



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.

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— PATIENT PROFILE —

"Once we started her treatment, we saw her change completely."

You made it possible for Alisant to return home healthy

Three-year-old Alisant's condition was dire. Her small body was emaciated, and her stomach and feet were so swollen she could not lay down or walk comfortably. Her once-dark hair was now pale and brittle. She had a cough that would not stop, and a fever that would not break. She struggled to breathe.

Her family brought her to care facilities near their home, but doctors were unable to diagnose her condition or provide medication to treat her symptoms. As her health continued to decline, her parents feared for her survival. However, her aunt Solange remembered the excellent treatment she once received at St. Boniface Hospital (SBH) and knew that there, her niece would receive world-class, compassionate care. Although the hour-long journey on rough roads would be difficult for the ailing toddler, Alisant's parents knew their child's life was in danger and allowed Solange to bring her niece to Fond des Blancs.

Once at SBH, Alisant was diagnosed with tuberculosis and severe malnutrition. She immediately received oxygen to help her breathe and nutrient-rich milk to help her body become strong again. Then, the pediatrics and infectious disease teams began treating Alisant's tuberculosis with a combination of antibiotics that slowly destroys the disease.

Her family took a deep sigh of relief: Alisant responded well to the medications almost immediately. SBH pediatrician Dr. Files Aime recalled, "Once we started her treatment, we saw her change completely. She started to smile, and her appetite grew. She looked healthy again." Finally, Alisant was on the road to recovery.

Alisant's family began meeting with SBH's community health team to learn about their child's long-term care. The community health team are dedicated medical professionals who work in communities throughout southern Haiti to provide basic care and monitor patients who have been released from the hospital. Alisant's family learned how and when to give their child her medications over the next six months. The community health workers made sure that they understood that

if she misses any doses, she can easily become ill again. Alisant's family also received a supply of nutrient-enriched peanut butter to help Alisant continue to gain weight, which is essential to her full recovery. Finally, Alisant's family agreed to meet with the community health team each month to refill her medications, receive nutrition



Alisant is now on the road to recovery, thanks to Dr. Files Aime and the SBH pediatrics and infectious disease teams.



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

CONOR SHAPIRO
PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Friends,

Caring for the health of a child means caring for the future of Haiti. No responsibility is greater than this at St. Boniface Hospital. Parents make the long and difficult trek up the mountain—sometimes traveling for a day or more on rutted, washed-out roads—because they know here, our dedicated team of clinicians will stop at nothing to help their child get well again.

In 2018, our incredible staff delivered over 3,000 babies and helped more than 12,000 children like Alisant, about whom you will read here, recover from devastating diseases like tuberculosis and malnutrition. Not one child was ever turned away—and no family ever had to pay more than \$2 for care. No matter how complex the illness or how long the hospital stay, our sole mission was helping each child return home, happy and healthy.

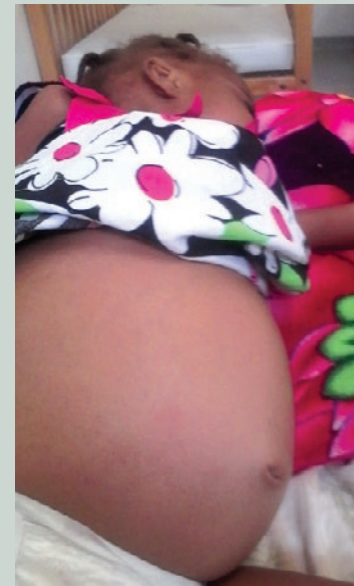
After many months of planning and renovations, our newly-expanded pediatrics department is now open and humming with activity. I am deeply grateful to our partners at Build Health International for their hard work constructing this beautiful new space; to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for their generous financial support of this project; and to all of our staff who made this move seamless for our patients and their families. With this new ward, St. Boniface Hospital can care for more children each year. And all of this is only possible because of your unwavering support in our mission.

As we embark on a new year together, we couldn't be more excited for all of the opportunities, growth, and changes that 2019 will bring. Thank you for continuing to stand with us in our unwavering belief that all children—and all people—deserve access to health care. It is with this belief that we are building a stronger Haiti, and a stronger world.

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Conor Shapiro
President & CEO

PATIENT PROFILE: ALISANT CONTINUED ▶



Little Alisant's stomach was distended from malnutrition, indicating the severe lack of protein in her diet.

supplements, and measure her recovery.

After four long months of care at SBH, Alisant returned home in early January the happy, vibrant three-year-old her family knows and loves. Under the watchful eye of her family and SBH's community health team, she is continuing to get stronger every day.

Thanks to donors like you, thousands of children like Alisant receive lifesaving care at SBH each year. And

thousands of families never have to worry that their child will be denied treatment because of the complexity of their case, nor their inability to pay. Thank you for standing with us in our firm belief that all children deserve to thrive—and for helping us to provide the care they need to get healthy and stay health. Together, that's how we nurture the future of Haiti.



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BUILDING A BETTER HOSPITAL

SBHF's Newly-Renovated Pediatrics Department is Already Saving Lives

You made it possible to build a bigger, better place to care for southern Haiti's children

“Everyone really came together to ensure that the move was a success” head NICU nurse Miss Rose Pascale says with a smile as she looks around SBH's newly renovated pediatrics department. Sixteen new inpatient beds. A designated room to treat severe malnutrition. A spacious NICU with 36 incubators, ready to deliver lifesaving interventions to our youngest and most vulnerable patients. With this facility, the SBH pediatrics team can yet again raise the bar on the level of care they provide children in southern Haiti.

SBH's pediatric department is a lifeline for families in southern Haiti. Without our services—including the only fully-functional NICU and 24/7 emergency care in the region—parents would have nowhere to go when their child becomes ill. The cost at other facilities is far too high, the lines too long, and their child can be turned away for any reason. So, no matter how long it takes, parents come from across southern Haiti to access our care. Here, they know their child's life can be saved.

But with just nine inpatient beds and a tiny, cramped NICU, our old pediatrics ward was constantly at or over capacity. Then, in 2016 Hurricane Matthew damaged many of Haiti's care facilities, and in 2018 Doctors Without Borders closed its maternity hospital. The number of children in our pediatrics department continued to soar as patients from these facilities



Parents tend to their child in SBHF's newly-renovated NICU.

traveled to Fond des Blancs for treatment. Determined to never turn any child away nor lower our standard of care, the only option was to build bigger and better.

Thanks to donors like you, generous support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and expert construction by our partners at Build Health International, the renovated pediatrics department is nearly twice as large as before. Staff can now easily move between beds, and no longer have to worry about dangerous overcrowding. And the bright, spacious rooms create a more welcoming environment for our young patients, who often feel scared of being in the hospital. For Miss Pascale, space is paramount in the NICU. She said, “Something I really like about this space is that we can separate the babies who are septicemic or have difficult cases. The supplies that we need are also more accessible to us. Everything is one place.”

The new pediatrics department is now humming with activity 24 hours per day. No matter how late into the night or how complex the treatment, Miss Pascale and her team are here to make Haiti's children well. This is what they deserve. A chance to go home healthy, to go to school, to run around and play. And, thanks to your support, we're proving that's possible in southern Haiti, one child at a time.



Incubators were carefully moved into the NICU one by one.

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