### 2023 YEAR-END UPDATE

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# THRIVING IN CHALLENGING TIMES

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**Joseph Nuzzi** President NOVA Hope for Haiti

When we support a charity, we hope that our donations are making a real impact for good in people's lives. I'm happy to report that your ongoing support of NOVA does just that.

As you know, NOVA has been weathering one storm after another in the last few years with the pandemic, the collapse of security in Port au Prince, and the devastating 2021 earthquake which irreparably damaged half of our clinic. In addition, Haiti's current VISA program has resulted in unexpected staff changes. I am deeply grateful for the countless hours spent by the Executive Committee to help us navigate these challenging times. Their dedication, and the work of the Board and our other volunteers, has led to amazing results.

Our brand new clinic is almost complete and we hope to move operations into the new building by the end of this year. This is great news! Throughout the year-long construction, NOVA has worked very closely with Build Health International (BHI), who were contracted to inspect the construction and provide us with independent quality control reports.

We are proud to report that the first two phases of our construction met the standards of BHI and we are ready to begin the 3rd and final phase of our building project. Once completed, we will have a newly-improved and redesigned medical clinic, a large covered pavilion for health education and patient waiting, and a renovated residence for NOVA volunteers and other missionary groups. Our next campaign will be aimed at supporting our annual operating costs and furnishing our new building.

Throughout the construction process, while still providing primary care, NOVA was able to implement new medical programs. NOVA has been working closely with Hope for Haiti to provide lifesaving cervical cancer screenings and care for women in and around Cavaillon. NOVA's hypertension clinic also meets every Friday and we screen hundreds of patients per month, provide them with the necessary medication, and monitor their care. Since its inception three years ago, NOVA has not lost one of our patients to heart disease or stroke. This is incredible considering diseases caused by high blood pressure are the leading cause of death in Haiti.

With the increase of patient volume and launching of additional programs, we have hired a second part-time physician to assist Dr. Daniel. For many years, Dr. Phenol Bouzey worked in our blood pressure clinic and provided care in Dr. Daniel's absence. Our medical staff and our patients speak highly of his professionalism and care. We are happy to welcome him to our staff.

During these challenging times, NOVA has not only survived but thrived. We can now provide medical care and expand our programs from a modern and more appropriate physical space and we have vastly improved our organization in Haiti.

This has all been made possible by you. Without your continued financial support, NOVA may have been forced to close like so many other medical providers in southern Haiti. I am incredibly grateful for the continued support you provide. I can assure you your donations are having an incredible impact in the lives of the people of Haiti, who have had to deal with incredible struggles. With your support, we will make sure that our community has a place to go when they need quality medical care.



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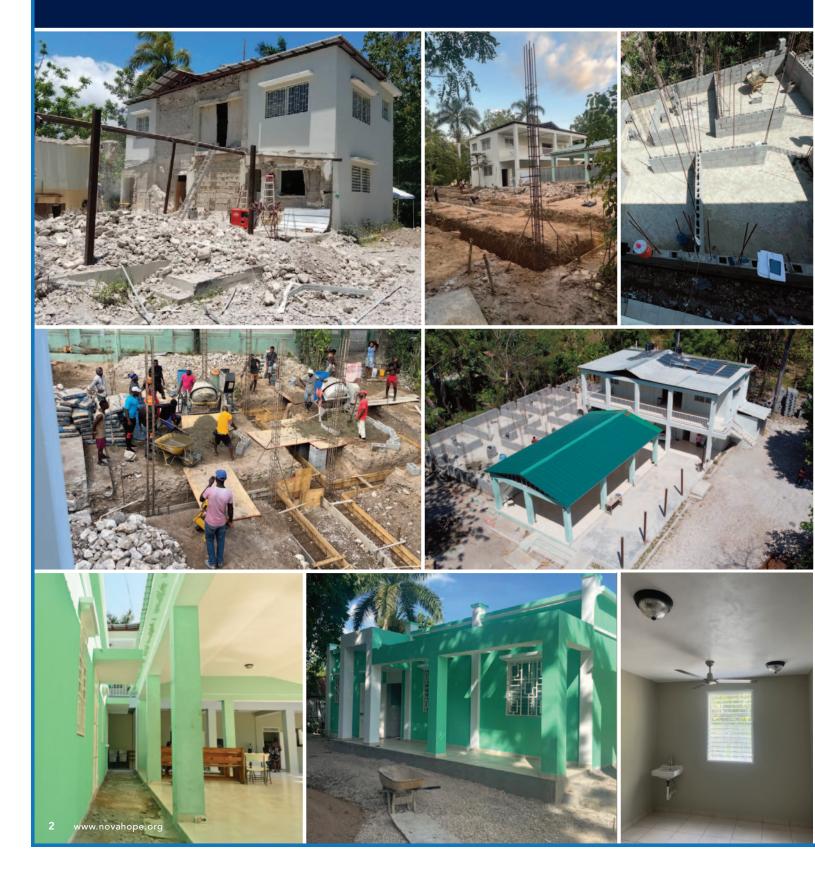
Thank you, Joseph Nuzzi

## **CAVAILLON CLINIC RECONSTRUCTION**

Since the devasting earthquake in August 2021, NOVA Hope for Haiti's new medical clinic is almost complete! Over the past two years NOVA, has continued to provide medical care to our community while the construction was underway and we are very proud of our staff for their commitment to their patients and NOVA's mission.



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## MEDICAL UPDATE

NOVA Hope for Haiti remains a vital presence in our community and continues to save lives. Our healthcare team sprang into action when a Cholera outbreak occurred in our region. Our head physician, Dr. Daniel Octavious, worked with our US based medical director, Dr. Jenny Henkind, to quickly implement safety and treatment protocols. In concert with other regional NGOs and public health clinics, we were able to keep the outbreak at bay due to diligent education and treatment efforts.

The Hypertension Clinic continues to be a huge success story with rotating groups of patients being monitored and given medications at no charge to ensure adherence to the program. Women are leading healthier, longer lives cancer free because of our Cervical Cancer Screening program including rapid screening technology followed by immediate treatment for precancerous cervical abnormalities.

Hiring a second part-time doctor has allowed NOVA to keep up with the increasing patient count. The highly anticipated opening of our new clinic building will allow us to further expand our services and continue to provide high quality health care at low cost to our community.





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