



## Sustained Winds and Sustainability: Heal - Teach - Support in Action

We are relieved to say that Haiti was spared the worst of Irma. Our hearts go out to those who were not so fortunate elsewhere in the Caribbean and the United States. Our Haitian staff took the lead and we watched our mission playing out in real time: Heal-Teach-Support in action.

Global is Local and Local is Global. This has been a true summer of upheaval around the world with millions suffering from both natural and geopolitical disasters. For those of us who work in the area of global health, we know that no matter where you live in this world, we are all part of the global community: in a second, any one of us can become a victim, and any one of us may be called upon to help. HUFH has focused our targeted relief efforts on the country of Haiti and specifically in the north, where we have chosen to help some of the most vulnerable people in the world, especially the children. We are grateful to all of you have joined us to help us achieve our mission.

This summer, at our annual strategic planning meetings here and in Haiti, our US, Canadian and in-country leadership worked hard to review all of our current programs and to look towards strategic targeting of these programs to achieve the greatest impact. Empowering our in-country staff to become a part of our strategic planning was a major goal for this year, and we were excited to see them rise to the occasion.

In this summer of overwhelming disasters and unimaginable suffering, what is happening in Haiti is truly a beacon shining through the storms. There is hope and we thank you all for believing in and supporting our organization and our mission.

We are deeply grateful to all who donate time, money and energy to our efforts and we want to take this opportunity to say: Mesi mesi anpil – thank you very, very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ann".

Mary Ann LoFrumento MD

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Akst Schecter".

Karen Akst Schecter

## Hurricane Irma - Haiti was Spared, Our Staff Prepared



As many of our volunteers know, it doesn't take a Category 5 storm to cause great damage to Cap Haitien, an already low-lying city with poor infrastructure and few resources, and Cap Haitien and Haiti seem to fall victim to natural disaster after natural disaster. But what might be lacking in formal resources is made up for in the spirit and resilience of the Haitian people and, we are enormously proud to say, the leadership and planning of the Hands Up for Haiti in country staff.

With Hurricane Irma barreling down the Caribbean with Haiti in its sights, our people on the ground went into action to ensure the safety of our staff and their families, secure our own program sites, alert people, and ready medications and supplies to help as needed.

Dr Manol Isac, in-country Executive Director, outlined a plan which included creating a WhatsApp group for employees, identifying evacuation locations for staff and community members, putting in place food and water supplies, and preparing medical and wound supplies for the aftermath. The survival kits had soap, gloves, masks, chlorox, bandages, tape, gauze and headlamps. They also prepared rice in case food supplies ran low. In addition, staff went to the communities of Shada, Bois de Lance, and Bas Limbe to warn people of the coming storm and to help with storm preparations.



To help save lives and support our programs and team of health workers in Haiti, **[DONATE HERE.](#)**

## Surgical and Hospital Fund: With Your Help and a Generous Matching Grant, We Reached Our Goal

Thanks to so many of our generous and caring donors, HUFH secured most of its \$15,000 matching gift this summer. Your generosity helps ensure that Haitian children in desperate need of help can get the life-saving care that they need through HUFH's Surgical and Hospital Fund and other programs.

Your generosity helps us give these children and their families hope. Last year, 29 children were hospitalized and 11 received surgery thanks to HUFH's Surgical and Hospital Fund; this year we hope to help even more.



We are so grateful for your support. Thank you again – we couldn't have done it without you!

Average cost for average life-saving surgery: \$400.

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## Strategic Planning Meetings in the US & Haiti: "Together as one for a strong HUFH In Country, YES WE CAN"

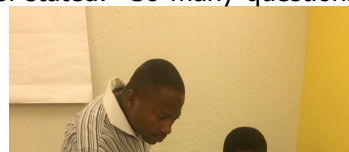
HUFH2<sup>nd</sup> Annual In-Country Congress



This year at our annual strategic planning meeting, HUFH's leadership explored our vision for the future. The answer: strategic programming with targeted impact directed at those with little or no access to quality care, all led by Haitian medical and lay staff who know their communities and their needs best, and how best to serve those needs. Malnutrition, hypertension, cervical cancer and ophthalmologic programs to name a few, all run by Haitian doctors and nurses, in turn assisted by community health workers chosen from the communities that we serve, who, using a holistic approach to care, can help decrease barriers to success.

Late in August, our in-country team led by Dr. Manol Isac, in-country Executive Director, assembled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Congress of our staff and invited guests. The title for the program: **"Together as one for a strong HUFH In Country, Yes We Can!"** Participants successfully shared their ideas about what HUFH does well, what needs to be improved, and how best to move forward to ensure strategic impact. Workshops were held for each program group to evaluate individual programs, identify the successes and challenges faced during the year and to create a roadmap for the coming year to ensure that our programs positive and impactful. As Dr. Manol stated: "So many questions and good suggestions...It was so amazing."

**Sustainability in action: Clearly they can!**



And the continuing role of the HUFH organization? Education. Education for staff, education for patients, education for the community. Visiting teams focusing on mentorship and capacity building of local leaders and programs, an emphasis that we believe is essential to the development of a sustainable health care system in Haiti, one with a positive, targeted and dramatic impact.



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## WORDS TO KEEP IN OUR HEARTS



"We agree and support the change in HUFH's focus. The Haitians are smart enough and have knowledge to take care of the program; the Haitian people need to be confident in themselves and not just continue to rely on visiting teams."

Miguel-Ange, the director of the Shada clinic and administrative head of our malnutrition program

Haitian caring for Haitian: Effective, empowering and sustainable



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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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