

Get to know Second Mile Haiti



How it Started

Amy Syres and Jenn Schenk were working in a Haitian orphanage when they learned that **more than 80% of children in Haiti's orphanages have living parents**. The issues with orphanages were clear. Removing children from families wasn't a true solution for systemic problems like poverty and health inequity. **They wanted to see children stay with their families** and aimed to create a place where the parents of sick children had access *not only* to medical care but also to education and income-generating opportunities. **In 2012, Second Mile Haiti was born.**

Today

Second Mile operates a 5-day-week **residential, rehabilitation program** for **severely malnourished children and their caregivers**, provides antenatal care and midwife-supported birth for low to medium risk clients, while employing 80+ Haitian professionals across 2 campuses. After replicating their successful model once, they're set to do it again. **A third campus is set to open in 2025.**

Investing in Families on Sustainable Campuses

Our two, soon to be three, campuses all have large gardens that grow vegetables, fruits, and other staple foods. Since 2013, our campuses have been 100% powered by solar energy.

From Meeting Immediate Needs

Since 2013, we've supported **4,600 children & caregivers** through malnutrition recovery with a relapse rate of <1%.

Our **Malnutrition Treatment Centers (MTCs)** are safe spaces where caregivers gain the following:

- **medical care**
- skills and tools for income-earning & preventing malnutrition
- **sewing, gardening, business, and literacy**
- support from psychologists, art therapy
- **a support system & lifelong friendships**

To Preventing Malnutrition through Maternal Health

After just four years of supporting families with malnourished children, the team at Second Mile Haiti decided to take a more preventative approach. **Strong Start Maternity centers were born.**

We opened the first Maternity Center in 2018. Since then, **we've cared for more than 16,000 women** before, during, and after pregnancy and welcome **100+ babies each month.**



Beyond Malnutrition

Long-term investments in families & communities

Education

We see Graduates of our Malnutrition Treatment Centers long after their recovery from Malnutrition. Through regular follow-up and **Tuition Sponsorship**, we ensure **are enrolled in school** and continue to thrive.



Agriculture



Second Mile Haiti helps caregivers **start vegetable gardens** and **launch businesses** for access to nutritious foods and better health.

Lights & Roads

We install **solar street lamps**, water filtration systems, and **improve roads** so that communities are safer and better connected to essential services.



From One Campus to Three

In 2021, we initiated construction on a second campus, which now operates independently. The new campus **created more jobs for Haitian professionals** & made essential care available to tens of thousands in a new area of Haiti. Second Mile Haiti now employs 80+ Haitian professionals and is *replicating again*. **The Acul-du-Nord campus is set to open in October 2025.**

What's Next?

A future where **fragile babies** get exactly what they need to thrive



In partnership with **Hands Up for Haiti**, Second Mile Haiti is taking steps to:

- Expand the Kairam WellBaby program (essential care from 0-2 years)
- equip each Second Mile Maternity Center with a Field Nursery (for preemies and newborns needing extra care)
- and establish an on-site lab for quick diagnoses and treatment