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News and Updates

50 years of caring for children and families in the poorest neighborhoods, in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere

Race for Grace' riders raise 60K+ for Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti



A huge THANK YOU to those who participated in International Child Care's largest fundraising event, "Race for Grace," held August 24 as part of the Hotter'N Hell 100 endurance cycling event in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Race for Grace raised more than **\$60,000** this year, with donations going to Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti. This funding will be used to continue lifesaving medical care to children and families in one of the world's most impoverished countries.

More than 200 friends of ICC sponsored **40+ riders** who came from across the country to brave the Texas heat. Our youngest riders Lucia and Julian both participated again this year, with Julian celebrating his 6th Birthday on race day!

As part of the fundraising effort, the team also raffled a \$2K bicycle, with the winner pledging to ride for Grace Children's next year!

In Haiti, the staff and children at GCH recognized the fundraiser on race day, wearing "Race for Grace" t-shirts to support the team.

Please enjoy pictures from the big day.

Donations are still being accepted to support this event. For more information visit [HERE](#).



All Smiles On Race Day!



GCH Staff supporting our riders from Haiti!



Ready to Race for Grace!



Grace Children's Hospital Renowned Eye Clinic

The Eye Clinic at Grace Children's Hospital is on track to be the first high-volume cataract surgery center in Haiti's Western Department.

Opened in 1998, with the help of the Christian Blind Mission (CBM), the Clinic at first only offered ophthalmology exams. In 2007, with support from CBM and the German Embassy, they expanded the eye clinic building to include two operating rooms. Currently the Clinic employs four ophthalmologists, five nurses, a receptionist and a sterilization attendant.

The Eye Clinic averages 70 outpatients per day from Monday to Friday, performs operations three times a week, including cataracts, glaucoma, pterygion, chalazion, corneal wounds, scleral and eyelid pasty. Thanks to a generous gift from the World Cataract Foundation, the Clinic now owns an anesthetic machine which enables them to offer specialized children's surgeries for cataracts, congenital glaucoma and corneal wounds.

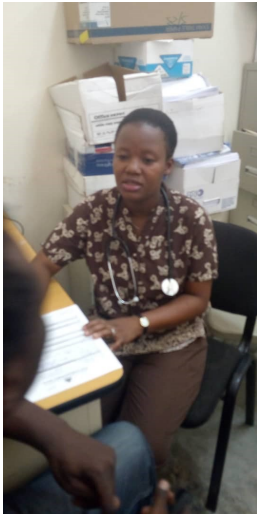
The Clinic is also at the forefront of training the next generation of caregivers. Internships for students from Quisqueya University's faculty of medicine are ongoing, and plans are in process for establishing a program for a

residency in ophthalmology with continuous training of staff and nurses specialized in ophthalmology.

Congratulations to the team at GCH Eye Clinic for providing world class services and continuing to grow to meet the ever expanding needs of the community.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE /GRACE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PROFILE

Meet Miss Rose Danielle Pierre: Nurse



Miss Rose Danielle Pierre graduated from the National Nursing School of Port-au-Prince in 2014. As part of her studies, she did her community health internship at GCH. Following graduation, she did her social service component in the countryside and from July to September 2016 volunteered at GCH as a volunteer in the hospital section.

During those 3 months, Miss Pierre proved herself to be collaborative, competent, punctual, consistent and responsible, and in December 2016, when an opening became available, she was offered a permanent position on the nursing staff.

After spending 3 years in the hospital section, Miss Pierre was chosen in February 2019 as head nurse for the general clinic in replacement to Miss Brunache who left Haiti indefinitely.

Miss Pierre is currently undergoing additional training as nurse practitioner.

Miss Pierre appreciates the work that she does at GCH because she loves her profession, the patients, especially the children. GCH has also given her the means to evolve professionally.

We are delighted to have an employee such as Miss Pierre and we wish her success in her professional life.

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