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# "Vini Vit!"

A MESSAGE FROM:

**James Morgan MD, Lamp founder**

Despite many uncertainties, the capacity to convey consistency and reliability is crucial for an organization to meet its goals. The mission of an organization provides the scaffolding; the bricks and mortar are the actual deeds done. A few weeks ago I was able to bear witness to yet another brick being laid and cemented in place as a testament to Lamp's work, work to which I hope you feel personally connected.

As another hot and busy clinic day was winding down Ms. Saint-Fleur, our nurse midwife, noticed that a woman in her ninth month of pregnancy had not come to her appointment as had been arranged. She dispatched our community health worker, Ms. Salita, to go out to the home to investigate. A short time later Ms. Saint-Fleur received an urgent call. The reason our patient missed her appointment was that she had just delivered in her home. The newborn boy was all of about an hour in this world. He looked well, but his mother did not. "Vini vit!" (Come quick!) we were urged.

And so about six of us set out on foot through the serpentine and water-logged back alleys of Cité Soleil. We arrived to see this mother lying supine on her bed. The heat was striking, the air was still. Equally still was our patient.

## "Vini Vit!"

**(COME QUICK!)  
WE WERE URGED.**

We quickly assessed that she was bleeding from partially retained placenta. Her pulse was thready and rapid, and she was unresponsive. She was in hemorrhagic shock and would die soon without intervention. So together we hoisted up this young woman, her husband leading the way supporting her head. Ms. Salita carried the new baby. En masse, we made our way back through the muddy terrain, out to



Jim at the clinic this summer

the rocky road where Lamp's van/ambulance was waiting.

We placed an IV, and supplied the woman with lifesaving, simple saline. One liter poured in, then a second. Her pulse slowed and her blood pressure rose. Anglanès, our excellent driver, sped us to a nearby facility in Port-au-Prince where she would be able to get the needed obstetric care.

In short, that beautiful woman is alive who would have died. That beautiful baby has a mother who will love him and teach him, like mothers have always done.

Think of the progress we've made, together. We have a sturdy vehicle able to transport patients to a higher level of care. We have community health workers, who know the community and the terrain, and can facilitate access to care. We have a maternal-child health program, that provides quality cost effective care and that notices, too, when a patient doesn't show up for their appointment. We have caring staff.

**And we have you.**

I have said and written this many times, and will continue to do so. You, the reader, through your engagement with Lamp – whether through financial support of our work, or even simply embracing the notion of our being one human family irrespective of our differences – that engagement enriches us all. Lives are saved because you care. 🙏

# LAMP for HAITI

## NEWS

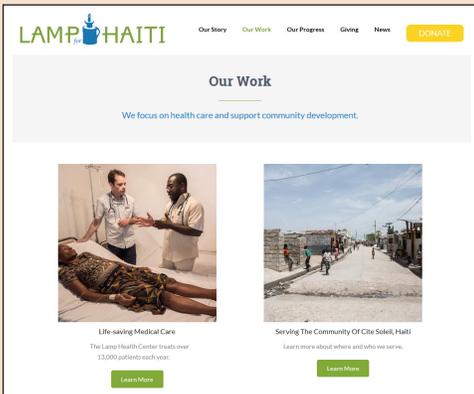
Our website, [www.lampforhaiti.org](http://www.lampforhaiti.org), has been updated! Re-familiarize yourself with Our Story, review a more complete description of Our Work, learn about our growth and impact in a new section called Our Progress, and check in to the News section for current blog entries, the newsletter archive and news clips!



On **Saturday, October 21st**, Lamp for Haiti will host its biggest fundraiser of the year at the Montclair Art Museum in Montclair, New Jersey. If you live locally, we hope you will

join us for "Cocktails for a Cause." It promises to be an informative and fun evening, and the best part is that all proceeds will fund the mission of Lamp for Haiti. Don't miss it!

**Get your tickets online today at [www.lampforhaiti.org/events/](http://www.lampforhaiti.org/events/)**



**The Lamp's Spring Campaign** this year focused on services for children, including the child nutrition program, and thanks to you (*and the tireless Ms. Alissage!*) this most critical program has blossomed. Thus far 76 severely malnourished children are either enrolled or have successfully completed the 6 to 8 week nutrition program. A very dramatic increase over the 35 children that were treated last year. We fully expect that the final number this year will exceed 100.



## LAMP FOR HAITI FISCAL YEAR

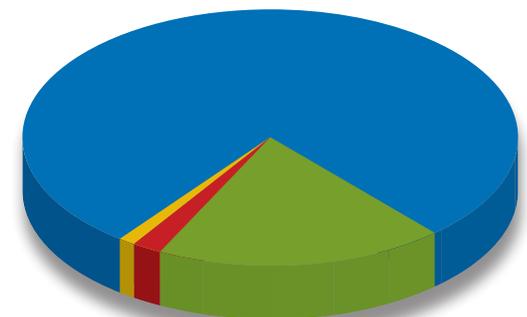
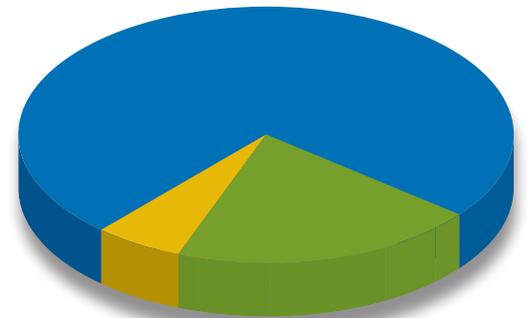
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### REVENUES

Individuals .....	\$341,922
Foundations.....	\$109,682
In-kind (medicine).....	\$1,308,159
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,759,763</b>

### EXPENSES

Management.....	\$15,541
Fundraising.....	\$29,843
Program (includes in-kind) .....	\$1,625,754
Increase in Net Assets .....	\$88,625
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,759,763</b>





Through July and August, the Lamp was very pleased to include Dr. Isemonde Joseph as a volunteer doctor at the health center. Dr. Joseph's stay coincided with the maternity leave of our own Dr. Severe, so the assistance was doubly appreciated. Dr. Joseph grew up in Cité Soleil, giving her a natural rapport with the patients. She was also thrilled to "give back" to her home neighborhood. Thank you, Isemonde!

The start of the school year was delayed for a week due to the threat of Hurricane Irma, but is now in full swing. Pictured is Sarah Zil, one of the children supported by Lamp education sponsors.



Despite dire warnings, Irma did not cause substantial damage in the Port-au-Prince area, and the Lamp clinic closed for only one day.



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## The Clinic Gains an Ultrasound

As reported last year, Abington Hospital near Philadelphia contributed an ultrasound unit to the Lamp. We can now report, with utmost pleasure, that the ultrasound machine has been in full use for many months. Transporting the unit to Haiti was far from an easy task. Shipping it would have incurred a tremendous customs fee, so it was dismantled and carried over, piece by piece, in personal baggage. Happily enough, we were also able to re-assemble it on the other side! While waiting for all of the pieces to arrive, our staff took courses on advanced imaging interpretation and were able to put the unit to use the same day that it was assembled. We had often asked clients at the women's health clinic about their satisfaction



Dr. Hyppolite assesses fetal and maternal health

with our services and the word had always come back loud and clear: please add ultrasound! Well, the satisfaction meter has taken a terrific swing upwards. "The ultrasound adds a very substantial capacity to improve care for expectant mothers and many other patients, male and female. A key tool has been added to the Lamp's diagnostic toolbox."



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# BUILDING COMMUNITY

A major building project was completed this quarter, namely a 150 yard drainage canal that will drain mosquito infested standing water, and reduce flooding during the rainy season, from the neighborhood adjacent to the Lamp for Haiti Health Center. The project will have



The drainage canal underway

tremendous benefits for all of the families along its path. Even more importantly, perhaps, the canal was built entirely with local labor. As of September 1st, the Lamp has spent approximately \$17,000 on labor costs alone, here in Bwa Nèf, in 2017. This is an enormous infusion of earnings for the community. Projects have included the canal, a “peace garden” adjacent to the clinic, and renovations of the public toilets and the main clinic building. For a massively underemployed population,

this is one of the most significant side benefits of having the Lamp health center in the midst of the community. The dual impact of these projects mean that this is money doubly well spent. *The Lamp is building community in more ways than one.*



A portion of the completed canal