



HVF Mission

To provide Haitians with efficient ways to be successful – a chance everyone deserves.

HVF Vision

To provide opportunities for Haitians to create their own paths and overcome barriers to success through offering easily accessible education, affordable preventative healthcare, and job creation.

April Mission in Numbers

- 2 physicians
- 2 registered nurses
- 3 nurse assistants
- 2 lab technicians
- 1 health care worker
- 602 patients
- 52 HIV labs (11 positive)
- 12 syphilis tests (3 positive)
- 150 malaria tests (98 positive)
- 95 typhoid fever tests (81 positive)
- 10 pregnancy tests (6 positive)
- 48 parasite tests (37 positive)
- 82 vision tests
- 38 eyeglasses provided
- 492 students at dental conference

April mission trip brings medical labs, emergency care

HVF runs a chronic disease clinic year-round to treat diabetes, hypertension, and epilepsy. This April, HVF brought a team to Dondon to address more acute concerns, such as HIV, syphilis, and typhoid fever. This level of medical care is not currently available in Dondon, and 602 local residents endured long lines for the opportunity to get tested during the four days of the clinic. 236 positive diagnoses were made; aware of their condition, these patients can now get treatment.



Not all patients have the resources for treatment, however, especially since they'd have to travel to a hospital in another city. One man was found to be HIV positive, and in such critical condition that Dr. St. Vil estimated he'd live only three months without treatment. This man lacked the resources needed to get care, so Dr. St. Vil drove him 50 miles through the rain (1 hour, 45 minutes) to Milot, where a hospital agreed to treat him at no cost. Trusting the patient to their care, Dr. St. Vil left him with enough money to get food and transportation back to Dondon. We celebrate this man's life and are grateful to have been able to help, but there are others left untreated, and we press on to reach the day when the medical needs of every Dondon resident can be met with quality care right in their own town.



Bon Santé for Haiti Benefit raised \$17,000

We are thrilled to report the success of our Spring fundraiser that has raised enough support to continue funding the chronic disease clinic for another year and enroll more patients into the program! The women of Cleveland Heights Jazzercise worked tirelessly to arrange a Caribbean themed evening, featuring a delicious spread of food, lively music, an enticing silent auction, a live telling of a Haitian folk story, and a presentation of HVF's projects and plans for the future. A tremendous thank you those who made it all happen, and to all of you who were able to come and show your support!

We are encouraged by the overwhelming attendance and generous gifts.



TriC sends eyewear to Dondon!



Four students pose with Dr. Saint-Vil and their new glasses

Thanks to the generous contribution of eyeglasses from a group of optician tech students from Cuyahoga Community College, HVF was able to hold a vision clinic on the last day of the mission trip. The anticipation of this event was so great that people arrived at 5am for a chance to be seen. We were able to see eighty-two of them in a single day, but still had to turn some away. Glasses were given to sixteen students and twenty-two adults.

HVF Receives Harvard Grant

HVF has been awarded a Harvard University grant for our malnutrition project! The inaugural Harvard Undergraduate Consulting on Business and the Environment Sustainability Grant supports our efforts to combat malnutrition in Dondon, which is estimated to be as high as 40% among children. The \$1,000 award goes to support our three-part program:

1. Nutritional education for mothers
2. Supplementary nutrition with a locally made product
3. Follow-up every three months to assess growth of the children



Sponsor a Student!

HVF is currently providing tuition scholarships to 17 students, elementary through college-aged. These students are supported by individual sponsors. We have set an ambitious goal to find sponsors for 22 more students by the beginning of the school year in August. Only \$500 a year (\$42/month) will provide education to students with strong potential whose families are unable to send them to school otherwise. If you are interested in sponsoring one of our students, please visit haitianvisionfoundation.com/scholarship-students or email l.benish@haitianvisionfoundation.com.

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