

# Annual Impact Report



This report includes gifts made to the Project Gros Mangles 501(c)(3) charity between January 1 and December 31, 2023.

Thanks to its wonderful supporters and amazing team, Project Gros Mangles had a very successful year, especially considering the continued instability and increased gang violence on the mainland in Haiti, and the cholera epidemic that has reached Gros-Mangles.

In the face of these challenges, the Belval Medical Center (Centre de Santé Communautaire Belval de Gros-Mangles, or CSBGM) has dutifully fulfilled its mission of providing care to the people of Gros-Mangles and surrounding community, to the great satisfaction of the local community.

Quality & accessible health care



# Celebrating our third year!

### 2023 marked the third year of the Belval Medical Center's opening!

Our Coordinator and Advisory Council Lead, Jonas Celius, visited Belval Medical Center twice in 2023. He took his first trip in January during which he met with leaders of the community to gather information about how the medical center can best meet the needs of the community. They expressed that having the Belval center has brought a sense of pride to the community as they have come together to work for the common goal of improving health care in the area. In addition, the Belval center has saved many lives, especially through the cholera outbreak. The second visit, in December, allowed him to help with the distribution of rice, flour and oil to the Gros-Mangles villagers as well as several families from surrounding villages. He was also able to meet with the medical staff and encourage them. They truly are making a difference. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team working at Belval.

| Big Wins                                  | Bigger Impact   |
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| Hunger Relief Efforts                     | Thanks to your generous donations and support, PGM was able to purchase and distribute rice, flour, and oil three times last year to the village of Gros Mangles and surrounding neighbors. Those communities were immensely grateful for the food as they are starving. The Belval Medical Center continues to be a beacon of hope for the community.  |
| New Lab Equipment                         | We were fortunate to be able to provide new lab equipment for Belval Medical Center to provide refined diagnosis of diseases and assist with proper treatment. Now, the lab technician is undergoing training to use the equipment.   |
| Finally Purchased the<br>Sonogram Machine | Dr. Rony has been waiting for it for so long, and it is finally almost there! Currently, the staff is anxiously waiting for the sonogram machine to be released by Haitian customs and transported to the island of La Gonâve. Nothing happens quickly in Haiti these days. Thanks to the machine, the Belval Medical Center will provide additional services to the community and surrounding areas. |



# Welcome Dr. Bernard Ritcharly



2023 saw the arrival of a new attending physician at the Belval Medical Center. Dr. Ritcharly rapidly acquired a great reputation in the community and is well respected. He truly deserves the title of Doctor of the Year for successfully leading his team through the difficult times posed by the cholera epidemic.

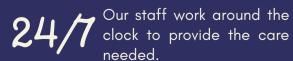
#### The Cholera Epidemic: A New tent and addition to the original building

In April, as cholera cases were increasing, an additional small unit was built to hold four cholera patients separate from the main building in order to avoid the spread of the disease to other patients. A month later, the Haitian Health Department (Ministère de la Santé) provided Belval Medical Center with a tent and eight cots to hold additional cholera patients. The Health Department also provided protective wear for the staff. Prior to the arrival of a government team bringing the tent and setting it up, the community worked together to prepare the site for the tent. The tent rapidly filled with patients and remained busy for several months. Thanks to exemplary teamwork and relentless effort, the Belval staff successfully treated a large number of patients and saved many lives. The villagers were extremely thankful to have their loved ones receive the care they needed nearby. The greatest challenge the community faced this year was the cholera epidemic, aggravated by food and medication shortages. Without our dedicated staff and donors like you, none of this would be possible.





Staff Members: A director, physician, nurse/lab tech, nurse admin, security quard & custodian.



# 2023 successes & progress

# 1,638 total patients treated

#### Successes

- Built an additional room to treat 4 cholera patients separately from other patients to reduce the spread of the disease
- Installed an 8 bed tent in the courtyard of the medical center to increase number of beds available for cholera patients
- Increased CSBGM's testing capacity: additional lab equipment and training.
- Hunger relief program: in December, delivered 25 bags of rice, 8 jars of oil, 4 bags of flour; every time the distribution helps about 250 families; in 2023, we were able to organize 3 distributions.

#### New Services offered at the Belval Medical Center

- Women's health workshops are offered 2 times a month.
- Once a month, the government offers a vaccination campaign for children at Belval.

433 emergency patients

195 babies delivered

325 children treated

685 general patients

# Goals for 2024 + beyond



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The pharmacy service of the Belval center needs to be improved, especially by being able to provide more medicine.

#### **New Chairs**

Two dozen metal chairs are needed for patients as they wait for services.

#### Ambulance Service

Currently, patients who are unable to walk on their own to the Belval Medical Center have to find their own transportation to access the facility. An ambulance service would increase access to Belval, and facilitate the transfer of patients to Anse-à-Galets (2 hours away) for more specialized care.

#### X-Ray Machine

This equipment will help reduce the number of patients that need to be transported to the closest facility, which is located two hours away in Anse-à-Galets.

#### Wall Construction

In order to promote the safety and security of the Belval staff, patients, and equipment, a wall surrounding the facility is now needed.



# Financial Statement for 2023

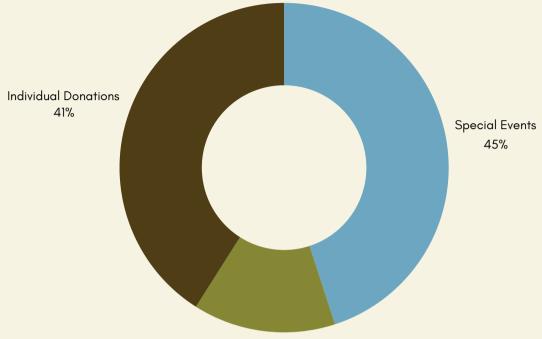
| Statement of Activities                       | USD (\$)  |
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| Total revenue                                 | 34,265.10 |
| Special Events (Fundraisers)                  | 15,311.23 |
| Individual Donations                          | 14,121.91 |
| In-Kind/Cost-Offsetting Gifts                 | 4,824.16  |
| Grants  | 0.00      |
| Interest                                      | 7.80      |
| Total expenses                                | 31,955.14 |
| CSBGM operations total                        | 16,517.15 |
| CSBGM Staff Wages, Food Stipend, Bonus        | 11,135.00 |
| CSBGM Energy Supply (batteries, solar panels) | 700.00    |
| CSBGM Medical Equipment                       | 2,771.75  |
| CSBGM Coordination/Oversight                  | 1,069.40  |
| CSBGM Staff Support                           | 300.00    |
| CSBGM Communications                          | 341.00    |
| CSBGM Community Outreach                      | 200.00    |
| Hunger Relief                                 | 3,300.00  |
| Capital Expenditure for CSBGM                 | 2,340.00  |
| Organizational Costs                          | 859.26    |
| Office Supplies, printing                     | 158.95    |
| Website, UPS Mailbox                          | 474.63    |
| Mailings                                      | 25.68     |
| State registrations                           | 200.00    |
| Fundraising                                   | 8,938.73  |
| Net Income                                    | 2309.96   |





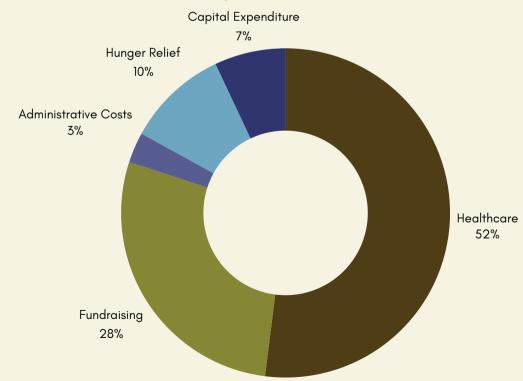


# Funds received: \$34,265



In-Kind/Cost Offsetting Gifts

# Use of funds: \$31,955



# 2023 event recap





#### **Project Gros Mangles-Shippensburg University Partnership**

Staying faithful to the project that started in the French Program at Shippensburg University, students of the French Club stayed active all year in their support of Project Gros Mangles, starting with a Mardi Gras celebration in February. Participants had the pleasure to receive instruction from Dr. José Ricardo, who taught various steps from Caribbean dances, before judging the dancers in a friendly competition, followed by a beignets tasting and the crowning of our 2023 Mardi Gras Royalty. In October, the group organized a car wash, generously hosted by Advanced Auto Parts in Shippensburg, & finally a Holiday Bazaar featuring arts, crafts and food products from Haiti. Student participants can be proud of what they accomplished. Those are the leaders of tomorrow, whose care for

communities that extend beyond their national borders exemplify true global citizenship.

#### **Second Annual Golf Tournament**

On July 27, 2023 we held our second annual golf tournament at the Chambersburg Country Club. We had 21 teams participate in the tournament, 40 sponsors, and raised \$5,498.24. On the day of the tournament, eager participants climbed into their respective golf carts and sped up to their appropriate starting holes to enjoy a beautiful, sunny day of golf. As golfers completed their round, they all met at the clubhouse for a picnic lunch, various prizes, and a short presentation about the most recent updates about Project Gros Mangles. We wish to thank all of the participants, volunteers, and sponsors, for you enabled this day to be successful, thus improving the lives of the people of Gros-Mangles.



#### Dickinson College Support Haiti Dinner

On March 24, the Department of French & Francophone Studies at Dickinson College hosted a "Support Haiti Dinner: An Awareness Event", and invited members of the Project Gros Mangles team to participate. Guest speaker Christopher Kovats-Bernat, who is a scholar of Haiti and a member of the Project Gros Mangles Board of Directors, discussed factors that have led to Haiti's current situation, and Jonas Celius, Advisory Council Lead for Project Gros

Mangles, talked about the work that organizations like ours can do to strengthen his home community and others like it. We are especially grateful to the amazing Dickinson team for including us in this fantastic event, with special thanks to Adeline Soldin, Lucile Duperron, Mireille Rebeiz, and Hanna Roman.

# 2024 upcoming events

### **REGISTRATION FOR THE LAVI A BON 5K RUN & WALK IS OPEN**



We are excited to host our first 5K race on Saturday, April 6th at the Shippensburg Township Park on 304 Britton Rd in Shippensburg, PA. You can pre-register at **bit.ly/497rgE2** or by scanning the QR code! In person registration and bib/chip distributions will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the park. The race begins at 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!



## **GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION OPENS SOON**



Our **3rd Annual Golf Tournament** will be held at the **Chambersburg Country Club** on **July 25, 2024**. Registration will open this spring.

Brochures will be mailed out soon. Sponsorship, registration, and donation information can be found on our website in March 2024. We look forward to your continued support of the tournament.

# additional updates



Project Gros Mangles

We recently launched our new and improved website! After months in the making, the website is finally appropriately configured for mobile viewing.

Additionally, we updated our logo & brand colors to include a broader palette and a fresher, more modern look. The logo design depicts a mangrove tree where the tree matches our original colors.

Staying true to our original logo, we have the same colors and the same font from when I first designed it in 2019. - Taren, VP & Marketing

# We'd like to thank all our donors for their generous support



# Acknowledgements

Support from Project Gros Mangles to the Centre de Santé Communautaire Belval de Gros-Mangles and the larger community totaled \$22,157.15 for 2023.

Project Gros Mangles benefitted from \$34,265.10 from charitable contributions in support of the Centre de Santé communautaire Belval (wages, security, construction, hunger relief, etc.) and of the community of Gros-Mangles as a whole.

This report is issued to keep the friends and supporters of Project Gros Mangles informed about the results of our mission to support the community of Gros-Mangles and more specifically the Belval Medical Center. I assert that the financial statement above is accurate and correct. - Dr. Blandine Mitaut, Treasurer

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