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SHINING A LIGHT ON HEALTH, PARTNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

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Welcome to our new Executive Director!

A MESSAGE FROM JAMES MORGAN, MD, *Board Chair*

We are happy to announce the start of the new tenure of executive directorship for Mr. Nose Poliard, who is replacing Henry Reimer. Many

of you will recall Henry's steady presence as he guided Lamp for the past seven years. Henry has left the East Coast to tend to family matters in Vancouver, Canada – a long way from Haiti, and I daresay a bit colder! We wish Henry the very best and thank him for his hard work and dedication.

Our search committee interviewed multiple well-qualified persons, and we decided on Nose Poliard. Nose comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in international development, and in management. He has extensive work experience in the arenas of social and community development in Haiti, including working with international partners, as well as experience in working in an environment like Cité Soleil, where our health center currently operates.

As a Haitian-born, now U.S. citizen, he brings skillful insight into cultural issues that are crucial to understand in ensuring the success of our programs. The slums of Cité Soleil are difficult

enough, and so appreciating nuance can make a big difference when interacting with community leaders, staff and regulatory bodies alike.

Nose has a Master's Degree in Social Work from Temple University. He is fluent in Haitian Kreyol, French, Spanish and English.

On a personal note, since Nose joined our team a few months ago, I have enjoyed his warm spirit and sense of humor, no doubt honed by his wife and four children!

Nose understands the collaborative overarching spirit that is the hallmark of Lamp for Haiti in both the U.S. and abroad, and he has embraced this team approach. Nose can be reached at nosepoliard@lampforhaiti.org. **Welcome Aboard, Nose!**



Nose and Dr. Morgan
at the Lamp Benefit
Dinner, Oct. 2018

Upcoming Lamp Fundraising Events:

A special evening of cocktails to benefit Lamp -

May 16th in Larchmont. If you live in Westchester county, NY and are you interested to come and hear Dr. Morgan talk about the Lamp, please write to cheryl@lampforhaiti.org to get details to this private event in the beautiful home of one of our supporters.

Thank you to our hosts!



Hoops for Haiti on June 8th, St. Cassian School in Montclair.

9th grader Toby Baer and his family are organizing the fourth annual Hoops for Haiti 3-on-3 basketball tournament for kids of all ages. Join in the fun and help them raise money for Lamp. Sign up at www.lampforhaiti.org to participate.



Summit Avenue Concert Benefit on June 8th

Montclair High School students and their families will once again organize a backyard music concert hosted by families on Summit Avenue in Montclair, to benefit Lamp for Haiti. It promises to be an afternoon filled with talented musical performers of all ages, good food, and great company. **SAVE THE DATE!**

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**Save the date for this year's gala!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
at the Glen Ridge Women's Club**

We promise it's going to be our best one yet!
More details soon...



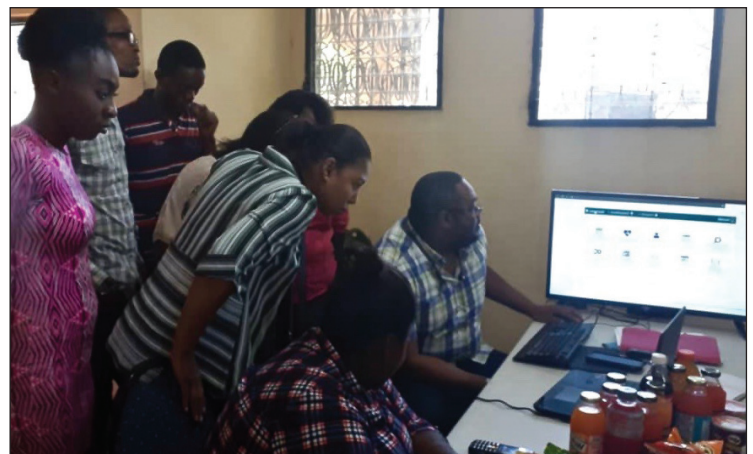
You can always get more real time information about events via our social media on Facebook and Instagram



NEW HEALTH INFORMATICS SPECIALIST IN HAITI

Welcome to Dr. Nathaelf Hyppolite who recently joined the Lamp team in Haiti, as a part-time Health Informatics Specialist (by the way, no relation to Dr. Barrere Hyppolite, our medical director in Haiti). Dr. Nathaelf, a Haitian professional, earned a Master's in Health informatics from the University of Missouri and a Medical degree from the State University in Haiti (Faculty of Medicine) with a specialty in Family Practice. As a key task, he will help build new servers to increase stability of Lamp's current electronic medical record system and help reduce service interruption. As most of you know we use electronic health records for our patients at the clinic. Lamp is proud to continue to invest in technology to ensure we provide quality health care in Cité Soleil, Haiti.

Dr. Nathaelf Hyppolite (no relation to Medical Director Dr. Barrere Hyppolite) is shown here standing between Dr. Barrere Hyppolite and Benoit Florestal, In-Country Program Manager. Also shown is a recent training with staff on the electronic medical record system.



Our spring appeal to raise \$50,000 for essential patient medication is underway!

There is still time to help us meet our medication goal for our pharmacy – help us ensure medicines that improve lives. Thank you to those who have contributed.

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HELP US PURCHASE CRITICAL MEDICATION!

*Assist us in raising \$50,000
by June 1st to supply the
Lamp Health Center with:*

- 1 Urgent Pediatric Medications**
- 2 Essential Adult Medicine Supplies**

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FULFILL URGENT PEDIATRIC MEDICATION NEEDS



Our dedicated pediatric program launched in October 2018 and it is thriving. Lamp seeks to maintain a full stock of common medicines in child-friendly forms (liquid, chewable) and pediatric dosages. Since medicine in these pediatric formats is hard to obtain by in-kind pharmaceutical donation, we know our medication costs will remain very high. Please help us ensure children get the medication they need to stay well!

Nurse Astrude, Head of the Pharmacy, filling stocks of Tribromol cough syrup.



PLEASE
HELP KEEP
OUR ON-SITE
PHARMACY
FILLED



*You can directly
help patients
achieve better
health outcomes
through the supply
of medication.
THANK YOU!*

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MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL ADULT MEDICINE STOCKS

Lamp typically receives in-kind donations of well over \$1,000,000 annually in adult dose medicines to distribute free of charge to our patients. However, last year our in-kind medication donations were 50% lower than the prior two years. Despite our best procurement efforts, problems can arise in-country or with in-kind suppliers that lead to delays or postponements of shipments to Lamp. Accordingly, we are fundraising now to ensure we can afford to maintain our stocks of essential adult medicine for the Lamp Health Center.

Our nurse preparing antibiotics for pick-up at our pharmacy.



It is the policy of the Lamp Health Center to offer free medication to our patients, since they would not be able to afford to fill prescriptions on their own or would ration them and not take them as prescribed. 95% of Cité Soleil residents live significantly below the international poverty line of \$1.25 a day.

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YOUR SUPPORT HELPS FAMILIES IN NEED!

This is little Woodson, the fifth and youngest child of his mother, Roseline. Woodson was brought to the clinic recently and found to be severely malnourished. He was placed into the nurse-supervised, child nutrition program by Dr. Vilipigue, our pediatrician,



Dr. Vilipigue examining Woodson

to treat this life-threatening malnutrition. However, just the next day the mother returned to Lamp with this child who was now having difficulty breathing, coughing,



and running a fever. Dr. Vilipigue immediately examined him and diagnosed the child with pneumonia, of course compounded by the severe malnutrition.

She said to his mother that "we must refer him to the closest hospital because his life is in danger!" The mother was inconsolably crying because she faces a mountain of challenges – she has no income and four other children. Her socioeconomic condition is catastrophic and dangerous for her family. These types of moments can break a person. It shows how important Lamp's work is. Having access to medical care can avoid this kind of tragedy and there is so much to do for us in Cite Soleil! Woodson is just one example of many in need. Proper diagnosis and medications, including therapeutic food provided through Lamp, give families healthcare and hope.

– Barrere Hyppolite, MD