

The Crudem Foundation

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Crudem (Center for the Rural Development of Milot) was first founded by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in 1968. Their original mission was the development of infrastructure projects throughout the region (roads, schools, potable water, and a small 6-bed clinic).

In 1968, Dr. Ted Dubuque took a medical mission trip to visit this clinic in Milot, Haiti, and from that point forward Crudem began to transition from an infrastructure project to a healthcare initiative. The 6-bed clinic has now grown to be *Hôpital Sacré Coeur, the pre-eminent hospital in the northern part of Haiti.*

Mission Statement

“Rooted in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, the mission of Hôpital Sacré Coeur is to be both a Catholic Hospital and Medical Center, consistent with the ideals of the Order of Malta, providing quality healthcare to the sick and the poor in the Haitian Community and an educational center for all who seek healthcare in Haiti.”

What Crudem Does

The goal of the Crudem Foundation is to support Hôpital Sacré Coeur in its efforts to be a Haitian Hospital, run by Haitians, for Haitians. Crudem supports and assists the hospital by helping it meet its obligations in all areas of need; financial, volunteers, both medical and technical, medical supplies and equipment, construction teams and equipment, training programs, crisis management assistance, and a variety of other initiatives.

Local fundraising efforts can also not be overlooked as a very important part of Crudem’s mission. Without the support of major corporate donors, the success of this mission is highly dependent upon the contributions of our loyal donor base. The availability to grow this base is a vital function that the board and all volunteers undertake on a daily basis.

Finances

The vast majority of funding comes from donations. The operating budget is well over a million dollars a year. The hospital refuses care to no one, though they ask the patients to pay what they can because the Haitian people’s philosophy is “If they pay nothing, it is worth nothing.”

Who are Served and How Many

The population of the village of Milot is 20,000; the hospital serves the whole northern half of the island. The actual amount of people who are served is about 200,000 people.*

What are the Needs (Money, Items, People)

The Number One need is funds for the operating budget. The hospital has specific needs for medical and dental equipment, pharmaceuticals, construction supplies, cleaning supplies, etc. (All non-financial contributions need to be coordinated through the Crudem Foundation, in order to coordinate with shipping schedules and hospital needs.)

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Medical Teams are needed and also those with construction technology/architectural design education. All on-site volunteers are coordinated through Dr. Bill Guyol and Deb Payne Motyl.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

School Fundraisers: For example, Immacolata School supports Crudem every year with their Mission Carnival Donations.

A Taste of Haiti: An annual fundraiser is held at the Schlafly Tap Room, with authentic Haitian food. Call Steve Reese for details.

***VITAL STATISTICS: Hôpital Sacré Coeur Hospital Statistics, 2013:**

49,743	Outpatient Visits
5,906	Patient Admissions
1,236	Babies Delivered
1,956	Surgical Procedures
119,076	Laboratory Tests Performed
2,966	X-rays Processed