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Access to skilled birth attendant before, during and after childbirth saves the lives of women and infants, and ensures a good start in life.

We train and empower skilled birth attendants to provide culturally appropriate health interventions.

We work alongside the Haitian Ministry of Health and local community leaders. Our programs are led by and for Haitians.

In 2006, when MFH Haiti started, 75% of women delivered without a skilled birth attendant. This percentage has since dropped to 58.8% (UNICEF/WHO, 2017)

Photo Cheryl Hanna-Truscott
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**CARRIE WORTHAM BIRTH CENTER**

In 2019, 258 babies were born peacefully at the birth center in Cabestor. We conducted 2,382 prenatal appointments, 952 postpartum visits, and 205 home follow ups, for a total of 3,797 patient contacts.

**MATWÒN OUTREACH PROGRAM**

We support local traditional birth attendants to make their out of facility births as safe as possible by providing monthly continuing education and distributing Clean Delivery Kits (CDKs). In 2019, 341 matwons attended training, and 1,066 CDKs were given out. These matwons reported 845 births during the year.

**HOME VISIT PROGRAM**

Our volunteers and midwives visited with 343 mothers in their own homes in 2020, with 29 being referred back to the hospital for further care.

**NADENE BRUNK EADS SCHOOL**

In May 30 new trained birth attendants were graduated from the Nadene Brunk Eads School, and in August we welcomed 24 new students. We now have over 80% of our graduates working in 54 health care facilities throughout Haiti, including 2 Heads of Maternity. Over 30% of skilled birth attendants in Haiti are our graduates. We now only accept nurses who have the high level infirmiere designation.
OUR FUNDING

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MAJOR DONORS:

Every Mother Counts
Bon Secours Health System, Inc.
Envision Healthcare
Ginter Park Woman's Club
Ramsey & Pratt, P.A.
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BOARD MEMBERS

Nadene Eads CNM, MSN
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TOTAL EXPENSES: 889,294
TOTAL REVENUE: 896,821
Dear Ones,

2019 was definitely a year of change for Midwives for Haiti. We said goodbye to executive director Jessica Jordan, as she headed into a well earned retirement. We transitioned from our mobile clinic model to stationary community clinics, in partnership with the Haitian Ministry of Population and Public Health. We raised the standards for our newest class of trained birth attendants, accepting only those who hold the equivalent of a Registered Nurse designation. And we completely revised the curriculum at the Nadene Brunk Eads School, bringing it in line with the standards set for by the International Confederation of Midwives. We feel confident that our academic program is stronger than ever, and our beneficiaries will reap the benefits of these incredibly well trained birth attendants.

We have also changed the maternal health landscape in Haiti. Class 10 graduated this past May, joining their colleagues in the field. We have now graduated 184 midwives, over 30% of all trained birth attendants working in Haiti. This is a momentous feat! In 2006, when Midwives for Haiti began its mission, over 75% of mothers in Haiti delivered their babies without a trained birth attendant. As of 2019, that statistic has dropped to 58.8%.

Haiti is well known for having the worst maternal death rates in the western hemisphere. However, with the help of MFH, these statistics have also been trending downwards. Seven years ago, the maternal death rate in Haiti was 500 deaths per 100,000 women, and this has since dropped to 480 women per 100,000. Similarly, the infant death rate was 56.8 per 1000 in 2012, and has now dropped to 49.5. We look forward to seeing these rates drop even further in the years ahead, as we continue our mission.

Of course, 2019 also saw some negative circumstances. The extreme civil unrest and an economy in freefall definitely impacted our programming. However, our solid donor base and strong relationships with major contributors including Every Mother Counts and Bon Secours Mercy Health System meant that we were able to weather the storm.

We were unfortunately unable to host volunteers for much of 2019 due to safety concerns. While we missed both the energy and donations that volunteers bring, we were able to successfully revamp our supply chain, reducing our need for volunteers to hand carry much needed supplies and equipment to Haiti. We also obtained alternative funding from new and varied sources to reduce the financial impact. These changes have strengthened MFH’s infrastructure and have freed us from being so dependent on our volunteers. Of course, we hope to welcome them back as soon as possible!

I invite you to browse through this annual report, and examine the other positive changes at MFH from the past year. I could not be more proud of the staff at Midwives for Haiti, especially our folks on the ground. They make this work happen day in and day out, strengthening families in the Central Plateau and beyond. Thank you for coming on this journey with us in 2019.

Love always,

Jane