

HEALTHY SMILES FOR HAITI

Rotary Sponsorship Project Matching Grants Application - Thibeau, Haiti

ITEM "A"

Sept 6, 2005

Vision

Healthy Smiles for Haiti is the name I have given my vision for this project.
I see my vision as threefold:

1. Provide toothbrushes and teaching preventive dental care and nutrition
2. To supply equipment, instruments and sundries for the dental clinics in Haiti starting in Les Palmes and Cap-Hatien
3. To obtain funding to pay for treatment of patients who can not afford essential dental treatment.

*** Specific to Rotary funding are points # 1 and #2 ***

Rationale

The rationale to provide dental preventive care and education to children and young adults is because of the high rate of dental diseases that could have been prevented. The rationale to provide dental supplies and equipment to the dental profession is due to the lack of resources within the country.

Goals and Objectives

Through observation and discussion with Haitian dentists and community leaders I have identified areas of concern regarding dental prevention and nutrition counseling as well as assistance in providing basic dental care in the community. Dentistry is an essential service which at the present time is not being adequately provided.

Although there are organizations that send foreign teams into areas of Haiti to provide dental care, I believe it is of greater value to provide the resources which support the Haitian trained dental professional to maintain the health of their fellow Haitians. This will ultimately support the dental profession in Haiti as well as fostering stronger relations between the dental team and the people in the community.

There is a great need to increase the dental knowledge of the population. Dental disease is rampant at a very early age. Printed dental prevention educational materials are needed, explaining with illustrations in the Creole language. There is a limited number of the population who has been formally educated. This is especially true in the rural areas of Haiti.

As Canadians we have the means and the resources to provide the materials and financial resources to lend a hand to those who have not.

"Healthy Smiles for Haiti" is a program in partnership with the people of Haiti. It is imperative to listen to the needs identified by the Haitians. Communication, flexibility and patience is essential to maintain a good relationship. With differences in language, culture, and values, we must foster good relations with those in Haiti, guarding their dignity and pride with respect.

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Resources

- * I am greatly encouraged by the knowledge and training of the Haitian dentists.
- * Concert Action a Haitian Organization, has worked in the area for a length of time.
- * Communication with community leaders of Les Palmes & Thibeau
- * Dr. Charles Lafontant and Dr. Suzelle Toussaint are trained dentists working in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.
- * My Haitian "teammembers" Cherley Policier, a Haitian trained Dentist and Jean-Louis Philimps who has achieved a university education in Sociology. Both are fluent in English, French and Creole, and assist me as both interpreter and guide.
- * Through Healthy Smiles For Haiti funding for the salaries of a Haitian dentist and assistant ensured professional dental care for the community of Les Palmes.
- * Canadian Dental companies anxious to support and supply equipment.
- * I am preparing for my eleventh journey to Haiti September 30 2005
- * Financial contributions will receive a tax receipt through Christian Child Care International.
- * As founder, I am personally committed to oversee coordination, communication and liaison between Canada and Haiti with regards to the dental clinics associated with Healthy Smiles For Haiti.

I have established a photo journal with stories accessible through the net

<http://www.picturetrail.com/healthysmilesforhaiti> and <http://www.healthysmilesforhaiti.org>

This will be updated regularly, providing information, inviting inquiries and a contact address.
I thank you for taking the time to review my proposal, a project that will ultimately benefit the people of Haiti.

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*** 2. Other Non-Rotary Organizations:***

Concert Action
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Concert-Action is a Haitian organization who I liaison with me to facilitate the direction of funding for the salaries of the dentist and assistant in Les Palmes. They also maintain inventory control of the clinic.

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Father Joseph Almyre  
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Father Almyre is the pastor in the parish where the dental clinic was built for Thibeau.

Dr. Charles Lafontant  
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Cap-Haitien, Haiti

Dr. Suzelle Toussaint  
Rue 12 E-F #10  
Cap-Haitien, Haiti

Dr. Charles and Dr. Suzelle are dentists working in nearby Cap-Haitien. They are each willing to work in the dental clinic.

## Funding Needed

The dental clinic in Thibeau is located in a small building which also provides medical care and a pharmacy for the people of the area of Thibeau, located East of Cap-Haitien in the north of Haiti. Through donations in Canada dental instruments and supplies will be provided through Healthy Smiles For Haiti.

I am committed to continue a close relationship with the clinic and the Rotary club located in Cap-Haitien who have agreed to host club in Haiti along with the sponsoring clubs of Burlington North, Burlington Ontario Canada and Mississauga Meadowdale, Ontario Canada

## ITEM "B"

Funding requests for Rotary International Matching Grants Project.  
Dental Clinic Thibeau, Haiti

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The following is an itemized list of items needed to provide a fully functioning Dental Clinic in Thibeau. Prices are approximate quoted in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated. These needs have been identified by Dr. Charles Lafontant and Father Almyre. I have personally visited the clinic and witnessed the needs. I concur with their request. Regular reliable electricity is a daily struggle for the people of Haiti to deal with.

**Immediate Needs:**

|              |          |                       |         |
|--------------|----------|-----------------------|---------|
| solar panels | \$1800us | 1 regulator of charge | \$150us |
| 4 batteries  | \$800us  | cables & lights       | \$100us |
| one inverter | \$600us  |                       |         |

Total \$3450US @ 1.30%= \$ 4485.00 Cdn Purchased in Haiti

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|-----------------|---------|--------------------|----------|
| sterilizer      | \$1,500 | x-ray machine      | \$4,000  |
| x-ray developer | \$400   | x-ray film         | \$400    |
| dental unit     | \$2500  | x-ray solutions    | \$100    |
| Cavitron        | \$1200  | 2 Cavitron scalers | \$300.00 |
| Anesthetic      | \$300   | Needles            | \$100    |
| Compressor      | \$800   | Distiller          | \$200    |
| Sundries        | \$500   | Medications        | \$100    |
| Total           | \$12400 |                    |          |

Shipment costs to Haiti \$600.00

Initial salary for Dentist \$2500.00

**Grand total \$ 19985.00 (20,000.00 Cdn Requested)**

*respectively submitted*  
*Georgina Cosentino*