Strengthening from Within: Health Care Capacity-Building in Haiti
Sunday, December 9th 2012

In our ongoing efforts to provide quality resources and mentoring to Haitian physicians, Physicians for Haiti will be hosting our second Annual Continuing Medical Education Conference in Haiti. This mixes an exciting lineup of speakers with networking opportunities for Haitian medical professionals, and is entirely funded by October’s StartSomeGood campaign.

P4H HOSTS HAITIAN PHYSICIANS

November and December are busy months for P4H! Due in large part to the generosity of Dr. Eon Harry and P4H Board member Dr. Sanjiv Chopra, P4H is providing seven Haitian physicians with travel, lodging, and free attendance at highly-regarded medical conferences in Boston this year.

Drs. Jude Renard, Roberson Gede, Fanfan Noel, and Laine Money Stanley, all members of the Alexander Fleming Class, attended the Pri-Med East primary care conference from November 16-18, while Drs. Pierre Gaetchen (of UniFA) and Drs. Julis Stevenson and Patrick Jouissance (of Partners In Health/Zanmi Lasante) will be attending Harvard Medical School’s week-long Update in Internal Medicine course from December 2-8.

We’re very pleased to welcome these P4H partners to Boston, and hope to make similar experiences available to many more Haitian physicians in the years to come.

WATER SECURITY AND THE UN

Our advocacy committee continues to raise awareness about the critical issue of water security. Dr. Rishi Rattan and Vicky Koski-Karell recently met with UN officials and various governments at the World Health Summit held in Berlin to discuss evidence-based protocol reforms to bridge the gap between science and policy. Other recent accomplishments include:

- Meetings with UN staff to discuss policies on medical screening, waste and sanitation.
- Briefings in Haiti with the UN Special Envoy’s office and MINUSTAH Office of Mission Support office to discuss updates in policy and collaboration on water infrastructure projects.
- Keynote speeches at the Global Med Conference at Middlebury College and at the International Law Association’s national conference.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Physicians for Haiti is a volunteer-run organization that depends on your engagement. The holiday season is the perfect time to reach out to your friends and families to share our work, vision and website! Visit www.physiciansforhaiti.org to learn more about how you can support us and Haitian medical education.

- Intern with P4H
- Volunteer as a visiting professor
- Attend an event
- Develop continuing medical education materials

APRAN PALE KREYÒL?

Want to learn Haitian Kreyòl or brush up on your conversation skills? We launched our first-ever language course this August, and are getting ready for another set of sessions in the new year.

Taught by our own Chris Curry, the course runs at the Boston University School of Medicine and is appropriate for students of all Creole abilities. What are you waiting for? Contact ccurry@physiciansforhaiti.org for more information today.

FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who has helped make our recent fundraising efforts a success. Whether you rallied your friends and family or donated yourself, we could not have reached our goals without you!

- In September, P4H was declared a $10,000 winner in the Chase Community Giving Awards. Thanks so much to everyone who voted and helped spread the word.

- Thanks to your generous contributions, P4H successfully raised $3,929 during our StartSomeGood campaign, and we continue to receive contributions dedicated to this campaign. The money will go towards our second annual Continuing Medical Education Conference, to be held in Haiti this December.

- Our Black Light Yoga fundraiser with Goldie Kaufenberg, sponsored by the Back Bay Yoga Studio, was a great success. The event was sold out, and everyone worked up a sweat and had fun for a great cause! Mesi anpil!

Members of P4H’s Haitian Kreyòl Class