



**ServeHAITI**

*Bringing Healthcare to the Mountains of Haiti*

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ServeHAITI, an Atlanta, GA - based non-profit organization dedicated to providing healthcare and fighting poverty in rural Haiti, has been selected to receive one of the first New Partner Initiative (NPI) awards granted by the US Agency for International Development as part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). NPI awards are specifically for faith-based organizations who already have grassroots involvement in one of the 15 focus countries identified by PEPFAR, of which Haiti is one. The minimum award is \$250,000 per year, with the express requirement that funding be used for HIV/AIDS prevention and care. ServeHAITI will use the funds to implement care and prevention programs in the impoverished and mountainous region of Grand-Bois, Haiti, a region that encompasses over 50 square miles and approximately 65,000 people. These programs will include: funding community health workers; offering widespread HIV counseling and testing; creating a region-wide prevention program; caring for orphans, vulnerable children, and all others impacted by HIV/AIDS; and building a healthcare focused radio station for the community. According to grant co-author, Charmaine A. Lewis, M.D., "This grant will allow us to implement the first large scale community health program in this region which will have an immensely positive impact on the local people."

ServeHAITI is an all volunteer organization that was begun by the former Outreach Minister of Atlanta's Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Presently, it is a national 501(c)(3) organization whose membership includes a diverse group of doctors, dentists, nurses, engineers, lawyers, architects, pharmacists, and students from the United States, Canada, and Haiti.

To date, ServeHAITI, through its volunteer force and funding, has constructed and staffed a full time multi-service health center in Grand-Bois. In addition, ServeHAITI has funded the installation and ongoing maintenance of "point of use" water purification units in hundreds of households in the region. Recently, ServeHAITI volunteers constructed and installed an electric grain mill and satellite service at the medical center to further serve the region.

For more information about the organization and how you might volunteer or contribute, please visit our website at [www.ServeHAITI.org](http://www.ServeHAITI.org) or email Dr. Charmaine Lewis - [charmainealewis@gmail.com](mailto:charmainealewis@gmail.com) or Donna Williams - [dgwill@mindspring.com](mailto:dgwill@mindspring.com) or write to ServeHAITI, 999 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 2300, Atlanta, GA 30309, attn: Peter J. Anderson, Treasurer.

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