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*23<sup>rd</sup> Annual NY  
Fundraising Gala  
To Benefit Klinik Fonfred*

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 23, 2024**

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## WE ARE WHO HAITI IS WAITING FOR

Good Evening!!! Ladies and gentlemen, Welcome to GCF's 25th Anniversary celebration gala.

My name is Cosy Joseph and I am the Chairperson of this great organization, the Gaskov Clergé Foundation. I'd like to begin by acknowledging all of you in this room tonight, starting with our Distinguished Elected Officials (please stand up and applause); Next, our Esteemed Members of the GCF Board (Stand up and applause); our Hardworking and Dedicated Members of the Fundraising Team here in the room, and also at home (Stand up and Applause), and all of you beloved supporters of the Gaskov Clerge Foundation, (Give yourself a round of applause)

Tonight we celebrate GCF's 25th anniversary. As the Chairperson, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and hope. Gratitude for each and every one of you who has contributed to our mission over the years, and Hope for the future of our beloved Haiti.

Since our inception, in 1999, we have proven that local/community based organizations supported and/or led by the Haitian Diaspora do deliver results. Tonight, we can celebrate that organizations such as GCF are empowered to make a difference in their local communities.

For those who are new to GCF, GCF is a nonprofit, philanthropic organization established in honor of my late brother Gaskov Clergé to promote health, sports, education and sciences in both the United States and Haiti. We are committed to empowering our communities one individual at a time. Over the years, through your support, we have invested over \$4 million in our communities in the south of Haiti.

In Health: You have contributed \$1.6 million to make healthcare accessible to the underserved, that means, we moved away from punctual medical missions, to building a medical center that employs local doctors, nurses and staff to care for their communities. In the process, we have completed over 96,000 medical encounters. On an average we complete over 12,000 medical encounters a year. Annually, it takes \$200,000 to operate Klinik Fonfred - which for sure, is a frugal budget, given the impact we have in the community.

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**Cosy Clergé Joseph, Chairperson**

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**In Education:** With your support, we have disbursed 2,695 scholarships worth over \$215,000 to deserving students, giving them the foundation they need to pursue their education. Many of those students are now young professionals urging Haitian leaders to give them a chance at earning a dignified living.

**For Sports:** We have now turned to organizations such as ANAPOK and LES CAYES MARATHON to scale the vision of providing young athletes with an environment and opportunities to excel in sports through various tournaments and the annual ½ marathon that brings communities together through those athletes who come from all over Haiti to participate in the annual ½ marathon. Unfortunately this year, due to the current security situation in Port-au-Prince, the ½ Marathon is postponed to a later date.

But amidst these celebrations tonight, we cannot ignore the existential struggles our motherland is now facing. Haiti, with its rich history and vibrant culture, is a land of immense potential and promise. Yet, it is also a land marked by adversity and challenges that have persisted for far too long.

Tonight, I stand before you not only as the Chairperson of this esteemed foundation but as a proud Haitian who believes wholeheartedly in the resilience and strength of our people. We are the ones Haiti has been waiting for. We are the ones WE have been waiting for. We are the architects of its future, the stewards of its destiny. We can become force multipliers and leverage our experience with GCF and other organizations, some are here tonight, to make a far greater impact.

It is not enough to simply hope for a better Haiti. We must take action. We have a duty, a moral obligation, to answer the call of our people—to contribute to the creation of a Haiti where every child has access to education, where every family has access to healthcare, where every individual has the opportunity to earn a decent living and live a dignified life.

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You ask: What immediate actions can we take? How can I help?

We cannot do this as individual organizations or people. We must come together, united in purpose and resolve. As the Haitian motto reminds us, "L'Union Fait La Force"—unity is strength. Together, we are stronger. Together, we can overcome any obstacle, surmount any challenge, and build a brighter future for Haiti. GET ORGANIZED and FOCUSED - we have SO many POSITIVE platforms AND ORGANIZATIONS. to that end, let's pull our actions through a ONE Diaspora movement - Please check out <https://onediaspora.org/> - Let's UNIFY OUR VOICES - let's push this movement through heights that are beyond our imagination. Let's be the vehicle for change in Haiti.

Let's put our money to real work - In 2022, we sent \$3.8 billion to Haiti in official remittance. That does not include cash that is sent directly to Haiti via informal channels. If we pull 10% of those remittances a year, that is \$380 Million that we, in a unified diaspora, in One Diaspora, can use to make our voices heard and directly influence, in the most transparent manner possible, the development of Haiti AND create a better future for all Haitians who wish to live in Haiti, YOU and ME included.

For the most immediate action, I am asking you to help us improve our staff and patient's transportation at Klinik Fonfred! Please use the Call to Action QR Code on the program to contribute to our Wheels for Care Campaign. We are in urgent need of replacing Klinik Fonfred's mobile transportation. (WE need to replace our workhorse Zo Reken with a newer model Zo Reken) - Toyota Land Cruiser.

LET'S DO THIS! Let's make our L'Union Fait La Force count! Let us embody its spirit in everything we do. Let us stand together, shoulder to shoulder, as we embark on this journey towards progress and prosperity for Haiti..

Tonight, as we celebrate our past achievements and look towards the future, let us renew our commitment to Haiti and her people. Let us pledge to be the change we wish to see, to be the catalysts for positive transformation.

Thank you for your unwavering support, your dedication, and your belief in the potential of Haiti. Together, let us answer the call of our people, and together, let us build a Haiti where hope reigns eternal. Let's remember ...

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## KLINIK FONFRED

At Klinik Fonfred, we believe that access to healthcare is a fundamental human right, and we work tirelessly to provide medical care to those in need, regardless of their ability to pay. In Fonfred, a rural community in the Les Cayes region of Haiti, access to healthcare is limited, and many people struggle to afford the cost of medical treatment.

Since we opened our doors in 2015, Klinik Fonfred has become a beacon of hope for the people of Fonfred and surrounding areas. Our team of dedicated medical professionals has completed over 12,000 patient encounters each year, and we have provided medical care to over 31,515 unique patients. Many of our patients would not have been able to afford the high cost of medical bills at other facilities, and without Klinik Fonfred, their health needs would have gone unmet.

Despite the social unrest in Haiti, we have continued to provide continuity of care to our patients, who rely on us for essential medical services. Our medical center provides a wide range of services, including general consultations, vaccinations, maternal and child health, laboratory services, and medication management.

One of our 10 year old patients, Woudlande, came to Klinik Fonfred with a severe case of pneumonia. She had been sick for weeks and was struggling to breathe. Her parents were worried they would not be able to afford the medical treatment she needed to recover, but at Klinik Fonfred, she was able to receive the care she needed. Our medical team provided her with nebulisation therapy to help stabilize her. We referred her as an urgent case to the General Hospital (HIC), gave her parents 5,000 Gdes to help cover hospitalization fees and filled her prescription from the hospital, free of charge. Without that intervention, Woudlande would have unnecessarily lost her life. Patients like Woudlande are the reason Klinik Fonfred exists, and with your contributions to GCF, you are saving lives everyday!

Our work at Klinik Fonfred is only possible because of the support of generous donors like you. Your donations help us to continue to provide vital medical services to the people of Fonfred and surrounding areas, and to ensure that access to healthcare remains a fundamental human right. Thank you for your support.

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## RECOVERY



In addition, GCF is also in the process of building eight homes in Cavaillon, Maniché, and Les Cayes, thanks to a generous \$150,000 donation from Haiti Renew Alliance (HRA). This effort was significantly stalled by the political instability in Haiti which caused us to stop relief work in Haiti from July 2022 through January 2023. Since we resumed in January, the price of construction materials has nearly doubled, causing us to reduce the number of homes to eight. Construction has been halted again in February 2024 due to the security issues in the Capital and will resume once materials become available in the South. Nonetheless, GCF will help to rebuild 8 homes that were devastated by the earthquake, providing safe and stable housing for families who lost everything in the disaster and are still living in dire, unacceptable conditions.



**HOUSE 2**



**HOUSE 3**

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As we continue our efforts to help rebuild still in the wake of the earthquake, we are reminded of the importance of persistence and resilience. We are grateful for the support of organizations such as CLÉ Haitian Sisterhood, Foundation for Hope Health in Haiti, Mathew28, Help Baint Foundation, HANA of Greater NY, New Jersey for Haiti, New Jersey Women for Haiti, United Way Miami, individuals such as our 511 donors who have helped us make a difference in the lives of those affected by this disaster. But our work is far from done. We must continue to persevere and be part of something larger than ourselves to create lasting change and a brighter future for Haiti. Thank you for your support and let us continue this journey together.



Your generosity can help break the cycle of poverty for many families, improve health outcomes, and empower communities. We invite you to join us and be the change you want to see in the world. Every donation, no matter how small, can make a real difference. Thank you for considering a monthly donation of at least \$25 to GCF, and for being a part of this important mission.

## GCF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Since 2000, our scholarship program has been providing opportunities for underprivileged students in the south of Haiti to receive an education that would have otherwise been out of their reach. We believe that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and creating a brighter future for Haiti.

Over the years, our scholarship program has supported over 3,000 students, many of whom have gone on to become lawyers, doctors, nurses, and other professionals who are making a difference in their communities. Our scholarship recipients come from some of the most disadvantaged backgrounds, and without the support of our program, they would not have been able to afford the cost of tuition, books, and other educational expenses.

One of our scholarship recipients and patient of our medical missions, Woodlee Cleona, graduated as a nurse and is now looking to volunteer at Klinik Fonfred. Woodlee is passionate about giving back to her community and using her skills to help those in need, and she credits our scholarship program with helping her achieve her dreams to become a nurse.

During the political unrest in Haiti, our scholarship program was more important than ever. With schools closed and families struggling to make ends meet, many students were at risk of dropping out of school. But thanks to the support of our donors, we were able to provide scholarships to 175 students this year, helping to ensure that they can continue their education and build a brighter future for themselves and their families.

Our scholarship program is more than just financial support – it's an investment in the future of Haiti. By providing opportunities for education, we are helping to create a generation of leaders who are equipped with the skills and knowledge to drive positive change in their communities.

We are proud of the impact our scholarship program has had over the years, and we are grateful for the support of our donors who make it all possible. Thank you for your continued support and for believing in the power of education to transform lives.

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## FINANCIALS

Funds Raised 2021 - YTD **\$664,067**



### 2023 Budget (\$266K):

- Education (\$15K)
- Klinik Fonfred Operations (\$108K)
- Disaster Recovery 6 homes (\$118K)
- Klinik Fonfred Storage (\$25K)

\*\*In 2022, political unrest in Haiti (Peyi lòk) caused a major slow down at Klinik Fonfred and prevented us from executing disaster recovery projects.



From 2021 to 2023, GCF-Gaskov Clergé raised a total of \$664,067. In 2021 and 2022, \$187,000 was dedicated to our health programs, and \$40,000 was disbursed to support 504 deserving students in Les Cayes, Haiti. However in 2022, political unrest in Haiti hindered our disaster recovery projects and slowed down operations at Klinik Fonfred. As a result, we spent \$59,000 on Disaster recovery and \$87,000 for Klinik Fonfred operations. Looking ahead to 2023, we plan to allocate \$125,000 for health programs and \$143,000 for building 6 homes as a part of the 2021 Earthquake recovery stage. In 2024, we anticipate needing \$130,000 to operate Klinik Fonfred and \$15,000 for scholarships, totaling \$145,000. To sustain our vital initiatives, we urge you to consider making monthly contributions to our organization, ensuring ongoing support for the underserved communities we serve in the south of Haiti.

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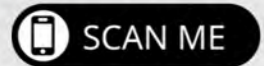


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