

Health Equity International/St. Boniface Hospital



2023

Celebration

40
years

*of proving
what's possible*



November 2, 2023
5:30pm



WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for our 2023 Celebration, honoring our 40th anniversary. We are delighted to mark this important milestone with you.

Over the past four decades, we transformed a one-room clinic into one of Haiti's largest, busiest hospitals—a pillar of the Haitian health system. Together with the people we serve and supporters like you, we have proven that compassionate, high-quality health services are possible even in the most challenging environments.

Today, our work is more important than ever as Haiti continues to endure one of the most difficult periods in its history. Despite immense challenges, our heroic staff and dedicated partners have kept Health Equity International/St. Boniface Hospital open and fully operational as the unrest forces other facilities to close. Although the road ahead is long, we must do everything we can to be there for every patient in need.

Throughout tonight's program our staff, patients, and partners will share the transformational impact HEI/SBH has on their lives, and on Haiti. You will also learn how your support can ensure we remain a beacon of hope through any crisis.

You can take great pride in all that you have helped us accomplish over the past 40 years. We are truly grateful for your support and are counting on your solidarity as we continue this important work.

Kenbe fèm,



Conor Shapiro

President & CEO
HEI/SBH



Dr. Miliane Clermont

Director General, Haiti Operations
HEI/SBH

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Welcome

Conor Shapiro, President & CEO
HEI/SBH

We are Health Equity International/ St. Boniface Hospital

The Staff and Patients of HEI/SBH

Equity in Action: A Tour of St. Boniface Hospital

Dr. Wilfrid Cadet, Chief Medical Advisor
HEI/SBH

Conor Shapiro, President & CEO
HEI/SBH

The Staff and Patients of HEI/SBH

Fund-a-Need

Rev. John Unni, Board Member
HEI/SBH Board of Directors

Closing Remarks

Dr. Michele David, Chair
HEI/SBH Board of Directors

Our Hospital, Our Lives

The Staff and Patients of HEI/SBH



FEATURED SPEAKERS



Conor Shapiro

President & CEO
HEI/SBH

Conor Shapiro assumed the position of President and CEO at HEI/SBH in 2011, leading the organization's operations in Haiti and the United States. Under his tenure, SBH emerged as the leading referral hospital in southern Haiti. Conor has overseen the growth of SBH to include new and expanded services including spinal cord injury rehabilitation, maternal and neonatal health, infectious diseases and emergency care, and orthopedic surgery. He has 20 years of experience with HEI/SBH, having first joined the organization in 2003.



Dr. Wilfrid Cadet

Chief Medical Advisor
HEI/SBH

Dr. Wilfrid Cadet is a licensed pediatrician trained in Haiti at the State University Hospital. He graduated from medical school in 1994 and first joined SBH as a social service physician, eventually rising to the position of hospital director. Under Dr. Cadet's leadership, St. Boniface Health Center became St. Boniface Hospital, fully accredited and licensed by Haiti's Ministry of Health. Today, he serves HEI/SBH as the organization's Chief Medical Advisor.



Rev. John Unni

Board Member
HEI/SBH Board of Directors

Rev. John Unni has served as pastor of St. Cecilia Parish in Boston for the past ten years. Following a transformative experience with the poor in Haiti almost thirty years ago, and inspired by wonderful parish experiences over the last twenty-five years, Fr. Unni's parish ministry embraces a commitment to gospel values and spiritual growth in the community, especially with those who are marginalized or impoverished in any way.



Dr. Michele David

President & CEO
HEI/SBH Board of Directors

Michele David, MD, is the Chief of Clinical Quality and Safety at MIT. Previously, Dr. David was an Associate Professor of Medicine at the BU School of Medicine, Co-Director of the Haitian Health Institute at Boston Medical Center, and Director of Community Health Programs at Boston University, Center of Excellence in Women's Health. She has focused her career on addressing issues of health disparities and cross-cultural medicine.

OUR STORY

It all began in 1983 when members of a working-class parish in Quincy, Massachusetts, decided to raise money to help children in Haiti.

The Americans soon found themselves working hand-in-hand with the community of Fond des Blancs, located high in the mountains of Haiti's southern peninsula. Led by founders Nannette Canniff and Fr. Gerald Osterman, the group transformed the local one-room clinic into a modern healthcare facility. Every step of the way, the work was infused with an unwavering belief that all people deserve access to compassionate, dignified, and affordable care.

SBH is now the largest healthcare provider and only tertiary care center in southern Haiti. Together with our community health team and partner facilities throughout the region, we're bringing our revolutionary health services to hundreds of thousands of patients each year.



Constructing the first Saint Boniface Health Center

FUND-A-NEED



\$25,000

- Runs our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for an entire month
- Funds 100 lifesaving surgeries



\$1,000

- Funds four life-saving C-section deliveries
- Purchases one new incubator for our NICU



\$10,000

- Runs our 24/7 emergency room for one week, the only one of its kind in the region
- Provides one year of medical-grade oxygen for the hospital



\$500

- Provides essential prenatal checkups for 10 pregnant women
- Provides one day of professional development training for our clinicians



\$5,000

- Supports our team of community health workers for three months
- Sends an aspiring healthcare professional to nursing school



Any Amount

- **\$100** provides one month of home healthcare visits for 20 patients
- **\$50** provides two families with nutritious food kits
- **\$10** vaccinates 30 children against preventable illnesses

At HEI/SBH, our generous supporters make everything we do possible. Your gift, of any amount, will help provide life-saving care for the people we serve.

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