



Sharing Good News!

Dear Friends,

I have something rare to share with you: good news out of Haiti. At MATH, we are fortunate to hear stories of healing and hope that occur daily at *Hopital Bellevue Dame Marie* (HBLM), despite the tragedies occurring around them. Recently, Dr. Wilkens Gilbert, hospital administrator and surgeon, noted that “the trust and appreciation of the community [for HBLM] is growing every day”, and he attributes this to the tireless efforts of his entire staff.

In turn, I credit Dr. Wilkens, who is a proactive surgeon, leader, and administrator. He wisely stewards MATH funding to Help Haitians Heal Haitians. In March a family found their way to HBLM after three years futilely seeking care elsewhere for their teen daughter who desperately needed surgery. After the initial exam, Dr. Wilken’s expedited care, mobilized the medical team, and the daughter had successful surgery the next day. He said of the family, “they couldn’t believe that their day of salvation had arrived in such a strange and quick way”.

The major barrier for this family had been their inability to pay. At HBLM, patients pay what they can, if they can. No one is turned away. There, a medical exam costs \$3 USD; surgery is \$20 USD; indeed, every donation to MATH goes a very long way.

We are grateful for your partnership. Together we can keep the good news coming out of Haiti.

Rick Thibadeau, President & Founder of MATH

WELCOME TO NEW VOLUNTEERS



Ann Driscoll has joined the Marketing / Development Committee focusing on grant opportunities. She is a graduate of the University of Hartford and works as a Technology Director for Travelers bringing her professional skills to help us expand our avenues for funding support of the hospital operation and expansion of services for the Haitian community.



Andy Heyman has joined the Finance Committee. A 2024 graduate of Bryant College with a major in Accounting and Psychology and minor in Finance, he is on the Tax Staff at Ernst & Young and brings technical skills in budgeting, forecasting, and analytical support, while offering fresh perspectives for digital finance and banking efforts.

THANK YOU



It is with much appreciation that MATH wishes **Pierre Antoine** all the best as he retires from the Board of Directors. His years of commitment, insight, and support allowed us to work alongside Haitian counterparts for the betterment of the Dame Marie community. His coordination of mission trip logistics provided the team members the opportunity to be of service while staying in the comfort of his childhood home.



Best wishes to **Jerry Galipeau** as he transitions his volunteer activities to helping the elderly and those with disabilities in Hebron, CT. He was an active member of the Marketing / Development Committee assisting in the planning of fundraisers, editing of newsletters, and was instrumental in sustaining our relationship with St. Francis Hospital as it transitioned to Trinity Health Of New England.



MATH wishes **Sachin Parekh, MD** all the best in his new role of President of the Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians. As a mission team member and physician on the Medical Committee, he provided guidance, garnered donations of OTC medications, and was “honored to be part of the works that MATH is doing for the people of Haiti.”

IN MY OWN WORDS

MATH is delighted to introduce an HBLM staff members made possible through your generosity and her thoughts of working at HBLM.



By Samantha Georges, RN

I greet each and every person reading this message with great respect.

I am Samantha Georges, one of the auxiliary nurses of Hôpital Bellevue-La-Montagne. I am not an expert in expressing my feelings but my gratitude and love for this family have given me the courage to share some things.

Since I am part of HBLM, I feel like I am part of a family. I feel fulfilled, although sometimes there may be small misunderstandings, but they are not visible, I have the impression that before everyone comes to work, they leave their personal problems behind to serve others better.

In the hospital, everyone respects each other, everyone cares about each other. I believe that God has put a lot of wisdom in each person at the top of the institution. This makes them always seek to understand and help each team member in need. The assistance allows the employees to share their grievances without fear, because they are always ready to listen to you and help you as much as possible.

My work at the hospital helps me learn more every day. Although I am a nurse by training, I serve as an auxiliary. This experience allowed me to practice, observe, and further develop my knowledge in the field of healthcare. Every day I find new things to learn, either from doctors, nurses, or other colleagues. This helps me grow as a professional, and it gives me more motivation to continue serving patients with more skills and dedication.

A personal story that I will never forget: November 2024, after much support I received from the hospital, I successfully completed a high-risk pregnancy. After giving birth, it was one of the biggest and most beautiful surprises in my calendar. I felt very happy because each member contributed to that moment.

December 2025, it was with great joy that I was living the beautiful leisure time that the hospital organized for all employees.

What I experience every day at the hospital: Patient health is a priority, Every year there are always specials that allow many people to benefit from care. The hospital always seeks to see the needs of the community so that it can provide solutions.

I have heard many patients say: "This hospital is a good hospital, it sees people's lives first and foremost, but the roads are not good, and those who are left behind sometimes have to get hospital transport to come.

In conclusion, I will simply say: I love HBLM, and I am proud to be part of this family. Thank you very much.

MATH is looking for volunteers.

Do you have ~1 hour a month to spare?

Do you have BOD experience, marketing skills, WordPress website, etc.?

Contact MATH at medicalaidtohaiti@gmail.com for more information.



Partnership with *Hôpital Bellevue-La-Montagne*



The MATH Port-au-Prince Project has morphed in appearance over the past 16 years, but not in its mission to Help Haitians Heal Haitians. Since the early days in 2010 when a mobile clinic served 5 communities on a weekly basis, to the neighborhood and mobile clinics in 2013, and since 2020 a community hospital and clinic open 24 / 7 serving a community of over 150,000, the commitment to serving the poor and supporting a reliable, consistent and sustainable healthcare system for medically-under-served villagers has not waived.

Through your valued support, Dr. Wilkens, our trusted partner, has continuously moved forward in providing patients with not only basic healthcare but specialty services, which now includes Orthopedics and Urology.



Thank you to all who support our events



Thank you to co-chairs, Audrey Byrnett and Michelle Kiley, the talented crafters, musicians, alpacas, and volunteers who helped make this event another successful early holiday shopping opportunity.



**Mark your calendars for this year's Festival
14 – 15 November 2026**



Winter White

This legacy event continues to bring together old and new friends to enjoy the hospitality and delicious food provided by

Salute

while supporting the MATH mission.



Hoops For Hope

Thanks to West Woods Upper Elementary School for again selecting MATH, along with Elijah's Entourage, to receive proceeds from the basketball game fundraiser that pitted WWUES staff against a team from ESPN



Monthly Impact of Your Generosity

\$100
ambulance
driver

\$250
x-ray
technician

\$500
general
physician

\$1,500
3 midwives

\$2,500
3 OR team
members

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2026 Calendar

Events

Birdies for Charity Program, 22 – 28 June
Fall Event, TBD
Craft Festival & Marketplace, 14 - 15 November

Mission Trips

*Resumption of trips is unknown, but virtual seminars on
various medical topics are being held.*
If you would like to present a topic, please contact
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and we hope it is yours, too.**

***MATH is again registered for the
Travelers Championship Birdies for Charity***



Birdies for Charity is ***the most*** impactful way to support MATH
because every donation made through this program has a **15% bonus added**,
thanks to event sponsors Webster Bank and Aetna.

Help us reach our goal of \$75,000 and receive the 15% in Bonus Bucks,
by using the QR code above or this link –

<https://app.partnerhq.com/public/e/2026-travelers-championship-birdies-for-charity/f/nonprofits/32>

Questions? Please call Anne, 860-760-7009.

Thank you to all who helped us raise over \$75,000 in 2025 which is enhancing surgical services through purchases and shipment of additional surgical equipment and supplies.