2017 IMPACT REPORT

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends-

Have you ever seen that bumper sticker “Midwives help people out”? It’s my favorite because, yes, midwives love catching sweet, wrinkly babies, but we also love helping mothers. It’s been said that midwifery, like the ministry, is a calling and it’s true. Service to women and their families is our work and “helping people out” is our calling. In Haiti, where the need for more midwives is so great, this calling is amplified. The calling burns brightly in each of our 155 graduates and also the 30 new students that have been accepted into our 10th class. These women and men have a strong desire to serve and an ambition to improve the health of the mothers and babies in Haiti. I have no doubt that, with the support and training Midwives For Haiti offers, they will succeed.

Our staff and volunteers work incredibly hard to help people out. From managers to teachers to drivers and security guards, every single person on our team of 69, including 61 Haitians, is working to improve maternal and infant health in Haiti. Of course, none of this work on the frontlines or behind the scenes is possible without our faithful supporters. This annual report is a snapshot of our collective efforts in 2017 and I’m proud to share it with you.

Here are some of the highlights and our plans for 2018:

• In 2017, our five health intervention programs collectively provided 19,773 patient visits in the Central Plateau. Our programs are under constant review and we continue to adapt quickly to ensure we are operating at full capacity.

• We graduated 32 skilled birth attendants in Class 9. Skilled birth attendance is the single most critical intervention to save the lives of women and infants and with every SBA we train, she will care for an estimated 2,000 women and babies throughout her career. We’ve now trained 155 SBAs, about 20% of the skilled maternity providers working in Haiti. That’s 310,000 safer births for the women and children of Haiti.

• Our Mobile Prenatal Clinic numbers have nearly doubled within a year to 13,506 patient visits, an increase of 89%, and we must continue to meet the needs of these mothers. Our mobile clinic data is sent to Haiti’s Ministry of Health to help strengthen existing infrastructure as we work alongside the government.

• Our 10th class of SBAs begin in late March and we’ve extended the education program to 14-months. They are an incredibly bright group and we are proud to welcome them to the Nadene Brunk Eads School.

• 79 midwives, nurses, and doctors volunteered over 3,000 hours to support our students and programs in 2017. We need volunteers to help in Haiti with our 10th class and have posted our 2018-2019 curriculum on our website.

• We continue to keep our U.S. overhead low and 89% of our total spending goes to our programs in Haiti.

Our success is a testament to the people of Haiti who work tirelessly to change the story of maternal and child health in their country, and the foundations and individuals who believe such change is possible. In return for your support, we offer you commitment, transparency, and results.

Thank you so very much.

Jessica Jordan, CNM, MSN
Executive Director, Midwives For Haiti
OUR MISSION

SAVING LIVES BY TRAINING SKILLED BIRTH ATTENDANTS

1. ACCESS TO A SKILLED BIRTH ATTENDANT BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER CHILDBIRTH SAVES THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND INFANTS.

2. WE TRAIN HAITIAN NURSES TO BE SKILLED BIRTH ATTENDANTS AND EMPOWER THEM TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE HEALTH INTERVENTIONS.

3. WE WORK ALONGSIDE THE HAITIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS. OUR PROGRAMS ARE LED BY AND FOR HAITIANS.

IN HAITI, 75% OF RURAL PREGNANT WOMEN DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO A SKILLED BIRTH ATTENDANT. (UNICEF)

TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF MATERNITY PROVIDERS IN HAITI TRAINED BY MFH 20%

Photo: Summer McKeon
OUR PROGRAMS

19,773
TOTAL PATIENT CARE VISITS PROVIDED IN HAITI'S CENTRAL PLATEAU

3,160
TOTAL TEACHING AND SUPPORT HOURS CONTRIBUTED BY 79 VOLUNTEERS

EDUCATION, EMPOWERMENT & IMPACT

THE NADENE BRUNK EADS SCHOOL
32 Skilled Birth Attendants in Class 9 trained in 2017. Each SBA will touch thousands of lives over their career.

CARRIE WORTHAM BIRTH CENTER
156 safe births. 2,541 prenatal or postnatal visits provided. 95 referrals or emergency transports. 101 home visits. No maternal deaths.

MOBILE PRENATAL CLINIC
13,506 patient visits provided in 24 rural villages. 86 referrals or emergency transports to higher care.

HOSPITAL ST. THERESE
2,587 births managed by our staff and students. 18 salaries of skilled birth attendants paid, along with medical resources and supplies.

MATWÒN OUTREACH PROGRAM
1,164 births reported by traditional birth attendants we’ve trained. 919 Clean Delivery Kits distributed.

HOME VISIT PROGRAM, HINCHE
413 postpartum patient home visits. Mothers received assessment, education, and breastfeeding support.
OUR FUNDING

2017 INCOME: $684,376

2017 EXPENSES: $818,662*

*The reported loss reflects a difference in the reporting periods of income and expenses. MFH has the funding to continue operations.

THANK YOU TO THE GENEROUS 1,590 DONORS WHO SUPPORTED OUR PROGRAMS IN 2017. SPECIAL THANKS ALSO TO EVERY MOTHER COUNTS, BON SECOURS HEALTH SYSTEM, VITAMIN ANGELS, MOTHERS AT RISK, PHALEN FAMILY FOUNDATION, AND VIRGINA WOMEN'S CENTER.

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