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SHINING A LIGHT ON HEALTH, PARTNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

**FALL  
2018**

## 45% More! *The Lamp Takes a Giant Step*

**Every year brings positive change to the Lamp,** but this year will be hard to beat. Starting in September, not only will the Lamp increase the number of patients it treats by 45%, it will also begin to provide specialized care for one of its important patient groups, children! In a matter of weeks, we will be enhancing the professional power of our staff with the skills of a full-time pediatrician. Lamp doctors can see 350 children in a month, so this added expertise will be fully utilized! It is very likely, too, that we will begin to see an even higher number of children as the community becomes aware of this special capability.

But the impact of this change on the clinic will be enormous. The change will be radically positive in some ways, but there will also be a price to pay. On the positive side, the addition of another doctor will have a very positive impact on the women's clinic. The prenatal program has been overwhelmed in recent months by a huge surge in the enrollment of pregnant patients. Adding a third doctor to the staff will allow the women's clinic director, Dr. Sévere, to dedicate a much higher percentage of her time to the prenatal program. Women will thus become the beneficiaries of the change as much as the children!

On the other side, though, there will be much added pressure on



**Mother's Day at the Lamp; expectant moms included! Enrollment in the prenatal program has increased by 66 women per month, over the last six months.**

other services that the Lamp offers. Medicines and lab supplies must now increase by 45%; the patient load per nurse will increase by 45%; EKGs, X-rays, IVs, and ultrasounds will likewise increase.

The greatest impact, however, will be on our laboratory. Our lab has already been overwhelmed; it could not handle a patient increase of 5%, let alone 45%! We will, therefore, be renovating a previously purchased building to serve as a new, expanded laboratory. Also, a temporary lab is currently being furnished and can serve until the new one is ready. And a new laboratory technician will have taken up his or her job before this newsletter reaches you!

This tremendous change has been enabled by a five year grant from one of the Lamp's most stalwart supporters (thank you to the Tessiens!) and some generous donations in support of the women's clinic, but it is still a very ambitious effort. Available resources are never quite enough. The increased costs associated with expanding our patient base will, in fact, be the focus of our Benefit Dinner & Auction this Fall. But consider: serving 45% more people...markedly increasing the quality of care for children...enabling the expansion of our prenatal program...These are not challenges we should back away from!



**The clinic is currently on a pace to treat 14,000 patients this year, but this is stretching our staff to the very limit. With an additional doctor, however, we hope to be able to see 20,000!**

# A Reflection on Time Passed

By Henry Reimer, *Executive Director*

It's with great sadness that I announce the end of my tenure with the Lamp, as I am moving back to Canada. These seven years have been filled with tremendous learning, a great sense of satisfaction, and more than occasional bits of excitement! I have come to love Haiti deeply, and most especially our staff, who have maintained the professional excellence of our health center despite all of the disruptions and challenges that have arisen.

I am as excited about the Lamp, now, as the first day I joined! Unlike some social service efforts, this project represents a pure addition to the total stock of good in the world. If the Lamp had not existed, there would simply have been more suffering in the world. No one else would have stepped in. I hope that every reader of this reflection realizes that this only occurred because



Henry with Pastor Juliot, a Bwa Nèf leader

of Jim Morgan's vision and commitment. I've been privileged to be part of it. But of course we all have a role to play. One of the most enjoyable parts of my job has been the relationships I've formed with so many warm-hearted and generous Lamp supporters. My habitual pessimism about human nature has been sorely tested here at the Lamp! I am leaving in full confidence that Jim (*who will serve as the interim Director*), the Lamp's marvelous Board of Trustees, the next Director, and you yourselves will continue to expand and improve this excellent project. It has been worth every effort, and it will continue to be!

## Thanks to you, a new van funded.



Our "new" staff and patient transport vehicle, purchased in part by your contributions to the Spring Appeal, has already seen a lot of work. It's seen here in front of the Lamp clinic, and at a mobile clinic. It may be hard to read Dr. Hyppolite's shirt, but it says, in Kreyol, *Nou Ka fè Plis*. We Can Do More!



# OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR.

Don't miss out – last call for tickets!



## BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION

CELEBRATING OUR 12TH YEAR AND  
FUNDRAISING TO EXPAND THE REACH OF OUR CLINIC

OCTOBER

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2018

COCKTAILS FROM 6:30PM  
& DINNER AT 8:00PM

MAYFAIR FARMS  
481 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE  
WEST ORANGE, NJ

### JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE AND INSPIRATIONAL EVENING.

- Open bar cocktail reception
- 3-course seated dinner
- Dr. Morgan will present, "Stories beyond the numbers"
- Visiting staff from our clinic
- Award presentation
- Live music by talented youth performers, including the Fretless Youth Orchestra
- A fund-the-mission paddle raiser to help us continue expansion of pediatric health services
- Auction & raffle

Reserve individual tickets or table sponsorships online at:

[www.lampforhaiti.org/gala-2018/](http://www.lampforhaiti.org/gala-2018/)

Kindly RSVP by September 30th • Cocktail Attire

Local NJ friends, please join us  
for a fun afternoon of music  
to benefit Lamp for Haiti.

Sunday, September 9th  
2:00 – 6:00pm

Tierney's  
Tavern

Tierney's is generously donating the space and Alan Smith of The Porchistas has organized an afternoon of musical performances, including Catie Friel, Michaela McClain, Fretless Youth Orchestra and The Porchistas

**Come and bring your friends.**

\$25 DONATION AT THE DOOR

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## SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP AT THE LAMP

By Pam Hawes, *Treasurer*

**If you are reading this**, you most likely grew up in a country that mandates or provides a means for education. Not true in the small town of Bwa Nèf, Cité Soleil, Haiti, where more than 50% of the children are uneducated and do not attend school due to the lack of books, uniforms, shoes and funding. In 2010, Lamp initiated a pilot program by placing a few children with École Mixte Enfant Jésus, a small independently owned school which is well established and located in the neighborhood. The program immediately took off and because of donor participation has grown to 30+ children of all different ages being able to attend school. The program not only educates the children but provides a purpose for them during the day and a goal to strive toward. Their gratitude towards those who have afforded them this opportunity is priceless. I have personally witnessed the excitement they have for being in school and the progress they have made.

Because of the huge success of this program, we have added an additional tutoring platform to enhance the program, hence, creating jobs within the community. Education has been proven to be the



**Some of our sponsored kids, here holding the daily snacks they get during the after-school tutoring program.**

stepping stone for a brighter future for the young and these children are a great example of this. This program along with many of our other community programs has proven to be a sustainable program for the people of Cité Soleil and I am glad to have been a part of it and have watched it unfold since the beginning. A one year school sponsorship is \$380. **If you are interested in funding a child for school, please contact us!**