2022 YEAR-END UPDATE

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## THE INCREDIBLE POWER OF HOPE



HOPE. If I had to chose one word to describe NOVA's mission over the past year, it would be HOPE. Despite all of the incredible challenges that the people of Haiti have had to face over the past year-and-a-half, NOVA has continued to provide primary medical care to our patients and to be an abiding presence in Cavaillon and the surrounding area. Sixteen months ago, NOVA's main clinic building was in ruins. Major hospitals and clinics throughout Haiti were forced to temporarily close because of their inability to obtain fuel for their generators or because it was deemed unsafe for their staff to come to work.

But not NOVA. During this entire time, we kept our doors open. Our staff came to work. We were able to replenish our pharmacy's stock of medication and our patients kept coming for medical care. We were even able to host a major soccer tournament on our soccer field! All of this provides HOPE to the community because they know that NOVA is not leaving them.

**Joseph Nuzzi** President NOVA Hope for Haiti

But for our patients, the most significant sign that NOVA is staying committed to our mission is the completion of Phase I of our construction project. With Phase I complete, we have moved our pharmacy and lab back to their original locations, and our doctors are now seeing patients in a private room. Patients no longer have to wait out in the open. Completion of Phase I is a big step in not only recovering what NOVA was before the August 2021 earthquake, but in helping us build greatly-improved facilities for our clinic going forward.

Phase II is scheduled to begin early in 2023. Phase II is the major part of our reconstruction project when we will build a brand new clinic to properly provide quality medical care for the community. The new clinic will be larger, have a better layout for patient flow, a more spacious lab, improved storage and sanitation and will allow us the ability to expand in the future. All of this renews HOPE... and that's what our name means NOVA (new) Hope for Haiti.

What makes all of this possible is the remarkable support of our volunteers and donors. NOVA is blessed to have incredible people who volunteer on our Board and our Executive Committee. We also have a community of dedicated volunteers who provide their time and expertise in medical care, construction, human resources, fundraising, and business administration. Our medical mission volunteers – even though they have not been able to travel to Haiti since 2019 – continue to be the backbone of support for everything that NOVA does.

But of course, none of this would be possible without your financial support. We need ongoing support to fund the construction project while also covering our annual operating costs. The cost of running NOVA's clinic operations has risen over the past few years, so I'm asking you to remember NOVA in your year-end giving. Your generosity is what makes it possible to build our new clinic and enable NOVA to continue to provide HOPE and medical care to our community in Haiti.

Thank you for being part of the NOVA Hope for Haiti family.

Thank you,

Joseph Nuzzi President, NOVA Hope for Haiti www.novahope.org



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### PHASE I COMPLETE!

Phase I of the Cavaillon reconstruction is complete and we have resumed using our original building for treating patients while we build our new clinic. Gone are the days of treating patients under the mango trees and in tents. Our lab and pharmacy are fully-operational and we have two exam rooms. Our new Phase I pavilion provides space for patients to register and wait to see the doctor. Our hypertension clinic is operating every Friday and we have resumed our cervical cancer screening program. This all means we can continue to provide medical care while we wait for Phase II to be completed.



















### PHASE II UNDERWAY!

We are very excited about our new clinic! If there was a silver lining in all the challenges NOVA has faced with the devastating earthquake in 2021, it is the ability to design and construct a medical clinic that offers more space, improved operational flow, and an opportunity to grow in the future.

Our new building will include:

- Five exam rooms, each with its own sink;
- A large lab which will include a full bathroom for patients;
- A clinician administrative room for staff meetings, consultations with community members, etc.;
- A large storage room;

- An unfinished second floor for extra storage with the potential to add additional dental or medical services;
- A staff bathroom;
- A janitor/cleaning storage room.

We are continuing to work with Serge Aime (Hudco Construction) who completed Phase I of our rebuilding efforts. Several members of the Executive Committee had the opportunity to meet with Serge in New York City recently. We are extremely confident that he will build our clinic within budget and maintain constant communication with us, as we are presently unable to travel to Haiti.





### **NOVA** HIRES NEW STAFF

NOVA is proud to introduce some of our new staff members! Following the closure of our Boileau clinic in January and the retirement of most of our medical staff, Doctor Daniel, our country director Pierrot Marceus and the U.S. executive committee, hired three new RNs, a pharmacist, and lab technician to join our team. Along with the medical staff, Pierrot hired additional security guards so NOVA is secure 24/7. This allows NOVA to operate and rebuild safely despite the political instability in Haiti.

# SAVE THE DATE FOR THE RETURN OF CASINO NIGHT WE'RE ALL IN!

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023 PARK RIDGE MARRIOTT, PARK RIDGE, NJ (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)





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To bring urgently needed humanitarian aid in the form of healthcare to the impoverished people of the Republic of Haiti, the poorest nation in the western hemisphere.

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