



# FAMILY HEALTH MINISTRIES

Supporting Haitian communities in *their* efforts to build and sustain healthy families.

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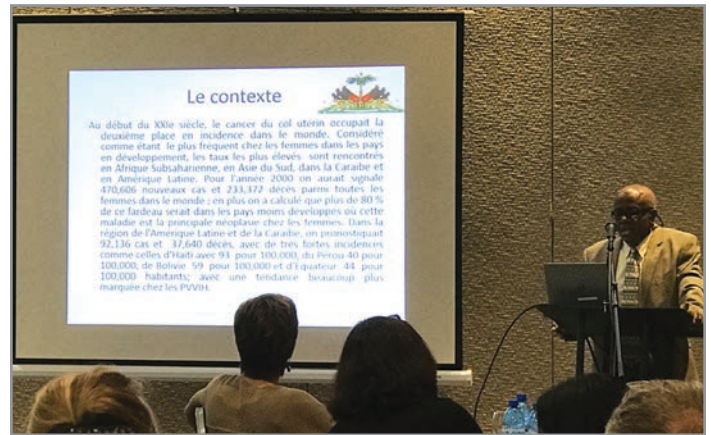
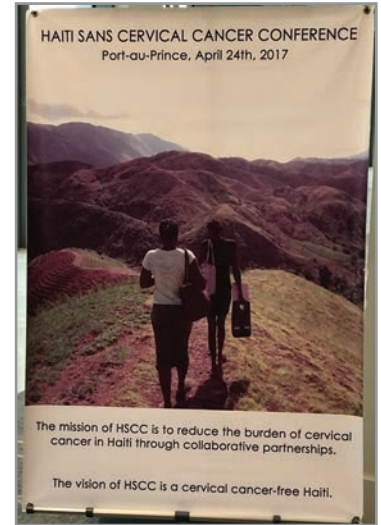
## Haiti sans Cervical Cancer (HsCC) has Inaugural Conference in Haiti

Haiti has one of the highest rates of cervical cancer in the world. Women in Haiti are six times more likely to die of cervical cancer than women in the US. In Haiti, 49.2% of cancer deaths are from cervical cancer versus 2.5% in North America. This painful and isolating disease often leaves mothers unable to care for their children.

HsCC is a group of individuals interested in working together to reduce the incidence of cervical cancer in Haiti. On April 24, 2017,

HsCC had its first partner's conference at the Marriott in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Over 70 people attended from various International and Haitian medical groups.

Dr. Reynold Grand Pierre presented at the meeting on behalf of the Haitian Ministry of Health. Other speakers included representatives from JHPIEGO, Société Haitienne d'Obstétrique et de Gynécologie, Zanmi Lasante, and Groupe de Support Contre le Cancer.



## careHPV Lab Opens at Blanchard Clinic

In 2012, through a grant from the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund, FHM first brought the HPV (Hc2) assay to Haiti. This eliminated the need to send patient samples to the US for testing. In August of this year, with the support of the QIAGEN corporation and a grant from Basic Health International, FHM opened the first careHPV lab. Bringing the careHPV assay to Haiti will significantly reduce the cost of HPV testing. Our vision is to strengthen a national cervical cancer program in collaboration with the partners of Haiti sans Cervical Cancer (HsCC).





## We Have Moved Back to Chapel Hill!



Our new mailing address is:  
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stayed the same:  
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# Save the Date:

## Saturday,

## April 21, 2018

# FHM Spring Gala

Mark your calendar for our annual Gala and Silent Auction at the Charlotte & Dick Levin Jewish Community Center in Durham, NC. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Gala committee, and to help in the office with mailings, outreach, and auction item preparation.



## Mission Travel for 2018

### Come Join a Mission Team

Have you ever thought of serving on a FHM mission team? Many of our long-term donors and volunteers say that mission travel has been a transformative experience. As we serve, the Haitian people teach us about working with compassion, and living by grace daily in the presence of God. We currently have openings on our 2018 mission teams. There are no prerequisites for participation; all you need is a willingness to be present in ministry, and to give of your time and talents.



- **February 3-10:** Medical Clinic at Agape Church Hope Community Church Medical Team
- **February 24-March 3:** Blanchard and Tom Gato Medical (Carmelle Votaire Women's Health Center) American Academy of Family Physicians
- **March 3-10:** Tom Gato Medical (Carmelle Votaire Women's Health Center) Westminster Presbyterian Medical Team
- **May 5-12:** Tom Gato Medical (Carmelle Votaire Women's Health Center) 519Church Medical Team
- **June 9-17:** Annual Blanchard Clinic Medical Trip
- **July 21-29:** Annual Vacation Bible School Trip
- **October** Tom Gato Medical Team: Dates TBA

For more information visit: <http://familyhealthministries.org/mission-travel/> or contact Missy Owen at 919-382-5500