

# 2023 ANNUAL GRATITUDE REPORT



Fonds Parisien, Haiti

# OUR MISSION

TO ADDRESS THE  
CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF  
SURGICAL FACILITIES  
AND TRAINED SURGEONS  
IN HAITI THROUGH THE  
VOLUNTEER EFFORTS OF  
SURGEONS AND OTHERS,  
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TED HIGGINS, M.D.  
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Dear Friends -

I find myself clinging to the wisdom of Dr. Martin Luther King these days. In the height of civil strife and chaos, he reminded us that, "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

Amid a humanitarian crisis in Haiti that grows more dire by the day, **hope** is all there is. As the country remains gripped by vicious gangs who dominate daily life through their warfare, sieges, and extortion, nearly 5 million Haitians - almost half the nation's population - face acute hunger.

The country's access to healthcare has severely diminished, as hospitals have been forced to close. Fortunately, Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope remains open, thanks to your support and our courageous and dedicated medical team and staff!

In fact, it is this remarkable group of people who continue to inspire me and so many. Like Dr. King, we can learn much from those who have traveled the difficult road. Who have endured life's deepest hurts. Who rise above adversity with grace and, yes, even joy!

Thanks to your compassionate and generous support in 2023, our team continues to care for patients - and each other. As they deliver life-saving health care, know that *you* have transformed *their* lives with your kindness and encouragement. ***Thank you for inspiring infinite hope when it's needed most!***

With Gratitude,

Ted Higgins, M.D., F.A.C.S.  
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## COMPASSION

binds us the one to the other — not in pity or patronizingly,  
but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our  
common suffering into hope for the

# FUTURE.

- NELSON MANDELA



It is not the  
**STRENGTH**  
of the body that counts,  
but the strength of the  
**SPIRIT.**

- J.R.R. TOLKIEN



# 2023

## PATIENT CARE • BY THE NUMBERS

**456**  
SURGERIES

**2,069**  
HIV CARE VISITS

**13,409**  
CLINIC VISITS

**4,635**  
PEDIATRIC VISITS

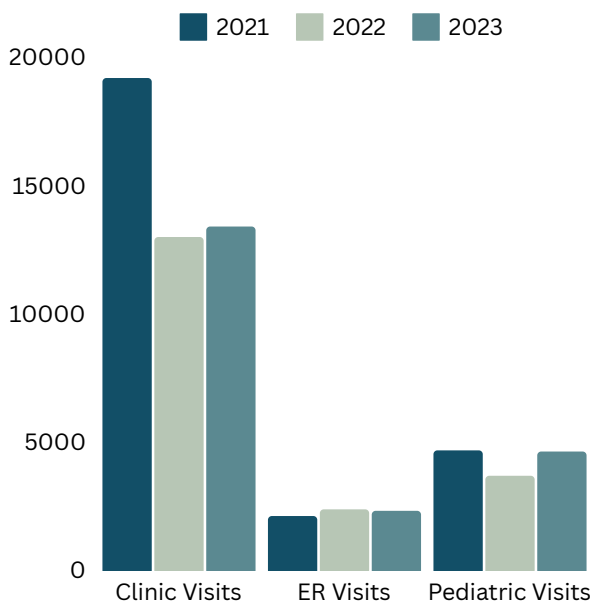
**1,089**  
DENTAL VISITS

**315**  
BABIES DELIVERED

**3,275**  
COMMUNITY  
CONSULTATIONS

**2,323**  
24/7 ER/TRAUMA VISITS

### PATIENTS SERVED AT THE SURGICENTER





## SURGICENTER HIGHLIGHTS

Despite turmoil and crises in Haiti, our Surgicenter and talented medical team continue to thrive. Since 2018, we've tripled in size! Generous people like you have made possible:

- Construction of the Shawn Warren Crowley Medical Pavilion and on-call living quarters.
- Assumption of a medical clinic, allowing us to care for 15,000 more patients each year.
- Construction of a 22-unit medical staff living facility.
- Opening of a campus dental clinic.
- Installation of 252 solar panels and 12 lithium batteries to provide energy for surgeries and clinics.
- Expansion of the Deb Hageman Emergency Department.
- Drilling of a new water well.
- Construction of a new maternity center.
- Scholarships for 8 Haitian students (5 in Haiti, 3 international) many with medical career aspirations.
- A river diversion project to save hundreds of homes and lives from spring floods.
- Education and daily nourishment for children at the nearby Rise-to-Shine orphan school.
- Implementation of new surgical programs.
- Community health programs including HIV, cholera, nutrition, and more.

THANK YOU!

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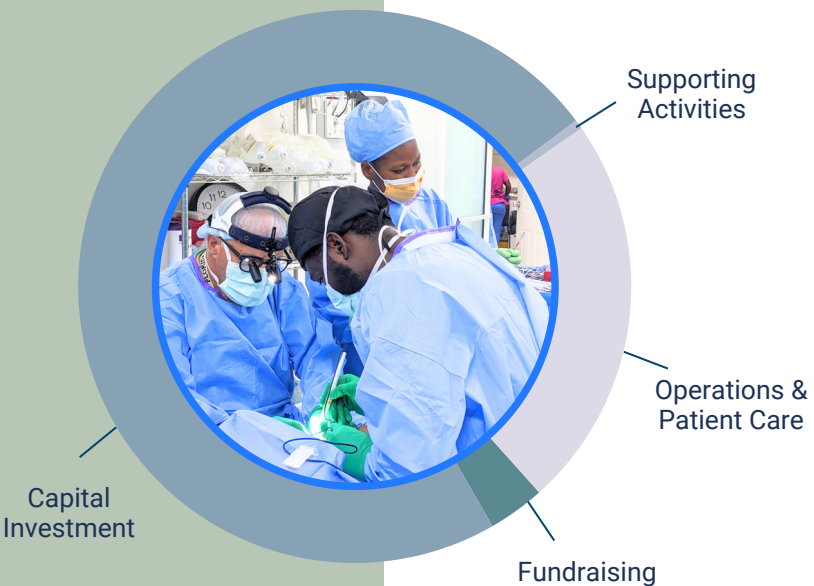
# GRATITUDE

turns what we have into enough. It turns denial into  
acceptance, chaos into order...it makes sense of our past,  
brings peace for today, and creates a vision for

## TOMORROW.

- MELODY BEATTIE

# 2023 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



## REVENUES

### Contributions

Donor Contributions	\$272,928
Special Event Revenue	\$238,251
Special Event In-Kind Contributions	\$40,000
Misc. Revenue & Interest	\$10,010

**TOTAL** \$561,189

## EXPENSES

### Programs

Grants to Surgicenter: Operations/Patient Care	\$534,276
Grants for Scholarships	\$20,777
	<u>\$555,053</u>

### Capital Investment

Grants to Surgicenter: Construction \$1,757,595

### Supporting Activities

General & Administration \$12,946

### Fundraising

Fundraising & Grantwriting	\$24,558
Special Event Costs	\$49,937
Misc. Expense	\$5,434
	<u>\$79,929</u>

**TOTAL** \$2,405,523

**Expenses greater than revenues** -\$1,844,334

### \*Funded by

Loan from Benefactor	\$1,000,000
Release of Restricted Contributions	\$600,000

Net Decrease in Cash on Hand -\$244,334

**Cash on Hand, December 31, 2022** \$604,150

**Cash on Hand, December 31, 2023** \$359,816

\*The Surgicenter's operations in 2023 were funded by gifts pledged in 2022 and earmarked for program support. Additionally, a loan from a generous benefactor provided funding for several capital projects including the medical staff living facility, solar panel and battery installations, and the launch of the new maternity center (currently in progress).