



FAMILY HEALTH  
MINISTRIES

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

“Supporting Haiti’s Future”

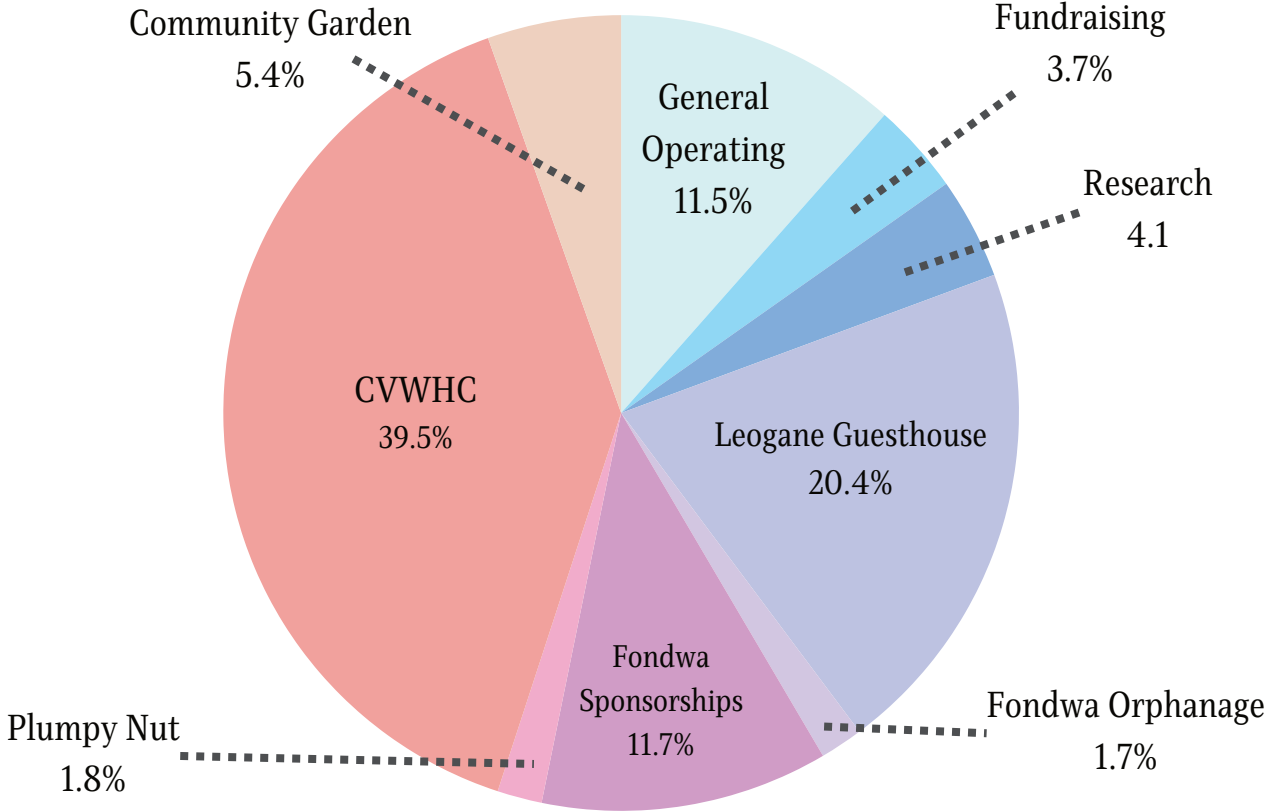
## 2023 Income and Expenses

Unrestricted Donations	\$90,195
Interest and Investments	\$28,182
Research	\$14,343
Leogane Guesthouse	\$33,191
Fondwa Orphanage	\$8,030
Fondwa Sponsorships	\$49,105
Women's Health Center	\$181,129
Pritts-Olive Surgical Suite	\$60
Nursing Sponsorships	\$569
Community Garden	\$21,895
<b>Total Income 2023</b>	<b>\$426,699</b>

General Operating	\$54,356
Fundraising	\$17,491
Research	\$19,481
Leogane Guesthouse	\$96.363
Fondwa Orphanage	\$8,256
Fondwa Sponsorships	\$55,096
Women's Health Center	\$186,591
Pritts-Olive Surgical Suite	\$56
Plumpy Nut	\$8,572
Community Garden	\$25,627
<b>Total Expense 2023</b>	<b>\$ 471,889</b>



# 2023 Expenses



# Carmelle Voltaire Women's Health Center

## 2023 Statistics

- 2,555 women received healthcare
- 1,643 visits for prenatal care
- 1,143 laboratory tests were performed
- 803 ultrasounds were performed
- 129 babies were born
- 478 babies have been born since opening in 2020





# A Message From the CVWHC by Nurse Belamy, Clinic Director

The Carmelle Voltaire Women's Health Center (CVWHC) is an American non-profit institution providing healthcare in the Tom Gato community of Haiti. Our staff provides care to women before and after pregnancy, offers assistance to individuals with high blood pressure, and conducts cervical cancer screenings and treatment for those with positive HPV tests.



The year 2023 was very difficult for us due to the socio-political crises that our country is going through. Our staff has never given up. We have continued to do everything in our power to take care of people who come to us in need.

CVWHC is the only center in the community that can provide childbirth services. The community is very happy and appreciative that we are here to provide care to them. It is our goal to work towards reducing the mortality and morbidity rate of our community.

The year 2024 will be a year of blessings and accomplishments with the opening of the Pritts-Olive Surgical Suite. We see this operating room as an opportunity for us to provide lifesaving services to the community. We are thankful for our FHM jobs and the opportunity to be part of the alleviation of poverty in our country.

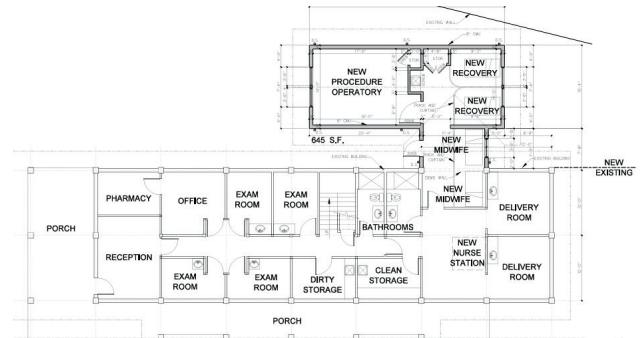


# Major Project Updates

Over the past year, Family Health Ministries has continued to do remarkable work. We continue to take the necessary steps to strengthen community health, on the mountain in Tom Gato, in the valley of Fondwa, and in the city of Leogane.

## **Pritts-Olive Surgical Suite:**

In 2023, up on the mountain, we planned to initiate construction on the Pritts-Olive Surgical Suite. Imagine the challenges we encounter in obtaining supplies from Port-au-Prince and delivering them to the remote mountains. Through divine grace and the efforts of DCG construction, we managed to secure materials and assemble a work crew to commence construction spring 2024. A primary objective in 2024 is to complete construction and inaugurate this facility, enabling emergency surgical procedures to be conducted within the local community.





### **Garden Project:**

In 2023, the Leogane farm had two successful harvests despite the tremendous flooding of last summer that destroyed the crops and significantly damaged the FHM office/guesthouse. This garden has gone from a profit generating venture to helping alleviate hunger associated with the current political situation. The produce grown is distributed to locals who cannot afford food.

This spring we continue to distribute food to our staff, the Fondwa school and orphanage, the nursing school in Leogane, and others in need. Please donate to this cause and pray for those who suffer daily to feed their families.

### **Nursing School in Leogane:**

FHM created the “Friends of Nurses in Haiti” in 2023. One of the symbols of hope in Haiti are nurses. They support healthcare where systems exist, and they selflessly go into communities where there are no doctors. This is in perfect alignment with the mission of FHM to support Haitian communities in their efforts to build and sustain healthy families. FHM has had a longstanding relationship with a pioneering nursing school (FSIL) in Haiti since its inception. Our goal is to provide nursing scholarships for students to attend this premiere school in Haiti. This year we raised \$5000 to support one scholarship and in 2024 we hope to raise funds to provide for at least two nursing students.



# Fondwa School

Sister Simone and Sister Claudette who oversee the education of the children in the Fondwa community started a primary school in the 90's to bring education to the area. The school now serves over 600 students, preschool through the 13th grade. In 2000 FHM started a sponsorship program to fund teacher salaries at the St. Antoine School. Unfortunately, today we are the sole provider of money to the school, and we cannot cover all the costs needed for supplies, food, and maintenance.



The Sisters want you to know that some children in the Fondwa valley walk over an hour to get to school. Dedicated teachers who used to travel from Port au Prince now live in the community to make sure these children receive a quality education. Due to raising food prices and the lack of funds, the food program is now on hold and the children no longer receive a hot meal each day.

The Sisters appreciate all the years that you have continued to provide for the children of Fondwa. They have dedicated their lives to educating these children in hopes of a better future for the next generation. Regardless of gang activity, food shortages, and limited funds, they promise the school will remain open and children will continue to be educated.

Fondwa needs you! Please consider sponsoring a child for \$40/month or \$ 480/year. Your donation will make a difference and we may be able to restart the food program. Please talk to your friends, family members, churches, and civic groups. Surely we can do more for the Sisters and the Fondwa children during this immense time of instability and need.



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## A Note from Dr. Walmer, FHM Chairman

Why should you support Family Health Ministries right now? By all accounts, Haiti is in the worst situation that it has been in since, anyone that we know, can remember. Many feel powerless because they can't fix the big problem. However, much can and is being done in individual communities and behind the scenes to alleviate suffering and to prepare for a better future. Life is about relationships and none of us are immune to suffering at some time in our lives. What we all want most during those times is to be loved through the tough times.



Family Health Ministries continues to replant community gardens to share the produce of its land with the local community. We continue to staff the Carmelle Voltaire Women's Center that is providing care, delivering babies, and actively building a surgical suite in a community that once had no formal health care facility. In partnership with a local nursing school, we are educating the next generation of nurses. FHM also co-founded Haiti sans Cervical Cancer, which coordinates efforts across Haiti to reduce the burden of cervical cancer in partnership with Haitian medical and community leaders. Interestingly, our grass roots efforts are seen and applauded by leadership both in Haiti and the US. Margaret Meade once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." That is what FHM is doing, one relationship at a time.

