



**CENTRE HAITIEN DE GREFFE**  
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**RE: Haiti Kidney Transplant Program- Pledge of Support.**

During the earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, our hospitals received a tremendous blow. Many medical centers were destroyed; some others severely damaged and in need of serious repair. One such facility is the Sacre Coeur Hospital which once housed Haiti's first ever recently established Kidney Transplant Program. We made history on November 30, 2009 by successfully performing, with the help of the University of Miami transplant specialists, the first renal transplant in the country. In recognition of this milestone, the government of Haiti has officially declared November 30, National Transplantation Day. This breakthrough was also saluted by many major national and international media outlets. University of Miami's chief editor endorsed it in a very comprehensive article in December, 2009 at [www.med.miami.edu](http://www.med.miami.edu).

The estimate for repairing the Sacre Coeur Hospital of Haiti is staggering and seems to be beyond the owner's current means. This indeed has serious implications and consequences for over 7,000 Haitian people living in Haiti who suffer from end stage renal disease, most of whom are in desperate need of specialized care. Many remain hopeful for the opportunity of a new life from a kidney transplant procedure, and almost two dozen adults and children are already enlisted in our program. Seizing this moment, now, is likely to put Haiti on a clear path of real empowerment, where Haiti will continue to write and rewrite its own history.

By resuming the Haiti Transplant Program through a small, yet modern **state-of-the art** transplant center- **with nephrology services** -, Haiti will be well positioned to offer the only glimmer of hope to the overwhelming transplantation needs that presently exist, and which are likely to become insurmountable, over time. Furthermore, given certain peculiarities in the histocompatibility architecture of the Haitian transplant patients, and their well known heightened immune response to graft, the global scientific community stands to be enriched from possible medical research advancements and breakthroughs in the art and science of transplantation.

This is why, we, the members of the Board Committee of Haiti Transplant Program, seek your assistance and support, and invite you to partner with us, in putting our embryonic transplant program back on its feet, by relocating it in the outskirts of Port au Prince, and making it a more appropriate tertiary care delivery setting, and potential training and research pole. With a budget of US\$5,000,000.00, we estimate that all costs will be covered, including building and medical expenses, surgical and related devices, staff recruitment and training, as well as immunosuppressive drugs for the first fifty prospective transplant patients.

The Haiti Transplant Program, *-Centre Haitien de Greffe-* is a public entity that is funded by both public and private sponsorship, and approved by the Haitian health ministry and the two Haitian ethic committees to practice organ transplantation in Haiti. Primarily, its mandate seeks to improve the overall quality of life of renal patients through kidney transplantation. However, the Transplant Program, being humanitarian at its core, is also committed to giving back to the poor and powerless in our society.

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Now is our moment to act. It belongs to our generation to rebuild, restore and revive the heartbeat of our nation. We are ready to embrace this challenge and offer it as our gift, Haiti's gift to the world. Then, and only then, Haiti can finally stand tall with pride, as a nation among all other nations which provide distinguished, pioneering and compassionate care to their people.

For further information on how best to assist, please call us at **(509) 3454 6597**; **(509) 3528 0993** or write to: Jacques M Jeudy, M.D, *Centre Haitien de Greffe*, 10 Rue Chochotte, Pacot, Port au Prince, Haiti, HT 6114. You can also Email us at [haititransplant@yahoo.com](mailto:haititransplant@yahoo.com).

In kind and other contributions may be delivered to: Jacques M. Jeudy, MD, *Centre Haitien de Greffe*, 10 Rue Chochotte, Pacot, Port au Prince, Haiti, HT 6114.

You may make your pledge of support, in cash, to the *Centre Haitien de Greffe*, Sogebank, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. **Swift # SOGHHTPP** and **Account # 26-1601-715-4**.

**Please Do Not Forget: Haiti Counts On You Now!**

Yours truly,

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