



## ESF Welcomes Interns from Drexel's Masters of Public Health Program

Philadelphia, PA/April 26, 2011 - ESF is excited to announce the addition of Jen Horner, Christina Roberts, and Faisal Yayah from Drexel University's Masters of Public Health Program. These three individuals will intern with ESF organizing programs within their specialty and developing different components to increase the success of ESF's missions abroad.

Jen Horner is a first year MPH student at Drexel University, concentrating in Health Management and Policy. She received her undergraduate degree from Tulane University in New Orleans where, during her senior year, Hurricane Katrina hit. Because of her experience with Katrina, she has a strong desire to work in the field of emergency preparedness and disaster relief. After graduating from Tulane, Jen moved back to her hometown of Salisbury, MD, where she worked for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at a local mental health unit. With ESF, Jen is working on further developing the mental health component of ESF's mission in Haiti. She is working on researching best practices, with special attention to cultural competency.

Christina Roberts is a first year MPH student at Drexel University school of Public Health. As a recipient of the National Minority STEM Fellowship Program, Christina will be concentrating in Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She is originally from Bowie, MD and received her Bachelors of Science at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. While at Spelman she worked extensively on Malaria biomedical research investigating the molecular mechanisms of the disease causing parasite. Her work awarded her the opportunity to study Malaria in Ghana, West Africa where she witnessed the affliction of disease upon the community and igniting her passion for public health practices in infectious disease. With ESF, Christina is working to further ESF's Anti-Malaria campaign mission abroad. She is working on creating public health resources to further health education on Malaria prevention.

Faisal Yayah is a first year MPH Student at Drexel University, concentrating in Epidemiology/Biostatistics. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland in College Park where he majored in Physiology/Neurobiology. He plans to pursue a career in medicine shortly after his MPH degree. Faisal's project with ESF will utilize his Epidemiology background to gather statistics and organize them in a easily readable way so that patterns can be identified at the community level. This work may lead to insights that could potentially enlighten us to alarming patterns that will provide ESF with viable data that can be used to call for change.

We want to welcome aboard these new interns and are looking forward to seeing the impact they will make not only in the Philadelphia community, but in the other countries ESF serves as well.