

Summer 2024 Newsletter



Dear Friend,

If you've [visited our website](#) this summer, you may have noticed some changes to the “Our Work” section. It is now easier to navigate and better represents all we do as an organization.

Previously, the “Our Work” section only contained information about SBH’s clinical services, training programs, and disaster relief efforts. While these activities remain absolutely essential to our organization, our work has grown and evolved over time. Today, it consists of three core components:

- **St. Boniface Hospital (SBH):** Clinical care, community health, training, and disaster relief efforts
- **Health System Strengthening:** Projects that are improving and strengthening healthcare delivery across southern Haiti
- **Shelter and Stabilization:** Our newest and first US-based initiative to help migrant families experiencing homelessness in Massachusetts rebuild their lives

Each of these three core components is represented in this issue of the newsletter. In our feature story, Julande explains that family planning helps her and her husband take better care of their three children. [You can read her words here.](#) Next, learn how we’re supporting children’s development and health with a region-wide vitamin A campaign. And in case you missed it last month, we’ve included a link to our shelter and stabilization project announcement.

Thank you for joining with us to meet the needs of the most vulnerable. Together, we are making the world a more equitable and compassionate place.

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Conor Shapiro

President & CEO
Health Equity International/St. Boniface Hospital

P.S. I hope to see you at our [annual celebration](#) on October 30! More info below.



Promoting Vitamin A to Improve Health

Our Kore Sante team led a campaign to address vitamin A deficiency in children across southern Haiti.

[Read More](#)



Announcing our Shelter and Stabilization Project

We are now helping unhoused migrant families in Massachusetts rebuild their lives.

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Annual Celebration: Strength in Unity

Wednesday, October 30, 5:30 PM

You're invited to join us at St. Cecilia Parish Hall in Boston, MA to recognize the life-changing work taking place both in Haiti and through our new shelter and stabilization project in the US. We will also be honoring Father Jerry Osterman, one of our co-founders, for his lifetime of service.

Bring a friend! [Click here to purchase tickets and sponsorships.](#)

Artist's Fundraiser

Last month, a visual artist named Tammi Jean Fedestin reached out to us with her idea for holding a fundraiser.

Based in Massachusetts, Tammi is Haitian and her practice includes printmaking, collage, and mixed media. She designed a beautiful "Ayiti Forever" tote bag—available through her [Cosmic Zo! website](#)—that features Haiti's national bird and flower. Through the end of this year, 50% of the proceeds from sales of these bags will go towards HEI's mission.

As Tammi wrote to her subscribers, **"With all that is going on in the world, I have been looking into who is out there doing the work and how I can help.** In my research, I've learned about [Health Equity International](#) and the amazing work they do—supporting the health and wellbeing of families in Haiti and the US. ... Please also consider making a donation directly to them."

For fundraising ideas and all the information you need to host the fundraiser that's right for you, visit our [Peer-to-Peer Fundraising](#) page.



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