

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS...



Joseph Nuzzi, President,
NOVA Hope for Haiti, assisting in
the makeshift pharmacy in 2002.

Dear Friends of NOVA Hope for Haiti,

It is amazing to me that NOVA is 20 years old. Our medical missions actually pre-date the founding of NOVA. Our first small, humble medical mission went to Haiti late June 2002. Those first missions were modest indeed: with limited medications, very primitive settings, and trying to help as many people as possible in a short week. And yet, the hard work and dedication of those early pioneers – some of whom are still with us today – planted the seeds for what would grow into the clinic NOVA runs today: a fully staffed primary care clinic open five days a week, year-round.

The past twenty years have included moments of profound grace and real challenges. We have faced natural disasters, political instability, economic strain, and the sheer weight of trying to sustain vital medical care in one of the most difficult environments in the world. But we also witnessed resilience, joy, healing, and the deep strength of the Haitian people. Through every high and low, NOVA kept showing up. We kept believing that access to quality, compassionate health-care is not only necessary, but possible.

None of this would have been possible without the people who form the heart of NOVA. Our volunteers: medical professionals, organizers, translators, longtime mission participants, and first-timers alike; have given their time, talent, and love without counting the cost. And, of course, our financial supporters, people like you, have sustained us with extraordinary generosity and trust. Year after year, you ensured that the clinic's doors remain open and our staff can care for those who depend on us.

Together, we have built something lasting. Something that brings hope and healing every single day.

On behalf of our board, our Haitian staff, and the countless families in Cavaillon whose lives have been touched and saved by NOVA's mission: *thank you*. Thank you for believing in this work, for standing with us, and for making this remarkable journey possible.

With deep gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joe'.



NOVA's pharmacy in 2025.



NOVA LOOKS BACK IN CELEBRATION OF OVER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CAVAILLON

NOVA Hope for Haiti's timeline chronicles a journey from volunteer missions led by the Church of the Presentation, in Upper Saddle River, NJ, to owning and operating a thriving permanent clinic. Over two decades, supporters turned vision into reality — providing medical care, overcoming natural and political crises, and expanding local staff and programs. Through ongoing adaptation and resilience, NOVA brings life-changing healthcare to rural Haiti, proving that hope and compassion can drive lasting impact through every challenge faced.



2005 – 2008: PLANTING THE SEEDS OF HOPE



IN THE MID-2000s NOVA Hope for Haiti grew from church-based ministry to a formally established 501(c)(3) non-profit. Volunteers were deeply moved by the dire need for accessible healthcare in southern Haiti, as they saw expectant mothers, children, and elders receiving life-saving care – often for the first



time in their lives. These missions brought to life a crucial realization: lasting impact required more than intermittent visits. NOVA's founders rallied like-minded supporters to begin fundraising, determined to create a permanent place where health and hope could thrive year-round.



2008 – 2014: BREAKING GROUND FOR THE FUTURE



FUELED BY GENEROSITY and resolve, NOVA purchased 12 acres of property with a old farmhouse, laying the physical and symbolic groundwork for their vision. The local staff organization tackled the dual



challenge of construction and simultaneously providing care. We began providing year-round care in a rented local space, hired a Haitian medical staff and continued U.S. volunteer medical missions.



2014 – 2021: EXPANDING CARE AND WEATHERING STORMS



THE CLINIC OPENING marked a new chapter for NOVA, expanding operations to two local sites. Soon after, Hurricane Matthew put both the region and organization to the test, turning caregivers into rebuilders. NOVA responded by rebuilding sixteen houses in Cavaillon – the homes of more than 100



people. Through adversity, NOVA's locally staffed clinics and regular U.S. volunteer missions sustained hope and strengthened community bonds. These years were marked by resilience and growth establishing NOVA's significant role and commitment in the community.



2021 – 2025: ADAPTING AMID CRISIS



RECENT YEARS brought relentless challenges: a devastating earthquake caused significant damage and rendered the medical clinic unusable, forcing us to provide care as best we could from the residence and garage. The pandemic and political instability further complicated logistics, pausing US-based volunteer missions. Yet, NOVA responded with determination –



consolidating operations, beginning work on a future-ready clinic, and expanding the Haitian team by hiring a full-time administrator. Through every trial, patient numbers grew, new programs flourished, and NOVA's mission remained unwavering: to bring vital health care to those who need it most.



NOVA HOPE FOR HAITI TODAY



After more than 20 years of hard work, overcoming major obstacles, and continually relying on your financial generosity – one picture is truly worth 1,000 words. Making sure there is medical care for our patients, young and old, gives us the drive for the next 20 years. Thank you for your support in making all this possible! ■

COLETTE MCDERMOTT'S REFLECTIONS ON 20+ YEARS OF SERVICE TO NOVA

I never imagined when I participated in my very first medical mission to Haiti in 2003 that the word "Commitment" would become my mantra for the next 20+ years. It was during this life-changing trip that I met eight-year-old Omana, who would eventually become our daughter.

Shortly after, she was brought to the U.S. for life-saving surgery. Our family served as her host family during her extended medical care in New Jersey, and we later adopted her. It was this experience that called me to commit to a small volunteer church ministry. We formed the non-profit organization, NOVA Hope for Haiti, to begin the massive challenge of fundraising to construct a permanent medical clinic.

My commitment to a Haitian child meant that I felt a profound responsibility to help the impoverished people of her country. As a result, I traveled to Haiti many times, served as Executive Director for a number of years and now serve on the Board of Directors.

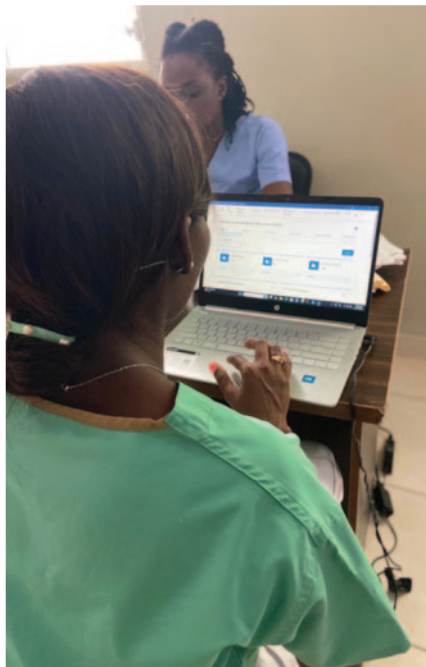
One of the greatest gifts that has come from this entire experience is that the sick little child who joined our family at age eight is now a beautiful woman, who works in the public health sector and serves alongside me on NOVA's Board. ■



Inset: Eight-year-old Omana. Above: Colette and Omana today.



BEFORE



AFTER

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS

NOVA Hope for Haiti is excited to announce that we have begun implementing Electronic Health Records (EHR) at our clinic, marking a significant milestone for our organization. This achievement was made possible thanks to the generosity of one dedicated donor who stepped up to match the contributions of other supporters during our last Casino Night. Together, these matched funds enabled us to purchase the necessary hardware and software and bring on a part-time trainer to help our staff transition from paper records to EHR. This important advancement will greatly improve our clinic's efficiency, reporting capabilities, and medical inventory management. ■

NOVA HOPE FOR HAITI

2025 ESTIMATED FULL-YEAR EXPENSES

Haitian Staff Payroll **\$181,862 (41%)**

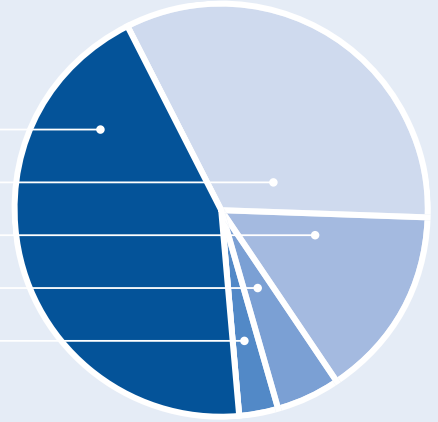
Pharmacy and Lab Costs **\$158,740 (34%)**

Development **\$67,411 (15%)***

Clinic Operations **\$32,081 (7%)**

U.S. Administration **\$7,209 (2%)***
(Accounting, Insurance, etc.)

Total 2025 Estimated Expenses **\$447,302**



* Development includes expenses related to fundraising, ie., Casino Night, and misc. promotions. † U.S. administration expenses total 5.53% on a three-year average. 2026 administration expenses are projected to be 3%.

SAVE THE DATE!

CASINO NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

PARK RIDGE MARRIOTT, PARK RIDGE, NJ
(DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

OUR MISSION

To provide accessible, essential primary healthcare services to the people of Cavaillon, Haiti, focusing on wellness, disease prevention, health education, and community engagement.



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