Letter from the Founder

Dear Friends,

I’m excited to share some 2019 highlights from the Second Mile Haiti team with you. We accomplished so much in the past year. Despite extraordinary challenges caused by ongoing political upheaval, we were able to open the Kim McPherson birthing unit at the Strong Start Maternity Center on February 26, 2019! This was a major milestone for Second Mile, and for Northern Haiti.

I’ll always remember how our team came together to put each finishing detail together just in time for Chantal, the first mom to give birth at Strong Start.

Since then, we have had 113 women come to the Center to give birth, and all of these births were successfully facilitated by our team of Haitian midwives. In the case of emergencies, we were able to transport women to a nearby hospital.

Before Strong Start opened, 74% of women within our surrounding area in Northern Haiti gave birth at home without the oversight of trained midwives. Now, women have a safe, reliable place to find maternal healthcare services at any time of day or night.


Second Mile will always continue to address the immediate needs of children with malnutrition. But our vision is to see a day when Haitian children no longer suffer from malnutrition in the first place. With a stronger focus put on prevention through adult education and maternal health, each caregiver leaves Second Mile better equipped to achieve that vision.

The improvements we have seen in people’s lives give us a strong sense of purpose in a country where the odds are against mothers and children. Haiti still has the highest rate of infant, child, and maternal mortality in the western hemisphere, but we’re here to change that.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our organization and for all the encouragement you have given us over the years through your financial and moral support. After six years of running Second Mile, I am still in awe of the great things we can achieve when we work together.

In solidarity,
Jenn Schenk
Executive Director and Founder
Second Mile Haiti

Our mission is to reduce the number of children living in Haiti’s orphanages by empowering the caregivers of vulnerable children through health, education, and business.

Second Mile Haiti was founded in 2012 and now operates three programs in Northern Haiti: the Nutrition Center, the Maternity Center, and Community Education.

These programs work together to achieve:

• Malnutrition prevention
• Improved health and decreased mortality rates for children under 5
• Improved literacy rates
• Increased rates of school attendance
• Increased practice of breastfeeding
• Increased adoption of family planning methods
• Decrease in domestic violence
• Increased financial savings
• Diversified income streams
• Food secure households and communities
Nutrition Center

273 children and caregivers housed for holistic malnutrition recovery

576 business start-up beneficiaries

600 adults completed the health education course and received goats
The Second Mile Malnutrition Treatment Center is an inpatient malnutrition facility that provides holistic rehabilitation to acutely malnourished children and their caregivers. It remains the only program of its kind in Haiti as of 2019. The five-day per week, residential recovery program employs nurses, psychologists, educators, and therapists who incorporate medical and mental health care with business, literacy, health, and gardening instruction. The Treatment Center is also home to many of Second Mile Haiti’s community outreach programs including: the goat house, food forest, plant nursery, and the Tou Natirèl production center, where home-grown goods are transformed into sellable products.
Maternity Center

113 safe births

2,738 maternal health visits

1,068 women attendees at prenatal education classes
Strong Start Maternity Center is a maternal and newborn health center working to end maternal and infant mortality in Haiti. The Center is run by certified Haitian midwives who provides holistic, individualized care to women throughout pregnancy and birth. In addition to prenatal care and safe births, the Center offers family-based education for mothers and fathers so that they are prepared to raise healthy babies.

In February 2019, the Kim McPherson birthing unit opened and has since welcomed over 100 new lives into the world. As with the Malnutrition Treatment Center, Second Mile does not advertise the services offered at Strong Start, yet we consistently operate at full capacity thanks to word-of-mouth referrals.
Community Outreach

- 2,077 adults received education around family planning and access to contraceptive methods.
- 330 children treated for malnutrition at community clinics.
- 33 school tuitions covered.
Second Mile Haiti offers holistic health and wellness classes to adults in communities neighboring the Centers. Participants enroll in pairs of one man and one woman who live in the same household and attend classes five days a week for six weeks. The standard course covers topics such as nutrition, health and wellness, and gardening. Participants are incentivized to attend classes by receiving a goat at the end of the course. Graduating adults leave the course more equipped to keep themselves and their families healthy and well-fed, know where to find resources in the community, and have more steady income.
Financials

**Expenditures**
- Malnutrition Treatment Center - $222,173 (44%)
- Strong Start Maternity Center - $176,197 (35%)
- Community Education - $48,788 (10%)
- General Management* - $39,784 (8%)
- Fundraising - $18,370 (3%)

**Revenue**
- Monthly Donations - $97,991 (18%)
- Other Individual Donations - $78,748 (14%)
- Foundation Support - $301,742 (55%)
- Grants - $70,989 (13%)

*100% of funds for management and administration were directed to Haiti.
THANK YOU!

We are infinitely grateful for all of the financial supporters who make our work possible. You have made 2019 an impactful year for kids, mothers, and families in Northern Haiti.

Our work is made possible by the generosity of several foundations and many dedicated individuals.

Special thanks to our fierce monthly donors who provide regular support that we rely on to keep operations running smoothly. You make sure that we have our shelves stocked with medicine, formula, medical supplies, and everything else we need to continue providing high quality care to families in need.

Join Second Mile Haiti in the journey to break the cycle of malnutrition by visiting www.secondmilehaiti.org/donate.