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Dear Partners and Donors,

I extend my warmest and most respectful greetings.

I am Ruth Allissage, a nurse in charge of nutrition and vaccination. For 20 years, Lamp for Haiti has been much more than an organization to me: it is a calling, a source of hope, and a true family serving my country.

Located in the commune of Cité Soleil, more specifically in the Bois-Neuf area, Lamp for Haiti embodies a light amidst the most challenging realities. Since joining in 2017, I have been deeply moved by the welcome, solidarity, and love that animate this institution. Long before my arrival, it was already supporting our community by fighting childhood malnutrition, supporting children's education, assisting the most vulnerable, and above all, saving lives.



In Bois-Neuf, Lamp has become a true pillar of hope. Every child saved, every family relieved, testifies to its tangible impact. For me, this experience has been life-changing, both personally and professionally.

To you, dear donors, I express my deepest and most sincere gratitude. Your support is a blessing to our community. Thanks to you, lives are saved and hope continues to grow. Let us continue to shine this light together for a more dignified and humane future in Haiti.

Avec un reconnaissance infinie
(With boundless gratitude),

Ruth Allissage

Lamp responds to changing circumstances

As long-time supporters know, Lamp is constantly seeking to assure impact despite constantly changing conditions. The various crises affecting Haiti – the political crisis, the economic crisis, gang control of the capital city, a food insecurity crisis (now affecting 50% of the population) – demand that we remain flexible, creative and on our toes.

This note concerns a relatively new phenomenon. In Port-au-Prince today, camps of people that have been displaced from their homes by gang violence have appeared throughout the lower part of the city. These camps are only growing larger. In early May, a 2023 truce between various large gangs began to crumble. Violence has again surged with drastic effect in many communities.

It has occurred to us that we are well-placed to provide services to these displaced persons. Ever since we began services in the neighborhood of Clercine – just outside Cité Soleil -- we have used a quota system that can easily be applied to new communities. Community Health Workers (CHWs) are given vouchers which they distribute in target communities.

These vouchers are essentially appointment slips and allow the holder to receive full services at the health center.

We are currently identifying the location of all camps of displaced persons in our area, and selecting CHWs that are able to visit these camps, inviting those who are ill – including children who are malnourished – to come to our health center at Clercine.

The camps represent a serious new problem: large groups of people who have been separated from any network of care that they previously enjoyed. People who are newly torn from their communities and are struggling to survive in makeshift shelters. Lamp is able to provide some hope, some care, for these persons and we will continue to explore the best ways to provide this care.



UPDATES!

SAVE THE DATE The Annual Lamp for Haiti Gala and Silent Auction will be held **earlier** this year, on October 9, 2026, at Glen Ridge Country Club. Tickets go on sale June 15. This year's gala celebrates Lamp for Haiti's 20th year of providing quality healthcare to those in need in Cité Soleil and beyond. *For sponsorship information, please contact kelli@lampforhaiti.org.*



The 10th Annual Hoops for Haiti will take place this summer. This three-on-three basketball tournament has become a beloved Lamp tradition. Montclair resident Toby Baer launched the event 10 years ago when he was in sixth grade, and he has continued organizing it through middle school, high school, and college. Now a graduate with a BA in Science, Toby remains deeply committed to Lamp for Haiti. Join us for an afternoon of basketball, friendly competition, snacks, and support for a great cause. Please visit our website for more details. *To sponsor a team or support the event, contact Kelli at kelli@lampforhaiti.org or call 973.619.3302.*

The 5th Annual Lamp for Haiti 5K Run/Walk was held on Sunday, May 3, at Branch Brook Park. Despite the chilly morning, the event was filled with warmth, enthusiasm, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who came out to run, walk, and cheer on participants, helping to make the day such a wonderful success. *We look forward to seeing you again next year!*



**LAMP
FOR HAITI
5TH ANNUAL
5K RUN
& WALK
MAY 3, 2026**

Lamp Supporters: Our Spring Appeal is drawing to a close!

Our goal for the Spring Appeal is \$50,000 and we remain short of that target this year. With urgent needs continuing every day, we extended the appeal through June 14, a date which marks National Children's Day around the world and celebrated in Haiti. That timing is especially meaningful to us because more than 40% of the patients we serve are children. These are young lives that depend on access to care, nourishment, and hope. At Lamp for Haiti, we are committed to being there for them through essential medical services and our child nutrition program, which supports some of the most vulnerable families in our community.

Today, we ask you to please make a gift to help close this critical gap. Your donation, no matter the size, will make a real and immediate difference for children and others in dire need of medical care. Every dollar helps us continue providing healing, support, and hope to those who have nowhere else to turn.

REMEMBER, IT IS LAMP'S 20TH YEAR!

Spring Appeal 2026

2026 Marks 20 Years of Service in Haiti!



WAYS TO GIVE TO LAMP FOR HAITI!

As our Spring Appeal comes to an end on June 14, we invite you to consider the many ways to support the people of Haiti, who continue to face urgent medical and essential needs. For 20 years, Lamp for Haiti has delivered compassionate, cost-effective care in communities with limited access to basic health services. Every gift helps sustain vital work and bring hope to families in need.

WAYS TO GIVE INCLUDE:

- **Make a financial gift online** or by mail to help provide life-saving care.
- **Honor a loved one** with a tribute or memorial gift.
- **Request a matching gift** through your employer to increase your impact.
- **Host a fundraiser** to introduce others to Lamp for Haiti's mission.
- **Share our work on social media** to broaden awareness and support.
- **Use iGive** to direct everyday online shopping toward our mission.
- **Consider a legacy gift** through stocks, annuities, or your estate plans.
- **Volunteer your time**, particularly in support of fundraising events.



The people of Haiti, especially those we serve in Cité Soleil, continue to face political and economic instability, gang violence, and severe food insecurity in what the United Nations has described as one of the world's gravest humanitarian crises. While others have scaled back or closed their facilities, Lamp for Haiti remains committed to providing life-saving, essential care. This work continues only because of the generosity of supporters in the United States. The need for compassionate, reliable support remains urgent, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership over the past 20 years. We invite you to consider one or more ways to give so we can continue caring for those in need.

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UNICEF Haiti provides critical assistance to Lamp's Child Nutrition Program

Lamp's Child Nutrition Program treats malnourished children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years. The number of children needing this intervention has skyrocketed over the past few years.

This message, however, is one of hope. UNICEF Haiti has recently identified Lamp for Haiti as an agency that is able to provide effective, accountable services for children and has provided Lamp with a large quantity of Ready to Eat Therapeutic Food (RUTF). This is food that provides the ideal mix of nutritional elements for malnourished children. It has a base of peanut butter – which is why we often call it medika mamba, meaning “peanut butter medicine” in Haitian Creole – mixed with powdered milk, sugar and the necessary vitamins and minerals.

UNICEF provided a similar amount last year, a key donation that allowed Lamp to confidently expand its program. This time UNICEF also provided several key supplements and medicines that are essential to a complete nutrition program, including Vitamin A, iron, and deworming medicine.

Of course, consumable products – vital though they are – are not the only resources needed for a rapidly growing Child Nutrition Program. With hundreds of children visiting Lamp each day, we must ensure that staffing and facilities are sufficient. We will, in fact, hire a nurse within the next month to reduce the strain on our very busy staff.

Lamp is grateful for this very fruitful partnership with UNICEF. Haiti is in a fragile state, and we must all act together to achieve the best possible outcomes.

