

# 2024 Annual Report

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**SUPPORTING** HAITIAN COMMUNITIES IN THEIR EFFORTS  
TO **BUILD** AND **SUSTAIN** HEALTHY FAMILIES.

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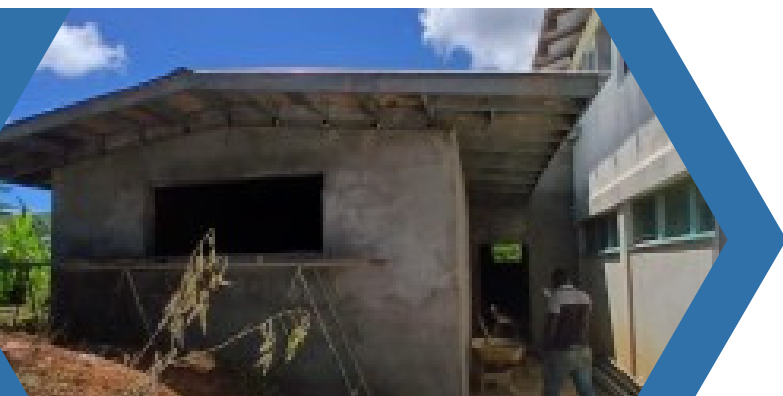
# 2024 Income and Expenses

## Income

Unrestricted Donations	\$102,986
Interest and Investments	\$58,531
Research	\$5,220
Leogane Guesthouse	\$72,156
Fondwa Orphanage	\$11,720
Fondwa Sponsorships	\$53,376
Women's Health Center	\$165,254
Pritts-Olive Surgical Suite	\$12,371
Nursing Sponsorships	\$7,052
Community Garden	\$33,340
Total Income 2024	\$522,006

## Expenses

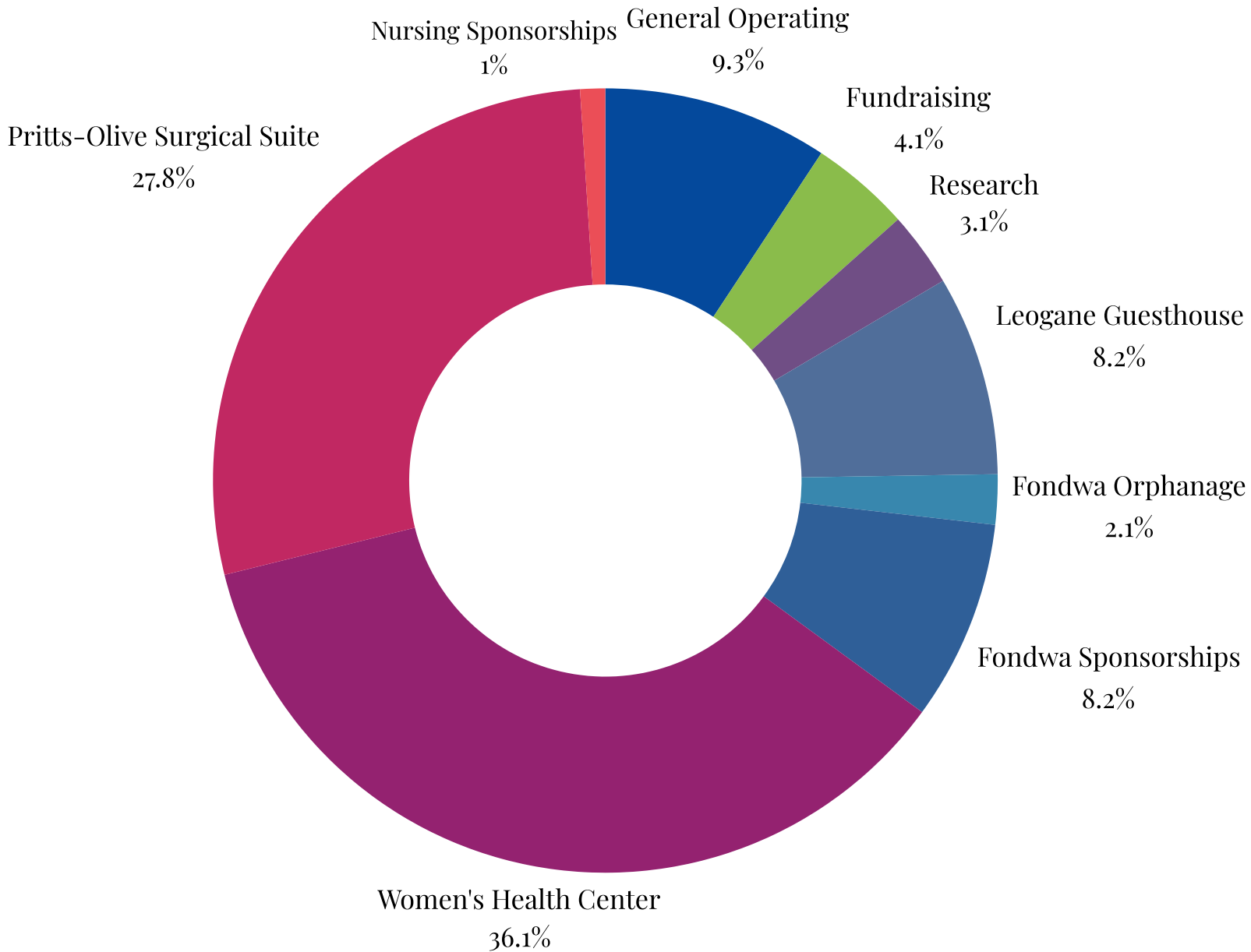
General Operating	\$52,297
Fundraising	\$22,677
Research	\$3,231
Leogane Guesthouse	\$45,585
Fondwa Orphanage	\$9,461
Fondwa Sponsorships	\$47,871
Women's Health Center	\$202,847
Pritts-Olive Surgical Suite*	\$157,172
Nursing Sponsorships	\$5,000
Community Garden	\$17,254
Total Expense 2024	\$578,354



\*This 2024 expense reflects a significant outlay to begin construction on the Pritts-Olive Surgical Suite, funded by money raised in prior years.

# 2024 Expenses

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# Carmelle Voltaire Women's Health Center

## 2024 Statistics

2,207 Patients Seen

1,451 Prenatal Visits

716 Laboratory Tests

658 Ultrasounds

122 Babies Born



722 Babies have been  
born since opening  
in 2020



# An Update on the Crisis in Haiti

By Michael Anello, In-Country Director

As many of you may have seen in the news, Haiti is facing an ongoing crisis marked by escalating gang violence, severe food shortages, and political instability. 2024 was a challenging year filled with concern for our staff and for the communities we serve. Despite these overwhelming hardships, the towns of Léogâne, Tom Gato, and Fondwa remain safe, and our programs continue to function thanks to the unwavering commitment of our Haitian team.

At our guesthouse in Léogâne, security guards are on duty 24/7. We also have a groundskeeper and maintenance worker to ensure the property remains in good condition. The last mission team to stay at the facility was 6 years ago. However, we are keeping the guesthouse intact, prepared for the day when we will be able to safely welcome mission teams back into Haiti. Additionally, the Jacmel Road remains open for the Carmelle Voltaire Women's Health Center staff to safely travel to the clinic.



Without the dedication of our staff in Haiti, I'm not certain what would happen. Their selfless commitment to their community in the face of such adversity is a testament to their strength and to the deep belief they have in our shared mission. While I had to leave Haiti in August of 2024 and have not been able to return, I continue to work from the U.S., transferring payroll, holding weekly virtual meetings with our U.S. and Haiti staff, and overseeing the ongoing programs.

Many of you have asked: how will Haiti ever recover? How will we safely allow medical mission teams back into the country as we have in the past? What will the future look like? The truth is no one has those answers right now. All we can do is keep our Haitian staff, friends, and families in our prayers and continue to support their efforts.

# Carmelle Voltaire Women's Health Center Update



Despite another challenging year in Haiti's history, FHM has experienced moments of joy amidst the adversity. We've celebrated the launch of a new hypertension program, started construction on the Pritts-Olive Surgical Suite (POSS), welcomed healthy babies into the world, and provided women with access to high-quality healthcare— all of which we consider to be significant successes.

The new Hypertension Clinic, led by Dr. Danache and managed by Nurse Practitioner Rachelle Tenor Fabiola, is open one day a week. During this time, both men and women can have their health records reviewed, their blood pressure monitored, and receive medication if needed. In addition to measuring blood pressure, we also assess ankle-brachial indices— an early predictor of peripheral arterial disease. By combining these screenings, we can detect and prevent serious cardiovascular conditions at an early stage. In 2024, we saw 155 new patients through this program, and we are excited to continue growing this number in the years ahead. Diseases caused by chronic hypertension are a leading cause of death in Haiti, making the success of this program incredibly important to us.

In 2024, we started construction on the POSS. Despite facing many hurdles- including having to take a pause to support the building of facilities for arriving UN Security Forces and experiencing challenges transporting materials to Tom Gato- the DeMatteis Construction Group (DCG) has remained committed to the project. At the end of 2024, they successfully roofed over the surgical suite and are hopeful that the entire project will be finished before the end of 2025.

On the clinic side, the staff sees 25 patients on average per day, 3 days a week. They provide pre- and post-natal care, lab tests, ultrasounds, and more. All of this is accomplished by four staff members, which is truly remarkable.

The Birthing Center is open 24/7, with a rotating nurse and midwife staff. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the dedication of our staff, 122 new lives were welcomed into the world in 2024.

The funds raised at the FHM Annual Gala & Silent Auction directly support the Carmelle Voltaire Women's Health Center. We hope you will join us in 2025— be sure to save the date on the next page.

# Save THE DATE

Saturday, October 11, 2025  
6:00 – 9:00 pm

*Annual Gala & Silent Auction*

Carolina Club | 150 Stadium Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514



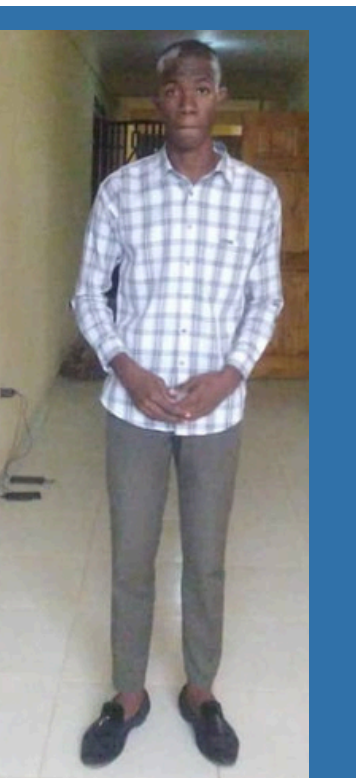


# Fondwa School Update

Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." We see this in action every day through the Saint Antoine School in Fondwa. Founded in the 90s by Sister Carmelle and Sister Simone, the school has grown to serve over 600 students from preschool through the 13th grade, many of whom walk over an hour each way. This shows how much the community truly believes that education can change lives.

One example of the impact that education can have on a community is Lind Jerry, a recent graduate from the Saint Antoine School. Our In-Country Director, Micheal Anello, first met Lind Jerry in 2012 while working on a construction project in Dilko, Haiti. After the earthquake destroyed his home and school and crippled his mother, Lind Jerry- only 8 years old at the time- spent his days straightening bent nails for construction workers in exchange for a few gourdes.

Upon Michael's following trip, he learned that Lind Jerry had enrolled in Saint Antoine's School in Fondwa. After graduating in 2023, he joined Haiti Reforestation's mentorship program and became the top student in a class of 15. Now, Lind Jerry is attending the University of Fondwa, aiming to earn a Master degree in Agronomy and give back to his community through planting trees and building community gardens.

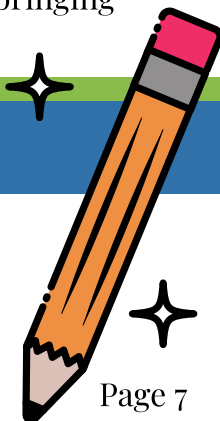


Lind Jerry's story illustrates the power of education, especially in Haiti, where half of the population is not enrolled in school and only 53% of adults can read and write. Today, FHM is the sole provider of money to the Saint Antoine School, and donations from supporters like you cover supplies, food, maintenance, and teacher salaries. However, we are unable to provide enough scholarship money for all 600 students, forcing families to sacrifice the majority of their income to send their children to school or risk them dropping out.

For just \$40 a month, you can sponsor a child's education, giving them access to the same life-changing opportunities that Lind Jerry had. Visit [familyhm.org](https://familyhm.org) and click on 'Donate Now' to sponsor a student.

Sister Simone and Sister Claudette want to say 'thank you' for bringing hope to the next generation in Fondwa.

**FONDWA NEEDS YOU! PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING A CHILD FOR \$40/MONTH OR \$480/YEAR. YOUR DONATION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE FONDWA COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. PLEASE TALK TO YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY MEMBERS, CHURCHES, AND CIVIC GROUPS. SURLY WE CAN DO MORE FOR THE SISTERS AND THE FONDWA CHILDREN DURING THIS TIME OF IMMENSE INSTABILITY AND NEED. VISIT [FAMILYHM.ORG](https://familyhm.org) TO MAKE A DONATION.**



# Nursing School in Leogane Update



The FSIL Nursing School in Léogâne, Haiti, is one of the country's leading nursing institutions, known for its pioneering role in nursing education. In 2005, it became the first nursing school in Haiti to offer a Bachelor of Science Nursing Education degree, and in 2017, with the blessing of the Haitian Ministry of Health, it began training the first nurse practitioners in the country. FHM has proudly supported FSIL since its inception in a variety of ways, including delivering lectures on women's health, involving nursing students in community health research, offering scholarships, and hiring its graduates— such as our Nurse Practitioner Rachelle Tenor Fabiola and our Nursing Administrator Christaline Bellamy.

In 2023, we launched the Friends of Nurses in Haiti Campaign to raise funds for nursing scholarships at FSIL. We continued this campaign in 2024, and- thanks to your generosity- we were able to raise over \$5,000, enough to support one nursing student's education. In 2025, we look to increase our fundraising goal to \$15,000, and will challenge the Haiti Nursing Foundation to match that goal.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has participated in our Friends of Nurses in Haiti Campaign. Whether you donated, shared our campaign, or offered prayers, your support has made a lasting impact. Nurses are vital to the health and resilience of communities, especially in Haiti's current climate, and your contributions will help ensure that future nurses are equipped to serve with care and compassion. We look forward to continuing our partnership with FSIL Nursing School and to the bright future for these talented students.

# An Introduction to Elizabeth Kurtgeri, FHM's New Executive Director



As of January 2025, I am both honored and grateful to have joined the FHM family. Since my first trip to Haiti in 2016, the country has had a special place in my heart, and I knew my calling was intertwined with the people of Haiti. That same year, I began my studies in Public Health at Furman University, where I was introduced to the concept of global health and developed a deep passion for advancing healthcare accessibility. After graduating, I pursued my Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in Global Health at George Mason University.

During my time at George Mason, I had the privilege of interning with Family Health Ministries. I was immediately struck by the unwavering dedication of David, Kathy, and the entire team to the people of Haiti, and I felt deeply connected to the mission and values of the organization. I knew I wanted to remain involved with FHM in whatever way I could.

When Kathy mentioned her retirement and invited me to apply for the position, I was extremely honored to be considered. Receiving the offer to join FHM as Executive Director felt like a fulfillment of a prayer I've been praying since 2016. I am truly blessed to work alongside some of the most amazing people I have ever met—our US staff, board members, volunteers, and Haitian staff who selflessly serve their communities despite the hardships and violent conditions.

I am especially thankful for Kathy's 20+ years of dedication to the organization and the profound impact she has had on advancing its mission. She has devoted a large part of her life to this cause, and I am deeply grateful that she has entrusted me with the responsibility of continuing the work she so passionately led. I am excited for the future of this organization and for the opportunity to meet and work with the entire FHM family. I am blessed to be able to serve alongside you.



# A Grateful Goodbye After More Than 20 Years of Service

Dear Friends,

As I sit down to write this message, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and reflection. After more than two decades serving as Executive Director of Family Health Ministries, the time has come for me to step aside and pass the torch. This is not an easy goodbye, and stepping away during a time when Haiti is experiencing significant challenges brings added weight to this transition.

The people of Haiti have always inspired me with their strength, resilience, and unwavering spirit. Today, as the country navigates extraordinary hardship, our commitment to walking alongside our Haitian partners is more important than ever. It is difficult to step back during such a critical time, but I do so with great trust in the enduring mission of FHM and in the people who will continue carrying that mission forward.

When I first began this journey with FHM, I could not have imagined the incredible experiences, challenges, and growth that lay ahead. What began as a shared vision to improve the health and well-being of families in Haiti evolved into a life's calling that has enriched me more than words can express.

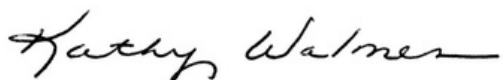
Over the years, I had the privilege to work alongside some of the most dedicated, compassionate, and resilient individuals—staff, volunteers, partners, and donors—who believed in our mission and made it their own. Together, we have built clinics and schools, supported communities, developed programs and most importantly, formed lasting relationships rooted in respect and trust.

As I step away from this role, I do so with full confidence in the future of this organization, especially knowing it will be in the capable and caring hands of our new Executive Director, Elizabeth Kurtgeri. Elizabeth brings with her a deep commitment to service, experience in nonprofit management, and a heart that aligns beautifully with the mission of FHM. I know she will guide the organization with vision, grace, and an unwavering dedication to the communities we serve.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of something so meaningful. Thank you for your unwavering support, your prayers, and your belief in the work we have accomplished. This organization is stronger than ever, and I am excited to watch it continue to grow guided by the same core values that brought us this far.

While I may be stepping down from my role, I will always remain part of the FHM family. I look forward to supporting this mission in new ways, and I am confident the best is yet to come.

With all my heart, I thank you for the years of your love and support,





# Message from the Chairman

## David Walmer



What makes life worthwhile?

Haiti taught me at the age of 40 that life is about relationships. It gave me a deathbed experience when I was young enough to do something about it. Haitians are deeply spiritual people who understand that survival depends on an other-centered perspective. When we have adequate resources, we tend to think that we are self-sufficient and swing towards self-centeredness. Eventually, we discover that self-sufficiency becomes isolating, and we discover that something is missing.

We are taught that part of the greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourselves. It doesn't say as much as yourselves, it says 'as yourselves' suggesting that we are an 'interdependent one'. Family Health Ministries supports Haitian communities in *their* efforts to build and sustain healthy families. I believe that this goal is consistent with the greatest commandment. It is other-centered. In Haiti, FHM gravitates towards supporting people and communities that exhibit a tendency to serve rather than being served. We are all just pieces of a grand puzzle that doesn't work unless we all contribute something to the common good.

For the last 5 years, our friends in Haiti have instructed us to stay home. They say that going to Haiti is dangerous for us and dangerous for them. This has created a sense of isolation. In an effort to rekindle a feeling of solidarity, I decided to raise funds for nursing education in Haiti and call attention to it by swimming from the island of Nevis to St. Kitts. Having never done open water swimming this felt like a personal challenge and a demonstration of putting a little skin in the game.

Deciding to support the nursing school was a natural extension of all the principles above. I was in Haiti when the nursing school was a figment of Dr. Lafontant's imagination. We have had a relationship with those students since the school opened its doors by participating in their education and hiring them to serve in the clinics that we support. Nursing students are bright young people that want to serve their communities as healers. Healers are people who strive to restore broken relationships.

When I traveled to Nevis in April of 2025, I learned that the cross-channel swim might be canceled because of the wind, waves and current. I didn't know until the morning of the swim if they would let us go. I was anxious because I really wanted to cross that channel to make that internal connection with my/our friends in Haiti. They did let us go and it was exhilarating to swim through the waves and the current. It was merely symbolic because I knew that after 2 hours, my challenge would be over and our friends in Haiti would still be facing their challenges. However, the support that the FHM family mustered to support my symbolic effort magnified that effort in a substantial way.

My swim didn't do anything to directly support the students. The real support is the financial skin in the game that came from the FHM family. Together, we did something significant and that strengthens the bond between us all and for me, made me feel a little closer to our brothers and sisters in Haiti.



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