



A Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Institution



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Our most challenging year

Earthquake response

It has been a year since Healing Hands for Haiti International (HHHI) faced the biggest challenge since its inception in 1999. The near total destruction of the Healing Hands for Haiti property on Avenue John Brown, including the Kay Kapab Klinik, due to a catastrophic magnitude 7.0 earthquake on January 12th, 2010, caused operations to be temporarily suspended until our emergency medical team could be deployed to assess the situation and set up an emergency response. A temporary medical tent was erected on the lower portion of the HHHI headquarters campus, which allowed patients to return to a familiar location. The losses and trauma experienced by our patients and staff were and continue to be a main concern while we rebuild together.

In the weeks following the devastation, HHHI developed strategic partnerships with other NGOs and institutions including Handicap International (HI), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Physicians for Peace (PFP) and others. People around the world responded with record-breaking donations of money, materials, and time as volunteers.

Growing with valued partners

However, once demolition of buildings began, the medical tent had to come down for the safety of our patients and staff. Handicap International and HHHI joined forces and rented a facility to house a prosthetic and orthotic workshop and physical therapy center.

In the summer of 2010, through the support of Direct Relief International, HHHI was able to rent and staff an off-site facility to house a new

Klinik Kay Kapab rehabilitation center and headquarters. Physicians for Peace delivered a back-up generator to power the facility, Newman's Own Foundation purchased a new van to transport medical volunteers, The Jain Center of Southern California sponsored new computer and telecommunication systems.

Other key partnerships emerged. In the spring of 2010, The International Committee of the Red Cross, Special Fund for the Disabled (ICRC-SFD), with the collaboration of the American Red Cross and the Norwegian Red Cross, offered funding of \$1.5 million and the architectural and engineering support to build, equip, and maintain a new physical rehabilitation facility with an outpatient physiotherapy clinic, prosthetic and orthotic workshop, offices and training rooms. Construction begins immediately; the opening is expected in early 2012.

The ICRC, SFD outpatient building will re-establish and expand HHHI pre-earthquake programs at our headquarters property. It is the first step in constructing Haiti's first Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute (with 20 inpatient beds, accommodations for patients' families, pharmacy, warehousing) scheduled for completion in 2012. This project's building fund stands at more than \$300,000 and is growing. A major gift from The Sorenson Legacy Foundation allowed HHHI to do necessary land and site development to prepare the property for construction.

Training and Education

Healing Hands for Haiti has hired key Haitian medical staff to add to our team on the ground in Haiti. For the eleven years of operations, HHHI has employed a "train the trainer" model and is dedicated to supporting rehabilitation by Haitians for Haitians in Haiti. Through the hiring of prosthetists, rehabilitation nurses and physiatrists, HHHI is able to provide a holistic approach to our patients and attend to the increasing need for physical medicine and rehabilitation services.

Direct Relief International also provided funding to support a Rehabilitation Nursing Research project in which 120 Haitian nurses participated through completing a 60-question



Out of the rubble, our new facilities emerge.

Architect's illustration of Healing Hands for Haiti's physical medicine and rehabilitation medical complex under construction.



competency assessment test to evaluate the current knowledge of rehabilitation nursing principles. The analysis will assist in the development of a rehab nursing training program specific to the needs of the Haitian nurse. The database development and analysis is being done pro-bono by the Research Institute at Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, Utah.

HHHI, along with Handicap International and the International Committee of the Red Cross, with the participation of the Haitian Health Ministry, is developing the Hispaniola Island Prosthetic and Orthotic Education (HIPOE) program. This is a distance learning degree program for Prosthetic and Orthotic practitioners on the Island of Hispaniola. The plan is to launch this winter with funding from USAID.

Team Canada Healing Hands (TCHH is HHHI Canadian partner) has worked in partnership with Haiti Hospital Appeal (HHA) providing continuous specialist Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) teams on one to four week rotations for a period of five months in 2010. TCHH has been able to provide a Physiatrist, based in Port-au-Prince, to oversee the medical needs of the spinal cord injured since April 2010, making regular visits to Cap Haitien to provide full medical assessments and staff education (medical and nursing). This has been a way of providing continuity of care as the discharged SCI patients are able to see the same Physiatrist and Registered Nurse in our Kay Kapab Klinik as at Haiti Hospital Appeal.

HHHI continued a partnership with Project Medishare by providing hydrocephalus pre-surgical assessments and education in the spring and the fall of 2010. We provided food for patients during their hospital stay, diapers and nursing support. The HHHI rehabilitation nurse was available during this time to offer support for the families. Pre and post surgical care was provided by HHHI at our Klinik Kay Kapab.

Our wheelchair program was supported by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which donated 380 Motivation wheelchairs for distribution in Haiti. We will manage the

fitting and maintenance of these assistive devices as we have for the past decade.

Throughout the year, HHHI has continued to be at the table for all meetings and discussions representing persons with disabilities and their rehabilitation in Haiti. Our medical staff, volunteers and Board members have attended educational and planning conferences, and have been key participants in discussions about the future of Physical Medicine in Haiti.

2010 accomplishments, with our partners, at a glance:

- Deployed approx. 300 rehabilitation volunteers throughout Haiti
- Fabricated and fitted 399 limbs, 466 orthoses, distributed 250 wheelchairs to mobilize persons with disabilities
- Provided education and training to 5 hospitals and orphanages in spinal cord injury and other areas of physical medicine
- Coordinated, conducted orthopedic evaluations, referrals and surgeries in Haiti and in the US
- Established two new program and service centers and expanded our medical and operational staff
- Created HIPOE, the country's first Prosthetic and Orthotic international degree program.
- Are beginning construction of new Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute
- Launched a new web site and annual giving program
- Was awarded one of the Physicians for Peace 'Haiti Heroes of the Year' Awards
- Maintained a usage rate of 84% of all received revenues for programs and services (14% for administration).



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Healing Hands for Haiti is committed to providing physical medicine and rehabilitation education and training programs to Haitian students and health care workers to help enable a fully independent self-sufficient Haitian health care system.

Patients in therapy and staff at the Healing Hands for Haiti/Handicap International prosthetic fabrication and physical therapy clinic in Port au Prince, Haiti



The Healing Hands for Haiti team at opening of the new Kay Kapab Klinik, December 3, 2010.



The new Klinik Kay Kapab provides physical therapy and medical services, houses training rooms for staff, examination rooms, a pharmacy and our administration offices.



Looking ahead

2011 will bring new challenges and opportunities. HHHI will continue to raise awareness for rehabilitation in order to raise funds for new programs and those that have been put on hold, including the School Reintegration Project and the Club Foot Program. We will also continue to fundraise for the completion of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute.

Expect that in 2011, HHHI will continue our consistent involvement in the therapy

disciplines and in education and training. We will continue to grow our staff, expand our projects and programs and serve the many and diverse stakeholders of HHHI, including first and foremost, the estimated 800,000 persons living with disabilities in Haiti.

Our deep appreciation is extended to our volunteers, our donors and all who care about and support our medical and educational efforts in Haiti. Thank you for helping us to rebuild in Haiti now.

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