Gentlemen.

Recently we published on the net, letters about “Giving Tuesday” from the AMHE and the GRAHN. I hope you will find time to read the message and understand the importance of your donation for our programs. We need your support and your participation. The AMHE Foundation is ready to receive your contribution. The published letters are reproduced again in the Newsletter today.

Recent AMHE medical missions in Valley de Jacmel and Leogane have attracted some attention in a country where our main governmental hospitals have so little resources to be functioning at the level they are expected to. The population is suffering and we are unable to answer at their demand. The level of care is inadequate in many institutions because of lack of material.

I will also refer you to recent articles in the news from Haiti. Many comments from an orthopedic attending at the HUEH have this week demonstrated the level of frustration on the fact that the largest hospital in the country is unable to function at a descent level, but providing substandard and inadequate care to the population.

Be generous, send material, send your donation to help in the delivery of care in Haiti. We would like one day to review this topic more in detail.

Happy Monday.
Maxime Coles MD
GRAHN fun raising letter

GRAHN

What is it?

GRAHN stands for Groupe de Réflexion et d’Action pour une Haïti Nouvelle (Group for Reflection and Action for a New Haiti), a global Haitian think-tank that, from a structural standpoint, functions as GRAHN-Monde (GRAHN-World, www.grahn-monde.org). As the name GRAHN implies, the organization is a think-tank but, and this is very important, it mixes theory with practice. As a result, grassroots concerns and input factor in with its analyses in significant ways. As a think-tank, GRAHN-World is a body of professionals, academics, practitioners from all walks of life, persons with diverse expertise and sensitivities, Haitians and friends of Haiti living both inside the country and abroad, all pertaining to a wide range of disciplines: engineering, architecture, economics, medicine, information technology, computer sciences, mathematics, education, nursing, business, agriculture, etc., etc. GRAHN-Monde also offers an outlet for publication of scholarly studies and position papers in its scientific journal, Haïti Perspectives (www.haiti-perspectives.com). Since inception in 2012, that quarterly, of which every issue is centered on a specific theme, has become a solid reference for students and researchers all over the world, offering a pragmatic scientific treatment of issues pertaining to the development problematic in Haiti.

What is its aim?

GRAHN-Monde’s genesis goes back to 2010, one week after the January 12 earthquake that devastated Haiti’s nerve center. Civically engaged individuals, both Haitians and foreigners with sympathy for the welfare of the country, were appalled with the scale of the destruction, which amounted to a death toll of about 250,000 and damages assessed at a sweeping 125% of the country’s GDP. Following a Call for Action by Dr. Samuel Pierre, an eminent professor at the Polytechnic School of Montreal, Canada, these concerned citizens gathered on January 20 to launch the movement. These individuals, joined by community organizations, decided to act on their interest in the furtherance of Haitian society, without partisan political leaning, by helping train the professional cadre necessary for any society to flourish. In short order, GRAHN-Monde created an accredited higher-learning institution, ISTEAH, l’Institut des Sciences, des Technologies et des Études Avancées d’Haïti (the Institute of Science, Technology, and Advanced Studies of Haiti, www.isteah.edu.ht), offering graduate degrees (masters and Ph.D.) in various disciplines supportive of the sustainable development of the country.

The aim of GRAHN is the benefit of Haitian society. Participation in partisan politics is not part of this road map.

How does it function?

GRAHN-MONDE has branches in five countries: Canada, USA, France, Switzerland and Haiti, and several chapters within each branch. Haiti has the largest number of chapters – more than a dozen. Incorporated as a nonprofit in Canada, the organization is led by a 15-member governing board, headed by a president, and so is each branch and chapter. Membership is open to any citizen of any nation interested about helping Haitian society.

Is GRAHN-Monde an NGO?

No. It does engage in philanthropic activities but it believes in empowering and helping people become autonomous, self-sufficient, and not chronically dependent on subsidy. It prefers to help create and share wealth in the long term, and wants to teach the have-nots the means to catch a fish.

What else is GRAHN-Monde engaged in?

The organization is now engaged in a full-scale campaign to start an ambitious undertaking, unheard of in the annals of Haiti’s history: PIGraN, le Pôle d’Innovation du Grand Nord (the Innovation Pole of the Greater North, www.pigran.org). Conceived for an 80-acre plot of land, PIGraN entails the creation of a business incubation center where research and teaching activities will coexist with industries and business enterprises to create jobs and spur productive innovative endeavors. Schools, from kindergarten to graduate level, will
be training technical, professional, artistic talents, while the entrepreneurial drive of individuals will be nurtured. This major initiative will be patterned after Silicon Valley, being aptly named a City of Knowledge. PIGraN will be set in Haiti’s northern area, in Génipailler, a communal section of the famed town of Milot, cradle of the world-renown Citadelle Laferrière.

The City of Knowledge already has a kindergarten operating, named after a Canadian donor, Paul Génin-Lajoie. An elementary school is being built and, within the next six months, a community health center as well as a vocational school will also be under construction. Eventually, ISTEAH will have a campus there and high-tech industries will have a strong presence. Research in agriculture, alternative energy, computer sciences, pharmaceutical sciences will be established.

In order to get the above project further along, and since this is a citizenry endeavor, donations to build the motherland are welcomed.

For the school fund:
GRANH-USA
2307 Marcy Ave
Evanston, Illinois, 60201

For the community health center:
AMHE-GRAHN
c/o AMHE Foundation
PO BOX 211392
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33421

Both are 501c3 entities and will produce IRS letters for any tax-deductible donation.

Reynald Altema, MD, Vice President, GRAHN-USA

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Make AMHE your charity of choice...

Dear members, friends, and family of AMHE,

The Board of Trustees and the Central Executive Committee ask for your support as we kick off AMHE’s 2017-2018 Annual Giving campaign. This is the time of the year when many of you will be thinking of a charity that is deserving of your support. We are reaching out to you to ask that you make AMHE your charity of choice on this 2017 Giving Season and for the rest of the 2018 year.

DONATE to AMHE for any of its programs for 2018.

AMHE has many humanitarian initiatives.
The following are some examples of AMHE existing programs.

1. Haiti Relief Mission
2. Resident Clinical Rotation
3. Medical Education Trips to Haiti
4. Cafeteria des Etudiants
5. USA Student/Resident Mentorship Program
6. GRAHN/AMHE Clinic in Milot Project
7. AMHE Health Clinic in Léogane Haiti

Thank you for helping AMHE to continue its mission and “Changing lives through better healthcare!” Please forward this email to your friends and family.

With sincere gratitude,
Rooseselt Clérisme, M.D.
La patiente que j’ai rencontrée cette semaine est une jeune femme de 25 ans, belle comme une ange, très fatiguée, affaissée et désabusée. Cependant, incapable de trainer le lourd passé qui est revenu comme un fantôme hanter son univers en ce jeudi 23 Novembre, journée d’action de grâce américaine autrement appelée la Thanksgiving. Elle avait dix-sept ans quand un homme de la cinquantaine lui acheta son premier appartement qu’elle a depuis perdu. Et une fois introduite à la prostitution, elle n’a jamais pu s’en défaire. Elle est une travailleuse du sexe, communément appelée « Sex Worker ». Cette semaine-la, elle a travaillé plusieurs jours de suite dans un bordel d’Atlanta ; Elle voulait faire le plus d’argent possible avant de rentrer à la maison et passer la fête avec sa grand-mère en Floride. Elle avait plusieurs clients à desservir au cours de la même journée. Ses clients, elle les collectait sur la toile d’Arraignée (The website). Ceux-ci payent toujours à l’aide d’une carte de crédit et, une fois l’argent payé, le service est rendu.

fleurissant dans ce pays. On fait de l’argent sans rien à investir en retour. Et tout le monde est “heureux”. Elle m’apprit que s’il lui arriverait d’apercevoir un potentiel client dont elle pourrait tomber amoureuse, elle évite tout contact avec un tel type car elle n’est pas dans ce genre de business pour établir des relations amoureuses. Elle m’a aussi appris que beaucoup de jeunes filles, parties du toit familial pour des études à l’Université, finissent souvent dans des bordels ou elles se prostituent et vendent leur corps. Elle n’a été battue ou maltraitée qu’une seule fois. Mais elles sont légion celles-la qui finissent mal leur vie dans ce genre de business. Quand je lui demandais si elle n’avait jamais rêvé de fonder un

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