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ESF's mission is to, "build cultural connections one person and one community at a time."

At ESF, We dream, We believe, and We DO!

We would like you to join us in a moment of silence and reflection on January 12, 2011. ESF Team members will be spending this day together as a family unit, to share in our promise, passion, and pursuit for sustainability in Haiti and around the world.

The day of the earthquake took many by surprise and brought Haiti to the forefront again after many years of neglect. After 10 personal missions to Haiti and 6 medical missions later, I know that Haiti will be a better place tomorrow. I have witnessed the greatness in the communities, the triumph and dedication made to offer quality services in healthcare, education and business commerce. The people in Haiti APPRECIATE YOU and all that you are doing to support their efforts to rehabilitate and sustain. ESF is in fighting with them, we know and understand them and we will MAKE IT!

Haiti is no longer in a "Disaster Relief" mode but is stepping upward in a positive direction towards rehabilitation and sustainability. This is important and key in positive and creative thoughts that will shine the light on what is going right instead what is going wrong. You can review the photograph's taken during ESF Team Haiti Mission-E, led by Ben Guillume, RN, MSc at www.esfteamhaitigroupe.shutterfly.com.

In addition, a full report of efforts in Haiti will be online along with the mental health assessment and recommendations. Please visit us online at www.ExplorersSF.org.

FOCUS: Join ESF in making a positive step in 2011 towards greatness. ESF is also celebrating 3 years of local and global humanitarian efforts by hosting a strategic planning meeting that will evaluate and draw attention to the initial vision that is our driving force to be a collaborative partner with our communities, locally and abroad!

Happy Birthday ESF!

Blessings,
Shonta D. Collins, RN, BSN, MPA, MSN-FNpc
ESF Team Locally and Abroad

Rehabilitation and Sustainability

ESF responded to both the local and global needs of the Haitian community abroad since January 12, 2010 and we continue to provide daily and monthly resources of food, medication, and supplies along with primary and public health care services and education.

That being said, ESF have supported over 15,000 people, mostly with curable illnesses, employed over 75 Haitian community members; retaining the continued employment of 15 persons, continued support for a private education of 3 children at AMSAI, an AMURT School, providing 100's of pounds of food to up to 300 children monthly, will officially open an ESF Office January 25, 2011, submitting our official registration as a NGO with MSPP (Minster of Health) and so much more!

This all equals economic stimulation and sustainability for the family unit and community. ESF is now 3 years young but have supported over 80 outreach efforts, 9 have included medical missions to Senegal, W. Africa, Jamaica, and Haiti!

Be sure to visit www.ExplorersSF.org for a full report from September -December, 2010. We have our mental health assessment and recommendations which were published by ESF Volunteers Crystal Taylor, M.S., Psy.Dc, and Berth Bartolin, M.A.

Spotlight: ESF Welcomes 6 Interns

Welcome Interns from Columbia University, Petra Aldrich who completed her internship in Haiti on January 8, 2011 is earning her MA at the School of Public and International Affairs, majoring in Economic and Political Development; Morgan Mc Stravick, Drexel University Undergraduate majoring in International Studies; and 4 Graduate students from the University of Pennsylvania's Positive Psychology program, Jorge Agarez Medeiros, Mac Kelly, Janeen Pesiridis, and Stephanie Romones.

Thanks for joining our family and welcome aboard!

ESF Opens an Office in Haiti and....

ESF has received a temporary authorization to do business and provide medical services in Haiti and our application for unrestricted authorization is pending. The Minister of Health will approve review and approve our application this month so stay tuned.....

ESF will open our own office in Port Au Prince, Delmas 33 at the Center for Accommodation and Health. The location and partnership is ideal for ESF who will provide and support healthcare services at the combined clinic and pharmacy; Congratulations to everyone who supports ESF with your generous donations, time, and commitment to service!

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Thanks for being part of our journey and be sure to join us at the 3rd annual Spring into Health Community Day on April 23, 2011 (rain date April 30) and the 96th Annual Rittenhouse Square Flower Market in May 2011.

Sincerely yours,
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