
Spring 2025 Newsletter



Dear Friend,

Each person we serve has their own story. When someone chooses to share the gift of their story with us, we treat it with care. We consider their safety and well-being above all, and sometimes that means that we hold their story in confidence.

So it is a privilege to be able to include in this newsletter two stories from people we've served in recent months. Scheelove (above, with baby Darbens) told us, "I wish that all mothers could come here to give birth." Like 90% of the women who deliver at St. Boniface Hospital, she traveled from outside our local catchment area to access high-quality care in safety. [Read her story here.](#)

Next, dive into the experience of one migrant family from Haiti. Despite hardships, Jean* stays positive as he builds a new life in Massachusetts with support from our shelter and stabilization team. This issue also includes an update on our Rapid Response Fund, recognizing Founder's Circle members who have demonstrated their commitment by making a sizeable gift to the Fund.

I know the magnitude of what is happening in Haiti is overwhelming. It is hard not to feel hopeless when day after day the violence, displacement, food insecurity, and continued assaults on the medical system worsen in ways that felt inconceivable even a year ago.

Yet St. Boniface Hospital remains a beacon of hope, providing a full range of services even as many other health facilities have been forced to close their doors. In the past year, SBH saw 130,000 outpatient visits. We also saw over 525 ER visits per month, and an average of over nine deliveries every day.

Thank you for choosing to be in solidarity with those in need of refuge.

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Conor Shapiro

President & CEO
Health Equity International

**Name changed for client's safety*



Building a New Life

Jean and his family escaped violence in Haiti and found the support they needed in Massachusetts.

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Rapid Response Fund

The Rapid Response Fund is helping us respond to ongoing crises and provide life-saving care in Haiti.

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Save the Date:

Our 2025 Celebration will be held on Thursday, October 23, at Saint Cecilia Parish Hall in Boston, MA.

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