



# PROVING WHAT'S POSSIBLE

## ST. BONIFACE HOSPITAL *A model for global health*

The St. Boniface Haiti Foundation cordially invites you to our

# 2018 ANNUAL GALA

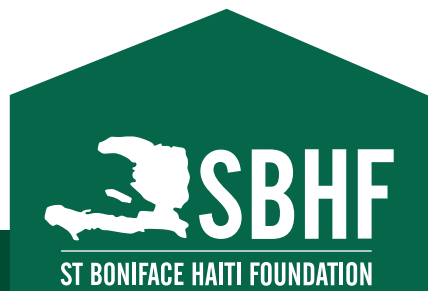
Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 6:00 PM

**Boston Marriott Newton**

2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02464

COCKTAIL HOUR | SEATED DINNER | FUND-A-NEED AUCTION

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## SBHF's Mission

The St. Boniface Haiti Foundation is dedicated to providing essential health services to the people of Southern Haiti, especially the most vulnerable. We are committed to building a comprehensive, efficient, and resilient health system that provides high quality care. We believe that ensuring access to life-saving and life-changing health services is a critical component to building strong and productive communities.

## Vision

Working in partnership with local communities, we will transform Haiti's southern peninsula by ensuring that all people, regardless of their ability to pay, have access to high-quality, compassionate health care. By improving health, we will reduce unnecessary suffering and improve the standard of living for the entire region. SBHF's success will prove that quality health care can be a sustainable reality in Haiti, and will offer a model for health care systems in resource-poor settings around the world.

## Values

- **WE BELIEVE IN EQUITY AND COMPASSION:** We believe that *tout moun se moun* ("all people are people"). We ensure that everyone, and particularly the poorest among us, has access to the health services we offer. We treat all of our patients with dignity, respect, and compassion.
- **WE ARE DETERMINED:** We get the job done. We are relentless because we care deeply about the well-being of our patients, and we have a sense of urgency because we know that the work we do saves lives.
- **WE ARE COLLABORATIVE:** We don't believe we have all the answers, nor that our work can be done without input from our partners and members of the community. We are always looking for ways to learn from others and improve our work.
- **WE ARE DATA-DRIVEN:** We measure what we do and use data to make decisions that impact patient care.
- **WE ARE TRANSPARENT:** We are accountable to the communities we serve, our donors, and the partner organizations that help sponsor our work.

## KEEP CURRENT WITH SBHF

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— PATIENT PROFILE —

## Three Cheers for Renelson!

*An update on a patient we first met this spring*

You may remember that in our April newsletter we shared Renelson's story of beating a rare form of tuberculosis, only to have scar tissue from the disease and subsequent treatment threaten to close up his throat, effectively forcing him to starve to death. He nearly died, and would have without the surgery he got at St. Boniface Hospital.

Before coming to St. Boniface, Renelson's mother Renette had nearly lost hope. She was at church one Sunday when a man noticed her tears and asked her what was wrong. That chance conversation led to her learning about St. Boniface Hospital, and she and Renelson left the next morning on the four-hour journey from their home to Fond des Blancs, to find out if he could get the lifesaving surgery he needed here. Thanks to your ongoing support of the St. Boniface Surgical program and the hospital's quality care services, he did.

**Now, we're thrilled to have an update on how Renelson has been doing since he returned home.**

True to his fighting spirit, Renelson was not about to waste time when he got home in April. He was determined to go back to school as quickly as possible, so he could catch up on the time he missed. After his three-month stay at the hospital, and much longer illness, many of Renelson's friends thought they would never see him again. So, when he arrived back at school on the first day, his friends and classmates were thrilled to see him. So thrilled that they leapt to their feet and cheered his return!

A few weeks later, Renelson showed his determination and resilience again by acing his end-of-year exams. He has worked so hard that he's on track to finish secondary school on time, despite having missed over half of the last school year.

Looking back on his experiences, Renelson remembers how much he suffered as his throat was slowly closing up. After having been so sick with tuberculosis, he thought he would never recover. He shared this memory through tears, recalling the fear and trauma of that time.

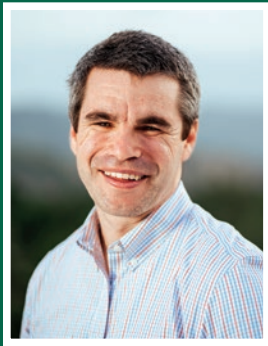


After beating a rare form of tuberculosis and life-threatening complications, Renelson is thriving again! Here he is with his mom and SBHF President/CEO Conor Shapiro at an event in Fond des Blancs this fall, where he told his story of survival and resilience.

"I remember sitting with my family at mealtimes, and they would all be eating. But I couldn't eat, even though I was so hungry. I couldn't swallow anything, so I just had to watch my family eat without me. I thought I would die like that."

Renelson would have died without the high-quality care you make possible at St. Boniface Hospital. Now, instead of being yet another life lost needlessly, Renelson is thriving.

To learn about the ways you can contribute to SBHF, visit our website: [haitihealth.org/join-us](http://haitihealth.org/join-us) or call: 617-244-9800



## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

**CONOR SHAPIRO**  
PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Friends,

Earlier this month we gathered in Fond des Blancs for the official inauguration of the new Center for Infectious Disease and Emergency Care (CIDE) at St. Boniface Hospital. Construction of the CIDE was generously funded by USAID's American Schools and Hospitals Abroad program, through the generosity of the American people. Our friends at Build Health International built it to be southern Haiti's largest and best-equipped facility for patients suffering from highly infectious diseases and acute health emergencies.

Already, we're seeing the impact that the new and greatly-expanded Emergency Room is having on our ability to care for patients with the most urgent needs. Between March and July we saw a 25% increase in the number of patients visiting the Emergency Department, when compared to the same period last year. That means that an additional 150 people each month could get urgent care when they needed it most—saving many more lives than we were able to before.

In addition, the Infectious Disease Containment Unit within the CIDE is providing safe, dignified space for patients with highly contagious diseases like diphtheria, tuberculosis, and typhoid to get the care they need. This unit will be contributing to the overall health of people throughout southern Haiti for decades to come, helping to avoid widespread outbreaks of these dangerous infectious diseases.

We are thrilled that this new facility allows us to provide high-quality care that our patients urgently need. Thank you for your ongoing support that makes this work possible. Together we are ensuring that all people can access vital care when they need it most.

*Kenbe fem,*

Conor Shapiro  
President & CEO

## PROVING WHAT'S POSSIBLE

St. Boniface Hospital is the only full-service facility in southern Haiti that people can turn to for guaranteed care regardless of their needs or ability to pay. It is proving every day that high-quality care is possible in Haiti, and places like Haiti all around the world.

**SBHF is the only hospital in southern Haiti that provides:**

- 24/7 Emergency & Surgical Care
- Specialized Ward for Highly Infectious Diseases
- Neonatal Intensive Care
- In-Patient Malnutrition Treatment for Children
- Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation

**...all regardless of the patient's ability to pay.**

Patients come to St. Boniface Hospital from all across Haiti, but the majority come from the southern peninsula, where St. Boniface is the only place they can go for high-quality care.

2.3 million people live in this region, and the journey from the far ends of the southern peninsula to St. Boniface Hospital in Fond des Blancs often takes six or more hours.



**THAT'S LIKE HAVING ONE HOSPITAL TO SERVE THE ENTIRE STATE OF NEW MEXICO...**



**...OR LIKE HAVING TO DRIVE FROM BOSTON TO PHILADELPHIA TO GET CARE AT A HOSPITAL.**



Serving over  
**110,000**  
patient visits  
annually

**3,000+**  
births each year, comparable to  
major urban hospitals in the U.S.  
*By comparison, Boston Medical  
Center had 2,800 last year.*

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The only spinal cord  
injury rehabilitation  
center in southern Haiti

The cost of the entire  
St. Boniface Surgical Program  
for 1 year (3,300 surgeries):  
**\$80,000**  
*That's the average cost of just TWO hip  
replacement surgeries in the U.S.*

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