



The Canadian Foundation for the Children of Haiti

Changing minds, changing hearts, changing lives since 1981

December 2022

My Dear Friends,

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for the ways you have encouraged and supported us.

Thank you for your prayers. Amid unimaginable threats and chaos, God has protected all of us at FCH; children, students, patients, staff. We are grateful for how you stand with us in this way.

Thank you also for your faithful support. As Haiti has spiraled into chaos over the past 5 years, a huge challenge has been the ever-increasing cost of basic necessities. In Haiti, high inflation is part of life, but over the past year – as the gangs that control Port au Prince have disrupted the supply of everything we need – we have seen the price of many items now being 4 or 5 times higher than 12 months ago. We realize that you have generously given more to help us, and can't thank you enough for your kindness.

One way God has clearly shown His goodness is by providing friends like you to join us in His work in Haiti. Every day we thank God for you.

We wish each one of you all His blessings in the year ahead.

With love and gratitude,

Gladys



FCH Makes a difference through the following ministries:

The Children's Village: Located in Port au Prince, "the Village" is home to:

- **Rainbow of Love Residence** – home for 70 children from toddlers through high school;
- **Hope Home** – home for 25 children and adults living with disabilities;
- **New Academy of Excellence elementary & middle school** (K to Grade 8) – attended by children at RoL, Hope Home residents who are able, and children living in the neighbourhood. (RoL children attend a local private high school for grades 9-12. No public schools in the area.)

C-Tech: Post-secondary training institution in Mussotte (southern Haiti) with ninety-five students enrolled in three programs: nursing, computer technology, electronics.

Mussotte Elementary School: 260 students from the community enrolled in Grades K - 6.

Hope Hospital: 62 bed general hospital in Port au Prince.

FCH employs over 250 Haitians in its activities.





Good News in the Midst of Turmoil

Despite the unprecedented chaos in Haiti during 2022, FCH continued to make a difference.

There are many things we are thankful for:

1. **At the Children's Village:** Children living at the Rainbow of Love residence, residents of Hope Home, and staff all remained safe and healthy despite the violence in the city.
 - a) *FCH staff at the Village* have done a wonderful job keeping things as normal as possible for the Rainbow of Love children and residents of Hope Home.
 - b) *New Playground:* A Rotary Club in Port au Prince donated a new playground at the Village, including swings and a merry-go-round that can be used by residents of Hope Home.
 - c) *New Middle School:* A second floor was added to the Hope Home building to accommodate a middle school at the Children's Village (grades 7 & 8). This will allow FCH to avoid high tuition fees at private middle schools.
2. **Hope Hospital** has remained open to serve the community.
 - a) The solar power system funded by CFCH donors provides virtually all the hospital's power requirements. This system allowed Hope Hospital to operate continually during the year.
 - b) When supplies of compressed oxygen ran out in Haiti in the fall of 2022, CFCH donors provided funding for 7 oxygen concentrators to allow Hope Hospital to care for patients needing oxygen. At this time, there are 10 adults and 4 premature babies needing oxygen.
3. Although **FCH's schools** had to be closed periodically during times when gang violence escalated, they were able to operate through most of the year, and FCH staff are trusting that school will continue as usual in January.
4. In early 2022, CFCH was able to send a container of much needed supplies to Hope Home.
5. ***Our faithful supporters helped FCH cope with ever-increasing costs.***



Clockwise from top left: Oxygen concentrator; Hope Home residents on new merry-go-round; new middle school building; middle school class; Jessie on new swing.





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Village Elementary School (above)
Hope Hospital (below)



Rainbow of Love Residence (above)
Hope Home (below)



Mussotte Elementary School (above)



C-Tech (above)

Looking Ahead to 2023

- Please pray for peace and stability in Haiti and, during the present time of extreme insecurity, protection for the children, patients and staff of FCH.
- One of the most pressing issues facing FCH is coping with the exorbitant prices of day-to-day necessities. Staff have implemented efficiencies and have cut back as far as possible. Please pray that prices will come down to more normal levels and, in the meantime, additional sources of support can be found.

We wish our friends across Canada a happy Christmas and every blessing in the coming year.