towards a truly sustainable health care system in Haiti, one grown from the ground up, accessible to all those in need 24/7.

This work, made that much more important by the uncertain times in which we live, is possible when we are all united and only with the generous support of you, our donors and volunteers.

We are deeply grateful. Mesi mesi anpil – “thank you very, very much.”

From All of Us at Hands Up for Haiti

Are You For a Celebration?

Please join us at our Annual Celebration honoring four amazing volunteers who have gone UP ABOVE and BEYOND and celebrating the programs they champion: maternal-infant health, fighting malnutrition, hypertension screen and treat, and our clean water project.

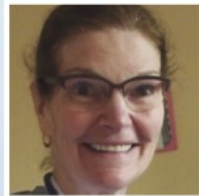


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Our Amazing Volunteers

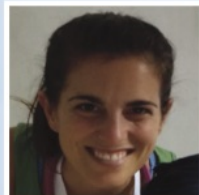
who have gone

UP, Above and Beyond



Judy McAvoy

A Registered Nurse with more than 40 years experience in pediatric and maternal-child nursing. She is a founding member of Hands Up for Haiti and a member of its Board of Directors. Judy has led and participated in several missions each year and inspires our Global Health Nursing Program and our programs in maternal-infant health.



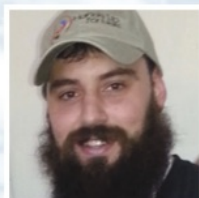
Stephanie Korn

A Registered Nurse specializing in pediatrics and a member of Hands Up for Haiti's Board of Directors. She spearheaded Hand Up for Haiti's Hypertension Program in an effort to provide long-term care for adult Haitian patients and reduce extremely high levels of stroke and premature death.



Lynn Perton

A Registered Dietician with more than 35 years working in public health. She is passionate about addressing nutritional needs in Haiti and fighting malnutrition, which in Haiti affects one in five children under the age of five.



Patrick Schelle

A Certified Social Worker who leads our water team, actively raising funds to build water wells throughout northern Haiti. Each one provides access to clean water for more than 4000 people for 35 years, preventing the spread of disease, including cholera.

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HEAL – TEACH – SUPPORT

The Story of Marie: The Answer to the Question "Why Cervical Cancer Prevention?"

Whenever possible, our programs are Haitian run. Teaching is Haitian to Haitian - effective and empowering. Care is Haitian to Haitian: sustainable and accessible.



People have asked, "Why cervical cancer prevention?" Marie's story, told with her permission, is a sobering answer to this question. Marie was the first patient during HUFH's recent two day training, held in conjunction with GoDocGo, in LEEP, the skills needed to treat lesions found during an easy to use screening procedure for cervical cancer available in countries such as Haiti in which PAP smears and other diagnostics are not readily available. Marie is 59 years old, a wife, mother and grandmother, and our team quickly realized she was in the advanced stages of cervical cancer, a disease curable when found in its early stages. Marie has only a few months to live. We did the only think we could do; we sent her to one of our partner hospitals where we arranged for some pain management. Marie's case is tragic. This is a preventable disease; a preventable death. Even more sobering is that

Marie is not alone: cervical cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in women in Haiti with 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.

The goal of HUFH's new See and Treat program is to provide the basic training, equipment and supplies to support local efforts to make cervical cancer screening and treatment accessible to the women and girls of Cap Haitien. In just the first months since Dr. Nelly Osias, a local OBGYN, opened HUFH's new See and Treat Clinic in Limbe, on the outskirts of Cap Haitien, the clinic has already screened hundreds of women and identified and treated women in the early stages of cancer.

We expect to screen 3000 women this year and treat 300 **before** it is too late - preventing their premature and unnecessary deaths.

To help save the life of women like Marie, please consider support of our cervical cancer program and professionals on the ground. [**DONATE HERE.**](#)

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WORDS TO KEEP IN OUR HEARTS

"He who has health, has hope. And he who has hope, has everything."
Ancient Arabian proverb



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HEAL TEACH SUPPORT

Hands Up For Haiti is a medical humanitarian organization committed to making a sustainable and positive impact on the health of the people of northern Haiti. We do this by collaborating with and supporting the Haitian medical community, by delivering direct care and educational programs to the communities that we serve, and by partnering with allied organizations.

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