Dear Friends,

In January of 2015, a child barely three months old was on the brink of death. Her mother was in the advanced stages of tuberculosis and could not breastfeed, leaving her severely dehydrated and suffering from Marasmus malnutrition. Her father died of AIDS just weeks before she was born. Now she was dying alongside her mother. I stood in the makeshift hut and wept as the mother begged us to take her.

Our team provided around-the-clock care for the baby, who had not yet been named. They named her Kore Tina, the namesake of Kore Timoun. Despite our best efforts to secure care for the mother, she passed away several weeks later. One of our Monitrices planned to adopt Kore Tina if no relatives came forward. The mother’s aunt heard about the tragedy at the funeral and stepped in to adopt her. Our team walked alongside the family in the coming months as Kore Tina recovered from severe acute malnutrition.

In May of 2019, I visited Kore Tina again. This time I found a healthy four-year-old. When we arrived at her home, she and her adopted brothers were outside preparing sweet potatoes for the evening meal. Her aunt told us that she would start school in the new year.

Without the support that Kore Tina received from the Children’s Nutrition Program, she would not have survived. To see her as a healthy, thriving, little girl was one of the greatest blessings I have received in all of my years of working in Haiti.

With your support, we’ve rescued thousands of children like Kore Tina. Much work remains to be done, and with your ongoing partnership, CNP will continue working to raise a healthy generation of Haitian children, who can in turn raise Haiti from poverty.

God Bless,

[Signature]

Dr. Mitchell L. Mutter, Founder
From Our Executive Director

For over 21 years, your faithful support has enabled the Children’s Nutrition Program to prevent and treat malnutrition in the face of earthquakes, hurricanes, political instability, and now a global pandemic. Your prayers and support have poked a hole in the darkness, bringing hope to critically ill children and their families.

As 2020 ushered in unparalleled circumstances at home and abroad, I am filled with gratitude for your prayers and financial support. You have risen to every occasion to support our work and I hope you will continue to walk with us as we face the inevitable challenges that will continue to arise. Thank you for loving the “least of these” by caring for Haiti’s vulnerable women and children. I am deeply grateful for each of you.

Blessings,

Patricia Cyr Watlington, Executive Director

From Our Country Director

Looking back on 2019, I am incredibly proud of our team and their dedication to continue providing services in the midst of months of political unrest that forced Haiti into a state of lockdown. One of the greatest challenges I experienced was leading our team as they faced immense personal suffering. I am inspired by their perseverance in the midst of uncertainty.

Despite the significant hardships we endured in 2019, we continued our vital work to prevent and treat malnutrition. Some of our most significant accomplishments include:

- We reactivated and supported local health committees and women’s groups, laying the foundation to expand our work to prevent malnutrition in 2020.
- Through realignment with our strategic plan, we redesigned our workflow to improve efficiency.
- Through the development of a new monitoring & evaluation tools and reporting system, we created a dashboard to assist with data driven decision making.

Thank you for walking alongside CNP during this indescribably difficult year.

Mesi Ampil,

Dr. Anany Prosper, Country Director
The Children’s Nutrition Program of Haiti is helping to raise a healthy generation of Haitian children, who can in turn raise Haiti from poverty.

Together, we can change that.

In Haiti...

1 in 5 children are chronically malnourished

1 in 14 children die before their 5th birthday

We seek to reduce childhood mortality & morbidity and improve the nutritional status of children and women through three primary types of interventions:

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION & EMPOWERMENT

- Empower community health committees to start their own health initiatives.
- Educate women’s groups to share health messages with their neighbors.

GROWTH MONITORING & HEALTH PROMOTION

- Hold community screening clinics and conduct routine home visits to track child growth.
- Counsel families to adopt good feeding and illness-prevention practices.
- Refer malnourished children and women to our clinics.

THERAPEUTIC & CLINICAL CARE

- Treat children with moderate to severe acute malnutrition through weekly visits at our ambulatory clinics.
- Provide inpatient care for children suffering from the most severe cases at the Nutrition Stabilization Unit (USN).
In December 2019, CNP conducted a Mère Lumiè re (Mothers of Light) training, which mobilizes women as volunteers to detect severe malnutrition at the community level. In communities where we do not have a Monitrice, volunteers from the Mère Lumiè re program are able to conduct screenings and ensure malnourished children are enrolled in our program.

The Mère Lumiè re program kicked off with an all-day training for 11 women who are passionate about helping children in their communities. The ladies learned:
- To identify the signs of malnutrition
- To conduct a malnutrition screening
- Songs about nutrition and the three food groups.

Additionally, they gained practical experience by screening children at a community-wide screening event.

Solange is one of the ladies trained. She was already active in her local women’s group and community health committee, and is excited to be more involved through the the Mère Lumiè re program. "We need to help mothers prepare nutritious foods so that they and their families can live in good health. We help mothers breastfeed their babies... We need to be there to help Kore Timoun save the lives of children in our communities."

"The Mères Lumières are an important tool for us; they spread knowledge of good nutrition in their communities. With training, they’re able to detect malnutrition in women and children who are malnourished but aren't yet visibly so. This way, we admit these children to our treatment program at the earliest possible stage, when the chance for a positive health outcome is highest."

-Rose Elene, Community Programs Manager

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**EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES**

**COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS**

- **43** Monitrices empowering communities to promote health and nutrition
- **93%** of staff are Haitian, many of whom live in the communities they serve
- **13** Health committees and women’s groups equipped

**WASH INITIATIVES**

- **50** Latrines built (an additional 35 are in progress)
PROMOTING HEALTH

26,962
MALNUTRITION SCREENINGS CONDUCTED

2,247
CHILDREN SCREENED EACH MONTH

3,644
MATERNAL SCREENINGS CONDUCTED

507 CHILDREN &
107 PREGNANT & LACTATING WOMEN
SCREENED AT 16 COMMUNITY SCREENING EVENTS

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

We drastically increased screening and early detection for pregnant/
- lactating women who are at risk of developing malnutrition, screening 3X the number of women who were screened in 2018.

Through partnership with Meds & Food for Kids and the Caris Foundation, we
- successfully completed our second consecutive year with an uninterrupted supply of Ready to Eat Supplementary Food (Plumpy'Nut/Plumpy'Sup)

All of the Monitrices and field staff completed
- recertification training through the Ministry of Health/Ministry of Public Health and Population.

We purchased a four-wheel drive vehicle to provide essential transport for our team of nurses, Monitrices, and field staff, as well as to transport critically ill children, many of whom are from rural mountain villages, to the local Nutrition Stabilization Unit (USN).
In 2019, CNP significantly increased our screening for pregnant/lactating women, resulting in more women receiving treatment for acute malnutrition. This vital treatment improves the nutritional status of the mother, nursing babies, and children in the womb. Additionally, since mothers often skip meals so the children can have more food, maternal malnutrition serves as a key indicator of the family risk level.

Gigi and her mother, Esther, were both treated for acute malnutrition at our clinic in Santo. Santo is a densely populated urban area where many families have little room to grow food, increasing their susceptibility to malnutrition. To complicate matters, many of the families we work with come from other parts of the country and have no access to social support and family networks.

At one point, our nurse Marie Yolene was treating eight pregnant women at once for acute malnutrition, indicating a need for special interventions in Santo. To respond to this need, the Children’s Nutrition Program reactivated a woman’s group that had been dormant for years. The group is providing trainings on health behaviors, as well as working together to plant gardens and raise goats, and put some money together to loan out when one of the members wants to start a business.

Today, thanks to the support they received, Gigi and Esther have completed their treatment and the family is on the road to better health. They continue to receive social support to ensure that they do not relapse. Additionally, we are continuing to invest heavily in prevention and treatment initiatives in Santo to reduce the risk of malnutrition for women and children in that area.

**SAVING LIVES**

In many communities, we are seeing an increased rate or maternal malnutrition.

**TREATMENT IMPACT**

- 60 Children treated at the USN for severe acute malnutrition with complications
- 129 Children enrolled in PTA Clinics for severe acute malnutrition treatment
- 192 Children enrolled in PNS for moderate acute malnutrition treatment
- 69 Children Healed (graduated from PTA/USN to PNS to receive social support)
"Big organizations can't do the work that we're doing on the ground. We know the area and the people. We advocate for kids. Who else can do that?"

Rose Elene, Community Programs Manager
At the outset of 2020, the Children’s Nutrition Program launched an initiative to restructure our operations and refocus our work on prevention initiatives. Unfortunately, these plans were quickly derailed by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we seek to continue emergency operations in the midst of the crisis, we have had to curtail many of our plans. However, we look forward to implementing the following when the outbreak subsides.

- Empower women’s groups to accelerate community-based interventions to prevent malnutrition.
- Implement quarterly meetings and ongoing training for the Mères Lumières.
- Launch the Hearth Positive Deviance Inquiry to equip communities to utilize local foods to prevent malnutrition and to supplement the rehabilitation of malnourished children.
- An exploratory committee has been formed to determine the feasibility of establishing a permanent home for the Children’s Nutrition Program by building a training center to further our mission.
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