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# HOPES LIVE '22



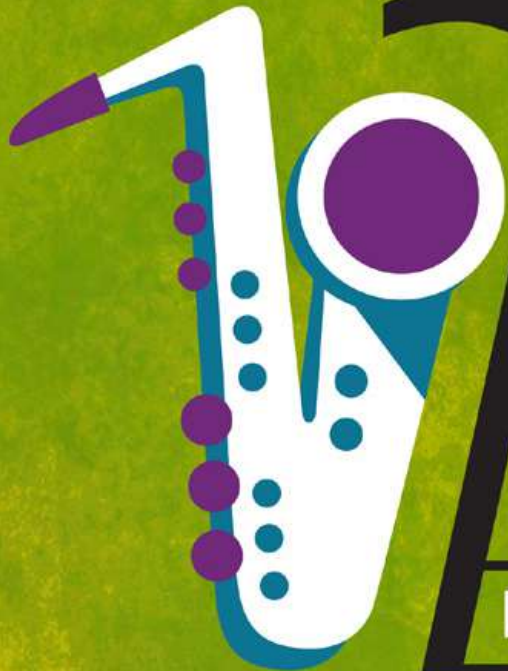
MUSIC BENEFIT FOR BORGNE, HAITI

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THE BILL TIBERIO BAND & FRIENDS

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**Welcome! | Byenveni!**

For years, Haiti has been plagued with a single narrative – poverty, corruption and neglect. It is H.O.P.E.'s mission to change this for the community of Borgne and for the country of Haiti. Join us in taking one step closer to further transforming the narrative about Haiti into one of hope and change.



# About H.O.P.E.

## Haiti Outreach-Pwoje Espwa

**H.O.P.E.** works solely in the commune of **Borgne, Haiti**, an agricultural and fishing community situated on Haiti's northern peninsula. We work as part of a formal partnership with USAID and the Haitian Ministry of Health to provide health and dental care, community-based education programs, and economic vitality.

People trust us in **Borgne** because we walk the last mile: we walk with, rather than on top of-or away from-the members of this community.

Today, and always, **H.O.P.E.** stresses transparency, solidarity, and friendship as values that guide our work in **Borgne**.

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## Haitian Solutions for Haitian Challenges

- We support **community driven, sustainable** programs that the **people of Borgne have prioritized** (health, education, personal empowerment, economic growth).
- The spirit of the organization is **rooted in Haiti, not the USA**.
- **Every \$1 invested** in the Borgne community **has a 4x ROI** (Return On Investment) within the local community.
- **Our Values** – Transparency, solidarity, revolutionary generosity, and friendship
- We practice **development work, not charity**. Development work, done well - lifts up, celebrates and emboldens local knowledge and capacity.
- We aim to support an alternative **narrative about Haiti** - one that honors the dignity, organizational capacity and commitment of ordinary Haitian citizens - in a nation that has suffered from the danger of a single story.

## Everyday Realities of Life in Borgne, Haiti

Most Borgne inhabitants subsist on less than \$1 per day. Basic infrastructure is non-existent and the region is densely populated. Residents live without electricity, running water, or telephone service. The few gas powered generators and solar panels that supply the community hospital are used sparingly due to high fuel costs. Most families are engaged in individual agriculture or fishing. Despite improvements, Borgne remains an isolated community and many roads are rutted, dirt lanes that are barely passable even in dry weather.

*Borgne faces all of the challenges of extreme poverty - vulnerable to any disturbances to its fragile economy.*

Life expectancies are about half that of the United States, and infant mortality is at the levels of the poorest nations on the planet. Common health threats include a variety of water-borne illnesses, Malaria, TB, Malnutrition, Parasites, HIV/AIDS, and infections. Women's health needs are often overlooked such that children and working men are treated first with the limited resources available.

As a peasant community, Borgne has a network of leaders who are trained to provide direction and support in the habitations. These leaders provide a resource for community development. Local volunteer groups of educators, cooperatives and special interest committees (e.g. water committees, women's groups, etc.) provide additional support.

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## 2022 Realities: Haiti, Borgne, and H.O.P.E.

The situation in Haiti is in many ways the worst it has been in decades. The government has halted and closed key services including schools. Violent gangs have taken control of fuel supplies, ports, and critical roads. Many people are deprived of basic human needs including clean water, food, health care. With lack of sanitation, cholera has returned to Haiti.

*Borgne has seen drastic changes such as the shutting down of government services, including schools and hospitals. Like the rest of Haiti, Borgne is also facing unprecedented costs to food, medicine and fuel.*

The largely rural and remote community of Borgne has been relatively sheltered from the worst of the consequences seen in larger cities, including gangs and rampant violence. However, fuel prices have increased tenfold; many hospitals in Haiti (including A.S.B./H.O.P.E.'s) are off-grid and rely on diesel generators for power to run key services. Due in part to the inability to afford fuel, and part to government crises, hospitals all across the country are shutting down.

*The A.S.B./H.O.P.E. hospital, in contrast, remains fully operational, and is, as far as we know, the only hospital in the north of Haiti continuing to function.*

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## International Intervention and How H.O.P.E. is Different

In the media, conversations and conflicting messages surround international intervention to alleviate the situation in Haiti, including questions as to whether Haitians support such intervention—especially given the past history and consequences of previous interventions. For some, any involvement by U.S.-based organizations in Haiti may be seen to qualify as an unwanted and uninvited intervention, and in this light we recognize that some people may have reservations in supporting a U.S.-based NGO doing work in Haiti.

*The work of H.O.P.E. is, and has always been, led and directed by the people of Borgne; initiatives, vision and values all come from the community.*

For over 25 years H.O.P.E. has partnered with community members. Rather than dropping in to provide unsustainable services, our focus and long-term vision is one of sustainable development and self-sufficiency for Borgne. We have an integrated, holistic approach to community health and sustainable development, including a focus on prevention, and root causes of illness and other issues—including Environmental, Educational, Economic and Behavioral.



## H.O.P.E.'s Work Continues

H.O.P.E.'s key programs continue to run amidst the current crises, including Mobile Clinics, which reach hundreds of people in remote areas. Orphaned and Vulnerable Children receive social worker support, education and healthcare. Malnourished children are treated, and their caregivers are educated to ensure the young ones will remain well-fed.

Thousands of babies and young children are being immunized. Through our Mothers Club program, new mothers learn about prenatal and postnatal care. Our women's leadership program continues to facilitate and lead community meetings. Our S.E.E. Team provides outreach, education, and disaster preparation and response, and is currently preparing the community for the arrival of cholera.

*With your support, H.O.P.E. will continue to provide life-changing, long lasting opportunities for the people of Borgne.*

Several years ago, H.O.P.E. invested in a solar PV system which has allowed the hospital to function even in the midst of extremely high fuel prices. We've also worked on improving the energy efficiency of hospital operations. These investments have increased the self-sufficiency of the hospital, while reducing fuel costs—keeping those financial resources in the local community, and allowing them to instead be spent on medicine and programs.

To many, the situation in Haiti certainly seems hopeless. But working together with our friends in Borgne, and witnessing the extraordinary work being done by Dr. Thony and his team, we continue to have hope.





## H.O.P.E. Programs

### Sante Nan Lakou

H.O.P.E.'s primary mission in Borgne is to support the community-driven model called **Sante Nan Lakou**, or “in the yard,” which prioritizes the needs of patients and promotes practices that make access to health care convenient and ethical. Community leaders in Borgne created a holistic, grass-roots vehicle to promote community health that we call **S.E.E. Team**.

### **Sante** [Health]

H.O.P.E.'s family health & medicine program delivers affordable health and dental care to Borgne's geographically dispersed population of 80,000 men, woman and children.

### **Edukasyon** [Education]

The links between education, income, marketable skills, life opportunities and health are so closely linked, you can't have one without the other. Our adult literacy program has offered training in reading, writing, mathematics, community involvement and more.

### **Ekonomi** [Economy]

Our economic development program is focused on the women of Haiti and how they struggle to eke out a meager living for their families. As a whole, women in Haiti are less educated

[Learn More About Our Programs](#)

# 2022 Accomplishments

For over two decades, H.O.P.E. has turned the contributions it receives into life-changing, long-lasting opportunities for the people of Borgne, Haiti. The hard work residents contribute every day in their own community is reflected in the many accomplishments they have proudly achieved together.



18,398

Total patient visits



224

Orphaned and Vulnerable Children served with literacy and numeracy education, school supplies and social work support.



6 | 970

6 Mobile clinics serving 970 people in outlying communities



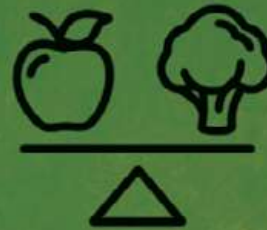
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Children under one year old fully vaccinated



530

Babies Safely Delivered With The Help Of Matwons



2,922

Children screened for nutrition





## Support H.O.P.E. Haiti

You can make a real difference, today. How will your generous support directly impact the people of Borgne?

- **\$10** pays to fully immunize one child
- **\$75** pays for a week of social worker support for over 300 orphaned and vulnerable children
- **\$150** pays to support two local women's leadership program participants in leading community outreach and education activities for one month
- **\$1,800** covers the cost of a specialized mobile clinic for pregnant women and mothers
- **\$3,000** covers the cost of a general mobile clinic providing education, testing, consultation, medication and treatment for 100-300 people

### Ways to Donate

- Donate on the H.O.P.E. website

[DONATE NOW](#)

- **By Check** | Please make checks payable to H.O.P.E.

**Mail checks to:** Haiti Outreach Pwoje Espwa  
PO Box 18767  
Rochester, NY 14618

Thanks You!

## H.O.P.E.'s History

In the 1980's **Corpus Christi Parish** in Rochester, NY, began its long standing relationship with Haiti. Over several years, members of the parish, including **Rose-Marie Chierici**, a native Haitian, made several trips to Haiti. Rose-Marie worked to identify a commune in Haiti to partner with and began collaborating with community leaders in Borgne to identify the communes greatest needs.

In 1996, a contingency from Corpus traveled to Borgne to begin work on the creation of a small part-time clinic. Under Rose-Marie's leadership, **Corpus Haiti Outreach** grew into **H.O.P.E.**, a successful, independent community development organization. In 2006, H.O.P.E. established a partnership with the Haitian government called **Alyans Sante Borgne (ASB)**. This partnership resulted in the establishment of a small, full-time hospital and the hiring of a medical director, **Dr. Thony Voltaire**. A powerful new model of rural health in Borgne was launched, servicing the major priorities of **Health, Education, Economic Development and Community Outreach**.

To this day, the spirit of the organization remains rooted much more in Haiti than in the USA, though the **all-volunteer Board of Directors** in the USA serves as a critical part of the public-private partnership supporting Alyans Sante Borgne—the hospital that continues to practice a preferential option for the poor in Borgne.

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## H.O.P.E. Leadership Medical Director | Dr. Thony Voltaire, M.D.

Dr. Thony Voltaire (Dokte Thony) received his medical degree in Family Medicine from the Universidad Escuela Latinoamericana de Medicina, Cuba in 2006. Dr. Thony wears many hats and shoulders many responsibilities. A brilliant doctor, innovator and tireless advocate for his community, Dokte Thony can be seen regularly riding his motorcycle to the mobile clinic. To get there he crosses a thigh-deep, river and is equally adept at fixing the hospital electrical system as to fixing broken bones.

*“I was born on the side of the road as my mother went to market in Borgne.”*

Dokte Thony has dedicated his life to the community in which he was born. He has been Medical Director of HOPE since 2007. During his tenure, Dokte Thony has managed the medical and administrative operations of the catchment area of 80,000 community members, the majority of which subsist on less than \$2/day.

[Learn More About H.O.P.E. Leadership](#)

# Our Founder, Leader & Friend

## Rose-Marie Chierici Ph.D.

It is with deep sadness and shared sympathies for all who knew her and supported her work, that we mourn the loss of our founder, leader, and dear friend.

Rose-Marie passed away in August of 2020 after a struggle with cancer. We are heartbroken by the loss of this caring and inspiring woman. Yet as we carry the mission ever forward, our commitment to H.O.P.E is as strong as ever.

*“What she taught us was, at its core, how to see the dignity of all people.”*

Rose-Marie was an extraordinary teacher. She taught us the difference between charity and development work that lifts up, celebrates and emboldens local knowledge and capacity. And to avoid taking actions that would be disruptive and harmful despite good intentions.

A truly extraordinary woman, Rose-Marie had an immeasurable impact on Borgne, her home away from home and in turn, she was endeared and beloved by the community.

Executive Director Jim Myers & Board Member Mike Shields

[Learn More About Rose-Marie](#)





Through your generous support and the essential services provided by H.O.P.E., the community of Borgne continues to grow stronger and more independent.

Thank You! | Mesi Anpil!

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