



**CORRECT**  
Health  
in Haiti



## ***It is time to make our own miracle***

The past two years have been turbulent times for Haiti. The social unrest of 2018 and 2019 resulted in the paralysis of the country in many ways. One of the areas most affected by this movement of “pays-lock” was the healthcare system. The already meager available resources were made virtually inaccessible to patients in dire need. In this climate of great despair, CORRECT Health in Haiti could not have been more relevant.

2019 also marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chateau clinic opening its doors. Over the past 20 years, CORRECT Health has helped to provide services in the remote, rural area of Chateau. With your continuous support, we have been able to pump safe drinking water from a deep valley to the top of the mountains so that people do not have to travel hours to fetch a few gallons of water that is at times contaminated. In 2019, CORRECT Health initiated the ambitious project of extending its services to an underserved area of the city of Les Cayes. We recently opened a medical clinic and pharmacy in a strategic location at the entrance of the city. We also hired a physician who serves as the Medical Director for both clinics in Les Cayes and Chateau. We have paid for our physician

to be trained at the Fondation Haïtienne de Diabète et de Maladies Cardiovasculaires (FHADIMAC) and we plan to work in collaboration with FHADIMAC to tackle the high prevalence of diabetes and hypertension in Haiti. The rationale for such an investment is that any profit made in the center of Les Cayes will subsidize the services provided at the rural clinic of Chateau, where the population has limited means.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you who have been consistent in supporting CORRECT Health over the years. I consider you as part of the CORRECT family and we stand to progress together in order to correct the healthcare system in Haiti. It is our duty in the Diaspora to give something back to our native country. When the most educated people leave a country, it is like removing the light bulbs from a room. We, in the Diaspora, have left Haiti in the dark. We have the moral obligation to bring some light back. CORRECT Health gives you the avenue to make a difference in Haiti. If we in the Diaspora turn our lights on and converge them toward Haiti with a positive attitude, miracles will happen. ***It is time to make our own miracle.***

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## CORRECT Health in Haiti:

### Local solutions to local health issues

Founded in 2002, **CORRECT** (**Comité pour le Relèvement de la REgion de Chateau dans sa Totalité**) **Health in Haiti, Inc.** is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization dedicated to providing guidance and support to the rural community of Chateau, Haiti. Chateau is home to approximately 12,000 people and is located 20 miles from the southern port city of Les Cayes.

The **Mission** of CORRECT Health in Haiti, Inc. is to mobilize financial and human resources for the Clinic of Chateau

The **Vision** is to ensure that the clinic becomes a model of a community health center, with an emphasis on infectious diseases

The **Goal** is to provide healthcare and education services to Chateau and surrounding communities by:

- *Providing pre-natal care and encouraging safe motherhood practices in order to attract and mobilize pregnant women to use the clinic's services*
- *Immunizing infants and juveniles (0 to 5yrs) against polio, diphtheria, tetanus, TB and measles -- the main killer diseases of this age group in Haiti*
- *Organizing health education classes focusing on hygiene in local schools; and organizing regular health fairs in nearby localities, focusing on preventing diarrhea and other water-borne diseases*
- *Initiating a community-based HIV/AIDS prevention program*
- *Establishing an essential drug program, with sales going towards financing the basic maintenance costs of the clinic*
- *Establishing an irrigation system that will bring potable water to the community in order to prevent water-borne diseases*

# Clinic Operations

Today, through the support of CORRECT Health, the community of Chateau has a modern medical clinic with solar-powered electricity, running water, an on-site staff residence, and a medical laboratory. The current staffing includes a Medical Director, two Registered Nurses, two Nurse's Aides, and one Lab Technician. In 2018 and 2019, the clinic served over 4,500 local community members.

Because of the below poverty level income of the population, CORRECT Health largely subsidizes the health and social services. The organization does not receive any direct funding from the Haitian government to support its operations or community programming.

Clinic fees are nominal and give patients a sense that they are contributing in a small way to their healthcare. More often than not, the clinic has to waive these fees:

- Co-Payment - 25 cents for each visit
- Pharmacy / Prescriptions - 2 cents per pill, no matter the cost of the medication
- Lab Exams - \$2 per exam



# CORRECT Health Programming

In response to the most urgent health needs in Chateau and its surrounding communities, CORRECT Health is currently focusing its efforts on the following programs



## Child Vaccination

Haiti is among the countries in the Americas with the highest child mortality rates. The main causes are acute respiratory infections like pneumonia, diarrheal diseases, anemia and chronic malnutrition. Vaccines are an effective way of preventing many of these diseases. The clinic supported by CORRECT Health is at the forefront of bringing critical immunization services to the rural community of Chateau. Partnering with the Ministry of Health, the clinic is one of the health facilities participating in Haiti's Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI). The Ministry of Health supplies the clinic with vaccines against measles-rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough for children under 7 years of age and diphtheria and tetanus for older children. Vitamin A supplementation is also provided, which is essential for the functioning of the immune system and the healthy growth and development of children. In 2018 and 2019 alone, the clinic staff administered vaccinations to more than 2,300 children.

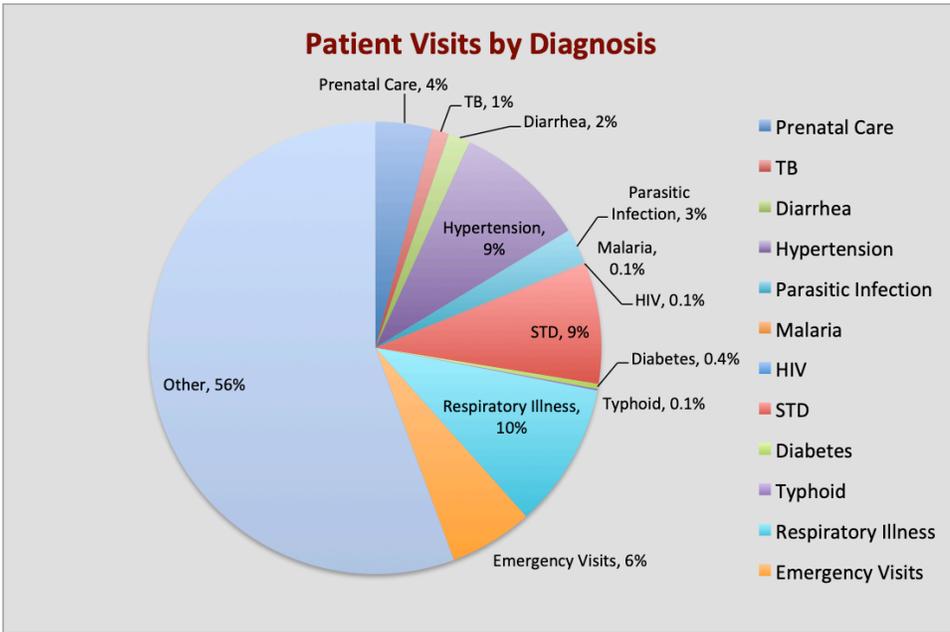


## Clean Water Distribution

A major challenge for the healthcare of this rural community is the difficult access to drinking water. Villagers have to walk 45 to 60 minutes through very steep mountains to get drinking water from a nearby spring. They can carry only about 2 gallons of water at a time that is sometimes contaminated, leading to outbreaks of water-borne diseases, like typhoid.

In 2008, CORRECT engaged a professional hydraulic engineering firm to design and build the infrastructure needed to improve the distribution of potable water in the area. A solar powered pump connected to a local spring distributes more than 50,000 gallons of water per day to local community members through 8 water distribution points. Water is stored in two newly constructed reservoirs with storage capacity of over 230,000 gallons.

# Impact Report 2018-2019

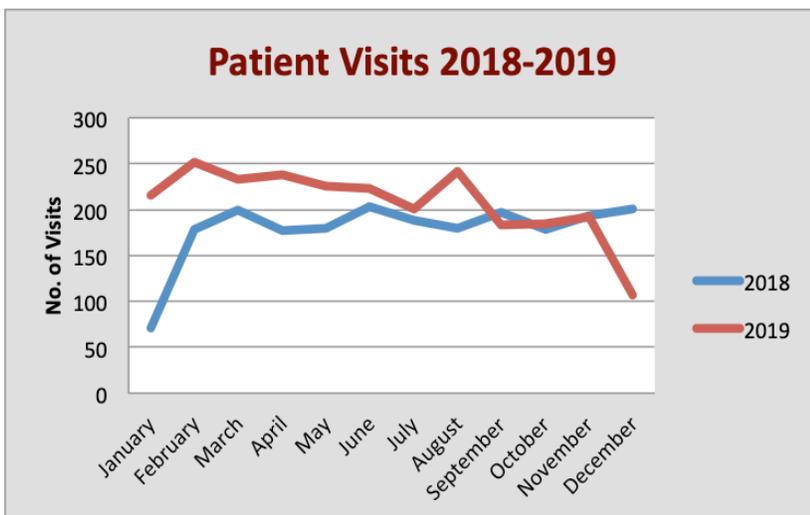


The clinic sees a variety of cases every day. The vast majority of cases are classified as *Other* as they do not fit into the categories officially designated and measured by the Ministry of Health. There is a high level of respiratory illness, mostly seen in the younger population due to

environmental factors and smoke inhalation coming from the burning of land for agricultural preparation and the use of wood-burning stoves.

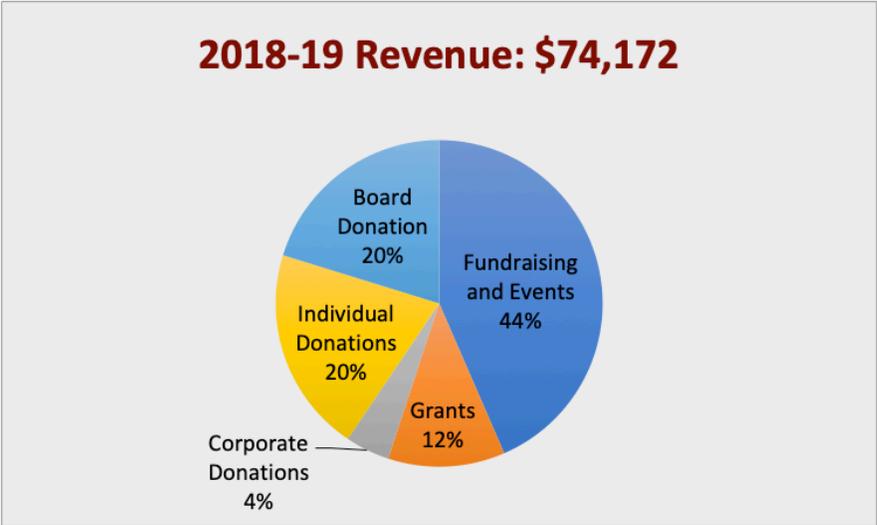
There is also a high prevalence of hypertension seen in the area of Chateau that can be attributed to

hereditary factors and a diet that is high in sodium. Based on this data, the clinic is planning to focus its efforts on educating the local population about preventive measures to take to control hypertension and prevent respiratory infections.

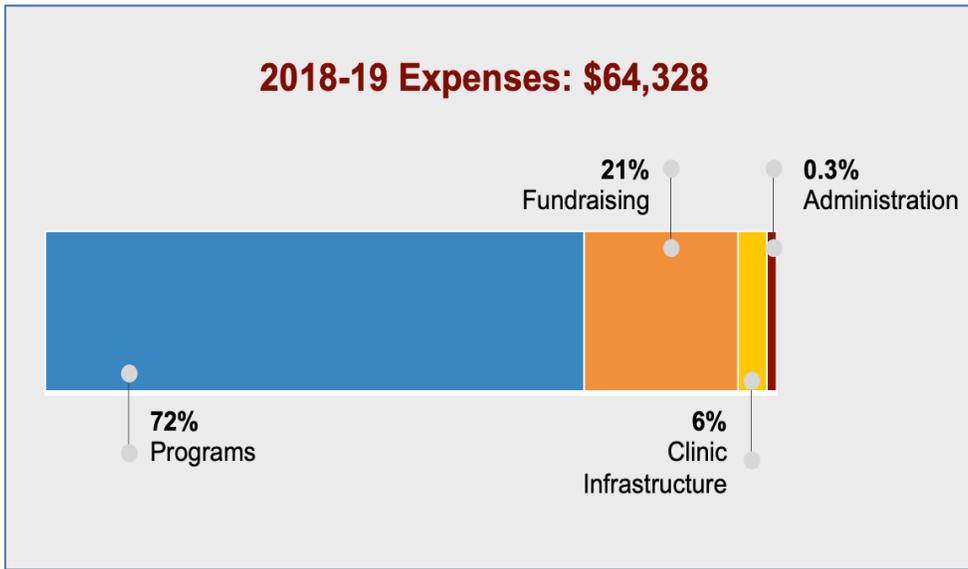


The number of patients visiting the clinic continues to grow, reflecting the great need for health care in Chateau and its surrounding communities. The clinic sees an average of 200 patients each month and the patient caseload has increased since our trained Medical Doctor joined the staff. The total number of patients visiting the clinic grew from just over 2,100 in 2018 to nearly 2,500 in 2019.

# Financial Report 2018-2019



With the generous support of our donors, CORRECT Health continues to grow our revenue each year, allowing us to make an even bigger impact in the communities we serve in Haiti. Our annual fundraiser has been the largest source of revenue for the organization, bringing in over \$32,000 in donations in 2018 and 2019. We’ve also been fortunate to receive a yearly grant from the MCH Coalition and a corporate donation from AT&T through their employer matching gift program.



CORRECT Health remains committed to directing the majority of our funding to support health services in Chateau. In 2018 and 2019 over 70% of our revenue was spent directly on health programming. Since CORRECT is entirely run by volunteers, we have kept our administration and overhead costs at .3% of revenue.



## Looking Ahead

Over the next two years, CORRECT Health will support the clinic in extending the following health services in Chateau

### Maternal and Newborn Health

High quality prenatal or antenatal care (ANC) is an essential component of the reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health continuum of care. Only 54% of pregnant women in Haiti attend the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommended minimum of four focused prenatal visits. In 2018, the area of Chateau was home to nearly 400 expectant mothers. The reality of insufficient education and poor health seeking behavior in rural Haiti means that only 65 pregnant women visited the Chateau clinic for antenatal care that year.

Through the generous support from our donors, CORRECT Health is looking to increase the number of pregnant women who attend the minimum four antenatal care visits recommended by the WHO. This will be done through community awareness raising, individual antenatal care visits, as well as innovative group antenatal care visits. CORRECT will also properly train traditional birth attendants, known as *matwon*, on safe delivery, immediate newborn care and health clinic referral signs, and provide them with clean delivery kits for safe births.



Help us turn our 2020-21 vision into a reality.

Here are ways you can get involved:



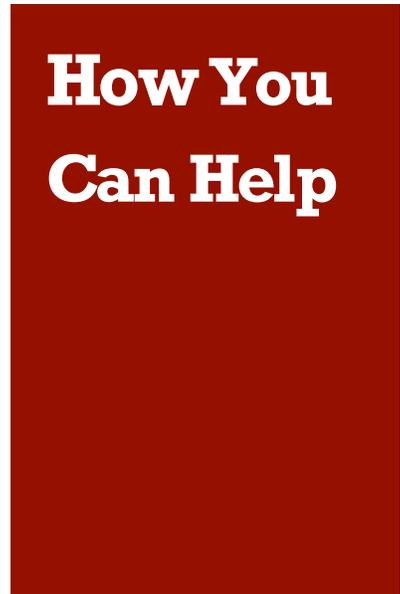
**Donate:** You can make a contribution to CORRECT Health online at <https://tinyurl.com/correcthealth> or mail your checks to the address below



**Matching Gifts:** Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. Find out if your company has a matching gift policy!



**Sponsor:** You can help promote safe delivery of newborns in Chateau by directly sponsoring a clean delivery kit for an expecting mother.



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