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## Summer 2025 Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

Change has been a constant for our organization this year.

In February, we and thousands of other aid organizations around the world lost essential, lifesaving USAID funding after the current U.S. administration dismantled the agency.

Then, in May, the State of Massachusetts announced they were closing all hotel-based shelters by June 30th. The loss of state support, the large funding gap USAID left behind, and the astronomical costs of purchasing and shipping critical supplies to and within Haiti meant we could no longer continue our shelter and stabilization program.

**Below, you can read more about both developments.**

We've also had to shift our surroundings. Last week, we **moved our U.S. office** across town to Somerville, Massachusetts. Our new mailing address is:

**Health Equity International  
399 Revolution Drive, Suite 330  
Somerville, MA 02145**

**Our work at St. Boniface Hospital remains steady** even amid so much rapid change for our organization. Because you believed our work was worth fighting for, patients like Karline are continuing to receive 24/7 care in every service, every day. Below, you can read more about the urgent care—and unexpected diagnosis—she received at St. Boniface Hospital just last month.

Although challenges and changes remain, our important work in Haiti persists. Thank you, as always, for standing with us through it all.

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Conor Shapiro

President & CEO  
Health Equity International



## USAID and *Kore Sante*

The dissolution of USAID has dangerous repercussions for our patients. But we will never give up on the people we serve.

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## Closing our Shelters

Changes at the state level and several other complex factors forced us to shutter this important project—for now.

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## Karline's Surprise Diagnosis

Karline was at home when she suddenly became short of breath. Her children rushed her to St. Boniface Hospital's emergency room, where she lost consciousness. Our team quickly went into action to find out what was wrong, before it was too late.

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## Will You Join Us?

Our **2025 Celebration** is on Thursday, October 23, at Saint Cecilia Parish Hall in Boston, MA.

Join us for an evening of community and connection as we honor the incredible work St. Boniface Hospital has done under extraordinary circumstances.

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