

Help us to rebuild in Haiti now



A Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Institution



Our principles

Dedication – to the development of sustainable physical medicine and rehabilitation care, education and training delivered by Haitians in Haiti.

Accountability – to our patients, volunteers, donors and partners, for making the right operational and financial decisions that ensure effective, economic delivery of our physical medicine and rehabilitation programs. (Annual audits on web site.)

Transparency – in all our legal, financial and operational affairs so that our supporters will have full and unreserved confidence and trust in our organization.

Respect – for our patients foremost, and for everyone who supports our efforts to improve the quality of life of Haitians with disabilities, as reflected in our Code of Ethics and in our daily actions.

Our accomplishments since January 12, 2010

- Immediately established an emergency medical clinic and rehabilitation services at our former headquarters.
- Deployed more than 300 volunteers from across North America to assist in our rehabilitation efforts.
- Launched an interim prosthetic fabrication and physical therapy facility in Port-au-Prince, developed in partnership with Handicap International.
- Fabricated and fitted approximately 350 limbs for amputees and more than 150 orthotic devices for disabled patients.

- Provided teams with spinal cord injury expertise to assist in both the care of more than 100 patients and in training of local care providers at sites throughout Haiti.
- Opened a new temporary headquarters to accommodate our clinic, classrooms, therapy programs and administration.
- Began laying the foundations for Haiti's first Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute, a center of excellence where Haitians can learn the technical and professional medical skills to ultimately achieve self-sufficiency.

Our achievements since 1999

more than...

- 500 rehabilitation medicine teams deployed
- 10,000 medical volunteers served in many capacities
- 100 Haitian rehabilitation technicians trained
- 25,000 patients treated in our Port-au-Prince clinic
- 1000 prostheses and orthoses delivered
- 150 orthopedic and hydrocephalus surgeries subsidized
- 300 children enrolled in school reintegration programs
- 1000 donated wheelchairs fitted and maintained
- 20 orphanages aided with medical, therapy and education programs



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



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Our priorities

1. Provide continuity of all physical medicine and rehabilitation services by moving to temporary facilities and deploying mobile teams to clinics and hospitals as needed.
2. Re-establish our prosthetics & orthotics outpatient therapy programs.
3. Train and support education of Haitians in rehabilitation medicine, therapy and nursing.
4. Through 2011 construct a sustainable, modern, outpatient physical medicine and rehabilitation campus to include medical, educational, vocational and guest facilities. (see architect's illustration below)
5. In 2012, build Haiti's first inpatient Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute. (see architect's illustration on cover)
6. Cultivate sustainable revenue streams and development partnerships to ensure our future and the future of physical medicine and rehabilitation delivered by Haitians in Haiti.



Out of the rubble, our new facilities emerge.

Our services & programs*

Prosthetic & Orthotic fabrication and physical therapy

- fabrication, fitting and physical therapy for patients requiring limbs and assistive devices

Hispaniola Island Prosthetic & Orthotic Education (HiPOE)

- establish, with partners, certified training programs for technicians and therapists in Haiti

Rehabilitation Medical and Therapy Clinic

- become a center of excellence for delivery of both care and training

Spinal Cord Injury

- deploy clinicians to train, mentor and provide care to spinal cord injury centers throughout Haiti

Hydrocephalus

- provide a program offering pre and post surgical care, maternal support and follow-up for hydrocephalic children

Clubfoot

- offer therapy, surgery, family support and follow-up care for adults and children with clubfoot

Care giver Training

- teach and mentor care givers in orphanages housing children with disabilities

Orphanage support

- visit children with disabilities to assess, monitor, treat, and document

School Reintegration

- encourage, support and follow up the reintegration of children with disabilities into appropriate education facilities

Wheel Chair Distribution

- provide, fit and maintain donated wheel chairs to patients with temporary or permanent needs

* 86% of all donations go to programs and services

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

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Our organization

Volunteers

Healing Hands for Haiti International was founded by and depends on a large and growing group of dedicated medical volunteers from throughout North America. They include psychiatrists, rehabilitation nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, prosthetists and orthotists and other skilled medical personnel who come to Haiti on their own time to provide education, training and care.

Staff

We have a skilled and dedicated staff of nurses, doctors, therapists and prosthetic & orthotic technicians and managers, complemented by some 50 support personnel working in Haiti with international staff in North America. Most of our headquarters staff is Haitian and Haitian trained. Many are bi- or trilingual and have been with us throughout much of our history. Their responsibilities include management, operations, administration, training, maintenance, interpreting, transportation, security and support.



Dr. Bernard Nau, Medical Director, assessing infant with disability.

Teaching and training Haitians are top priorities.



Partners in Development

Both prior to and after the earthquake our survival and growth have depended on the generosity of our many international donors and volunteers, and on the commitment of strong development partners, such as:

Bon Travay	Direct Relief International
Team Canada Healing Hands	The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
Handicap International	Special Fund for the Disabled
Physicians for Peace	The Jain Center of Southern California
Newman's Own Foundation	
Sorenson Legacy Foundation	

...as well as many other family foundations, medical associations and other non-governmental organizations.

Board

Our leadership includes an all volunteer elected Board of Directors, and appointed executives who head committees which are charged with the medical, administrative, operations, financial, legal and development oversight of the organization. Many of our Board members are founders of Healing Hands for Haiti; many others have volunteered in Haiti.

Emergency response team, February 2010.



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To our supporters

From our founding in 1999, the goal of Healing Hands for Haiti International has been to develop and support the provision of physical medicine and rehabilitation services, by Haitians themselves, to help the more than 800,000* Haitian children and adults living with disabilities. Through the work of our North American and Haitian staff and volunteers, we have acquired extensive experience in both the delivery of rehabilitation therapy and prosthetic and orthotic services, as well as in the training of health and community rehabilitation workers.

Since the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010, we have taken the lead in caring for both the newly and previously disabled and we have been recognized as one of the most experienced and capable organizations in our field in Haiti.

Today, we are addressing the post-earthquake realities that require both the reconstruction and redevelopment of our organization's infrastructure, services and programs in order to respond to the urgent existing and emergent needs of all Haitians with disabilities.

* Pan American Health Organization, 'Health in the Americas, 1998 Edition, Volume II'

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*All of our headquarters
staff survived earthquake
of January 2010*



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