



The Foundation for the Children of Haiti

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December 2023

My Dear Friends,

As 2023 draws to a close, we send our heartfelt thanks to you for investing your prayers, love, and support into FCH. I trust that you realize how deeply we appreciate your partnership with us.

Here in Port au Prince, gangs continue to control the city. Kidnapping, violence, and disruption of the normal movement of goods and people are daily occurrences. However, we thank God that things have been relatively calm in the neighbourhood where the Children’s Village and the Hospital are located.

Through all the negative things that are happening, God has kept FCH growing and blessing those we serve. During the past year FCH has maintained all of its activities. We have also been able to begin projects that will alleviate some of the strain on Hope Hospital and Mussotte Elementary School, which have been operating beyond capacity for the past few years.

We will continue to keep our eyes on God as we serve the children and the people of Haiti.

We wish all of you a Happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

With love and gratitude,

Gladys



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We wish you all a Happy Christmas and every blessing in the coming year.



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Mussotte Elementary School – Expansion underway

In 2009 FCH started an elementary school in a small refurbished house in a rural area of southern Haiti. In its first year the school ran with 3 classes: Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2. Each year another grade was added.

In 2011 a small annex was added and in 2013 another wing was built. The school now has grades K – 6 and the space is “maxed out” with 260 children attending. The classrooms in the annex were very small, so a project is underway to expand the size of each room and add a second floor.



Left: Original annex. Above: Project begins Aug 2023



The expansion of the first floor has been completed. We are grateful to CFCH donors who provided \$8,000 to help with the work done so far.

The second floor is ready to start once funds are available.

Estimated cost to complete the project is \$20,000 - \$25,000.

Above: 1st floor complete; second floor ready to start.

Work on the 2nd floor will continue as funds are available. **If you would like to help us with this important project, donations can be made by:**

- Credit card through our website <https://cfchcanada.ca/helping-financially/>;
- e-transfer to info@cfchcanada.ca; or
- Cheque to the address below.



Above: Mussotte School students



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Update on Hope Hospital Expansion

During 2023 FCH completed a new wing at Hope Hospital in response to an acute shortage of healthcare facilities in Port au Prince. The new wing has 20 rooms and an expanded neonatal intensive care unit with room for 10 incubators.

Thanks to the generosity of CFCH supporters, FCH has purchased batteries and ordered panels for a solar power system to provide electricity to the new wing of the hospital. The new system will be installed in early 2024.

A charitable foundation in the US has approved funding to purchase equipment and furniture for the new wing at Hope Hospital.



Above: New wing at Hope Hospital. Right: Batteries recently delivered for the solar power system in the new wing.

Update on C-Tech

For the 2023/24 year, C-Tech has over 100 students enrolled in the nursing, electronics and computer technology programs.

FCH is working with a US charitable foundation to arrange funding to finish new classrooms and equip the electronics and nursing labs.

FCH plans to expand the solar power system at C-Tech, pending funding.

Update on the Children's Village

The children at Rainbow of Love residence and the residents at Hope Home are doing well. All children between the ages of 5 and 13 at Rainbow of Love attend the Village elementary & middle school along with approximately 100 children from the neighbourhood. Enrollment of neighbourhood children has increased from 60 last year.

Children from Hope Home who are able are part of the Special Education class which also includes neighbourhood children.

High School age children living at Rainbow of Love attend a local high school.



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FCH Overview

The Foundation for the Children of Haiti makes a difference through the following activities:

Project	Description	Staff	Location
Hope Hospital	70 bed general hospital Over 34,000 patient visits annually	180	Port-au-Prince
C-TECH – Post-secondary technical institute	100 Students	22	Mussotte
Hope Home* – Residence for people with special needs	25 Residents – Children and adults	12	Port-au-Prince
Rainbow of Love – Residence for Children*	90 children, from toddlers to 17 years old	20	Port-au-Prince
Village Elementary & Middle School*	165 Students	16	Port-au-Prince
Mussotte Elementary School	260 Students	13	Mussotte

* Located on the Children’s Village Site



Haiti Security Update

In October 2023 the UN Security Council authorized the deployment of a multinational security force to assist the government of Haiti restore law and order. It is expected that the force will be active in January 2024, however there has been little news of progress in this regard.

We thank our friends across Canada for another year of faithful support

Your generosity has allowed FCH to continue loving and caring for children in our residences and schools despite the massive increase in prices of all day-to-day necessities.

You have also been instrumental in allowing FCH to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of its operations through key investments in our facilities and equipment.