

# JUNE 2010 UPDATE

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## What's in This Newsletter?

As the Executive Committee finalizes the selection process of potential partners for the 2010 funding cycle, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the past projects Deerfield Foundation has funded.

The Deerfield Foundation has made an incredible impact on children's health. The Deerfield Child and Family Health Clinic is now accepting patients, our Partners in Health operating room continues to save lives in Haiti, and East Harlem children are learning the importance of reading nutrition labels and how to cook healthy, affordable meals.

## DEERFIELD CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC

The Deerfield Child and Family Health Clinic opened on November 24, 2009. The new facility serves patients from homeless shelters that are not visited by CHF's mobile clinics, as well as offering existing patients an alternative for obtaining care on days when the mobile clinics are not at their shelters. From December 2009 through March 2010, the clinic provided 420 health care encounters, and it is steadily increasing activity. They expect to complete 2,700 patient encounters annually in the Deerfield clinic once it is fully operational. It is currently operating at 60% capacity and will be fully operational by July.



To serve more homeless families and recruit new patients to the Deerfield Child and Family Health Clinic, New York Children's Health Project has established new partnerships with other community service providers. Leadership has been active in marketing the clinic's services and established four new Memorandums of Understanding with service providers across New York City, including domestic violence shelters and cluster housing programs, for formerly homeless families.

## DEERFIELD FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTES TO HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Deerfield Foundation and employees donated \$750,000 to Partners in Health (PIH) towards Haiti earthquake relief in January 2010. Partners in Health (PIH)'s Stand With Haiti fund has made tremendous strides on the ground since that time.

In order to meet the medical needs of those left homeless, PIH and its sister organization Zanmi Lasante (ZL) are running mobile medical clinics in the settlements where displaced earthquake survivors are living. These clinics have logged over 100,000 patient visits. During the month of May alone, the clinics logged 36,204 patient visits, roughly one quarter of which were from children under the age of 10. The clinics provide comprehensive primary health care services, including reproductive health care, HIV testing, and malnutrition screening. They have enrolled 697 malnourished children in their nutrition program. PIH/ZL also branches out to support other organizations. In February, PIH/ZL and Fonkoze (a banking institution for poor communities) co-organized a one-day mobile clinic at an orphanage - located at another temporary settlement called Tabarre.

Save the Date!

Deerfield Foundation  
Annual Board Meeting

Monday, June 21st, 2010

4 p.m.

The Executive Committee invites you to the Annual Board Meeting where we will present the funding opportunities for the 2010 budget year.

See you there!

## RECAP OF PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2009

Organization	Project Title	Location	Amount
Children's Health Fund	South Bronx Clinic Expansion	South Bronx	\$365,400
Partners in Health	Supporting Pediatric Care in CMCC	Haiti	\$200,000
Little Sisters	Supporting Nurses	East Harlem	\$110,000
The Family Center	Pediatric Medical Case Mgmt Program	New York City	\$72,000
Busoga Trust	Clean Water Access & Hygiene Education	Uganda	\$60,000
G.O.A.L.	Healthy Lifestyles Education Program	East Harlem	\$9,600

### DF OPERATING ROOMS CRITICAL IN HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF



In 2008, the Deerfield Foundation funded the construction of two Partners in Health operating suites at Centre Medical Charles Coliman (CMCC) in Petite-Rivière. These operating rooms were primarily intended to increase ZL's capability to perform emergency caesarean sections in cases of obstetrical complications of women in labor. The operating rooms were opened in November 2009.

The Foundation's support of protecting the lives of mothers and their children, but also more broadly increasing surgical capacity, became even more critical on January 12th. In the days immediately after the earthquake (January 13-26), the team in Petite-Rivière saw 1,011 patients and performed 56 surgeries, x-rayed and casted 144 broken bones, and bandaged and

sutured 588 people. The Foundation's support of this team in the years previous to the earthquake enabled them to deliver life-saving care to patients streaming into Petite-Rivière from Port-au-Prince. With displaced people continuing to arrive in the Artibonite, PIH knows that the patient load will continue to be impacted by the earthquake for years to come.

### PARTNERS IN HEALTH (PIH/ZL): PEDIATRIC OPERATIONS & ESSENTIAL MEDICINE



In August 2009, the Foundation awarded a \$200,000 grant to PIH to directly support pediatric operations and essential medicines at Centre Medical Charles Coliman (CMCC) in Petite-Rivière. These funds support the day-to-day running of the pediatric facilities and the comprehensive care they provide to each child on a daily basis. In calendar year 2009, they saw 14,737 children aged 0-15 years. In Haiti, the cut-off age for pediatrics is 15 years of age as opposed to 18 years old in the United States. However, they estimate that they saw at least an additional 6,000 children in the 15-18 year old age bracket, bringing the total of

pediatric patients seen to 20,737. Pediatric patient encounters for 2009 are in the process of being tabulated and are likely to be severely delayed due to the earthquake.

The medical visits of children in Petite-Rivière encompass the full range of clinic- and community-based care for children. The team at CMCC provide vaccines; distribute bed nets for malaria prevention; and provide care for conditions like pneumonia, diarrheal disease, and malnutrition – some of the leading causes of death for children under five in Haiti. Moreover, since the earthquake the team has been in-

creasing the level of community-based care that they provide. Through mobile clinics and community kitchens, the team in Petite-Rivière has been working to ensure that children and their families are healthy, have access to basic needs like food and clean water, as well as offering psycho-social assistance to help children deal with the massive trauma they have endured. Ensuring the health of children in the wake of January 12 will continue to be an enormous challenge across Haiti. Indeed, it will take partnerships like the one between Deerfield Foundation and PIH to meet the needs of children who are now more vulnerable than ever before.

## THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH CLINIC

Deerfield Foundation's \$365,400 grant in support of the Children's Health Fund's South Bronx Health Center for Children and Families' (SBHCCF) has been used for the development of CHF's expansion clinic, called the Maternal Child Health Center (MCHC). The MCHC expansion site will be located directly across the street from the existing SBHCCF, on the first floor of a housing complex for low-income families. Services will include pediatrics, nutrition, women's health and prenatal care, management of chronic diseases and integrated primary and mental health services. With the MCHC's opening, the SBHCCF will be able to *increase its capacity by 50%*. Together, the two sites will be able to serve 8,200 patients per year via 46,000 healthcare encounters.



## LITTLE SISTERS: NURSES IN HARLEM

Deerfield Foundation granted Little Sisters (LSA), based in East Harlem, a two-year grant totaling \$220,000 to support salaries and benefits for nurses. With the donation, nursing salaries increased an average of 18.6% from 2007, putting them on a par with the current rates in the area. LSA's Certified Home Health Agency specializes in offering prenatal and postpartum care to mothers and follow-up care to newborns.

Deerfield's donation enabled LSA to provide services to some of New York's most vulnerable children and families. While LSA is one of the smallest Home Health agencies in New York State, our funding has filled a vital need in what is sometimes described as the epicenter of modern epidemics – from asthma to diabetes to HIV/AIDS – in an area with an almost total lack of health insurance. The funding provided skilled

nursing care in the home setting where nurses can take time to answer questions allowing patients to feel at ease. This has also eliminated the need for patients to spend hours and hours in the emergency room. As the economy continued to weigh heavily on so many, the services provided by LSA as a direct result of the Deerfield donation have continued to provide excellent and meaningful services.



## BUSOGA TRUST: BUILDING WELLS IN UGANDA

BTA competed 20 wells in its fiscal year ended March 31 (along with their comprehensive sanitation and hygiene education efforts in each village) providing clean water to near 6,000 kids and their families who lacked a reliable source of clean water. The 20 projects were completed on time and on budget. In spite of several challenges during the March quarter, the team completed 7 wells. The unexpected obstacles Project Director Ned Morgan and his team overcame included several failed attempts to dig a well in the village of Kyakakunguru, the need to abandon one attempt in the village of Mboria

II (the second attempt here was successful) and a delayed shipment of pumps from our UK supplier. Though the geology is generally very favorable in Masindi for shallow hand dug wells, in Kyakakunguru Busoga repeatedly struck rock and were not able to dig deep enough into the water table for a reliable well. BTA has suspended efforts there for now but are working to find another solution for people in this village. This is the first village out of 35 in which they broke ground but were not able to complete a clean water source. Things do not always go exactly as planned in Africa and BTA is very proud of Ned and his

team's resilience and creativity in getting the job done.

Four of the wells completed during the March quarter were funded by Deerfield Foundation, bringing the number of projects completed to 6 with last year's \$60,000 grant. See BTA's [website](#) for more details on each of these 6 Deerfield funded projects: Kiruli, Mpumwe, Rwamudopyo, Kapila – Kitanyata, Mboria II and Kan-yaranyara. BTA plans call for completing 4 additional Deerfield wells in the June quarter – work is ongoing in two villages now, Nyakabale Central and Nkwenda I.



## THE FAMILY CENTER: PEDIATRIC MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT SUCCESSES

Since the December 2009 update, The Family Center (TFC) has successfully integrated the pediatric health assessment tool and started assessing children's health. TFC now has a successfully integrated electronic client data management system

(EVOLV) to ensure tracking, accountability and follow-up with children and families in need of intervention services. EVOLVE also consolidates information from social workers, case managers, and early intervention specialists allowing tailoring of

treatment adherence plans and other service provision tools. Approximately 63 children and their families are currently receiving services, a 26% over-achievement of goals compared to the proposal expectations.



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The Community Health Nurse and the Health Access and Education Team analyzed data from their interventions. The average birth weight of an assessed child was 6.5 pounds, almost one pound below the average birth weight for a healthy newborn. The assess-

ments also showed that parents lacked knowledge of vaccinations. Their conclusion from the assessments is that there is a significant need for intensive interventions in order to protect against possible developmental problems, and to monitor health issues that may

continue to manifest themselves as the child ages. Interventions have included counseling sessions, physical therapy, play therapy, and other activities prescribed by the child's social worker, case manager, or early intervention specialist.

**G.O.A.L.: FIGHTING OBESITY IN EAST HARLEM**

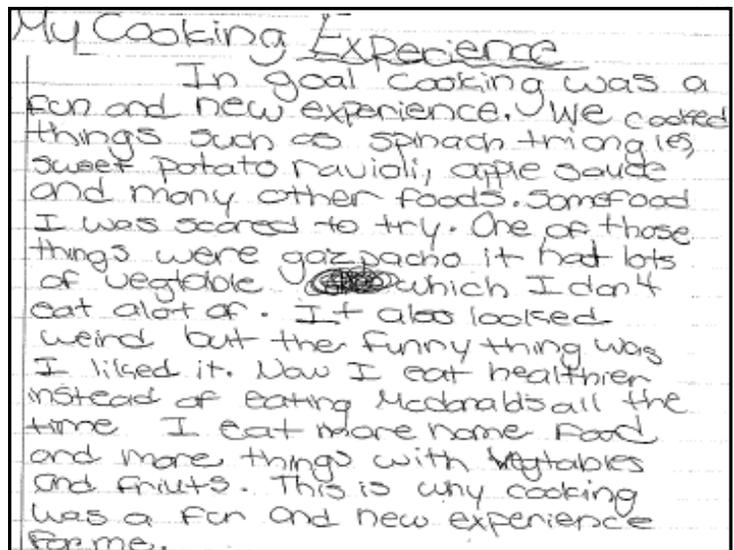
In 2009 the DF awarded G.O.A.L. with \$9,600 to jump start the food component of their Healthy Lifestyles curriculum. As an after-school program at P.S. 171 in East Harlem (a community with the highest level of childhood obesity in NYC), G.O.A.L. continues to work with professional chefs from the Sylvia Center to prepare great tasting, healthy food options. For the month of April, students worked with fresh greens and made their own low calorie salad dressing as well as deviled eggs. The intention is to teach students basic culinary skills using wholesome, seasonal plant-based recipes that children can easily reproduce at home.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, G.O.A.L. hosted a Healthy Lifestyles Fair at P.S. 171 on 103rd Street (between 5th Avenue and Madison Avenue). The chefs from the Sylvia Center pre-

pared tasty and healthy food with the students for their parents, and members of the East Harlem community. In addition, a member of the Mt. Sinai Adolescent Health Center was at the fair to teach the students about the importance of healthy eating, childhood obesity, and preventative healthcare. The event culminated in a "graduation"

where students received a healthy lifestyles diploma as well as a cooking apron.

The students wrote letters on the impact of the curriculum on their lifestyles, below is an example of one student who now passes-up eating at McDonald's.



**A BENEFICIARY'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCE**

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, The Family Center's (TFC) Executive Director Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Nurse Donna Horton and Director of Development, Aileen Parker, presented their latest proposal to the Executive Committee and Barbara Younger, TFC Co-Relationship Manager. In addition, their client Ms. Silver\*, came to Deerfield with two of her children, Adam\* (age 1 year), and Kobi\* (3 years).

Ms. Silver was a victim of domestic violence and is HIV positive. She spoke about the tremendous impact TFC and the Deerfield-funded Medical Case Management Program have made on the lives of her children. The Family Center has given her parenting support on every conceivable level, from teaching her about "tummy time" for her babies to getting her 5 year-old twins out of their at-risk state at school. TFC has helped her manage her own health, allowing her to focus on meeting her children's needs. And TFC is providing opportunities for her children that she and her husband would never be able to afford, from comprehensive medical counseling and therapy to such simple things as circus tickets to bring some smiles to her children's faces. The opportunity to speak to someone who has directly benefitted from a Deerfield Foundation grant was a very powerful experience for those attending the meeting.

\*Names changed to ensure confidentiality.