



VALENCIA LATOUCHE — THE POWER OF YOUR GIFT

The strikingly beautiful smile of the young girl in the photo is that of Valencia Latouche. At quick glance, she is like any other young 15 year old, full of excitement with her whole life ahead of her. In fact, her ease reveals very little about the trauma she has endured in her short 15 years which include loss of family, a poor medical diagnosis, and the 2010 earthquake. What follows is her story...

Valencia's mother Magdala died when she was very young and she admits that she has no recollection of the women that gave her life. Since her death, Valencia and her father Luckner also lost Valencia's brother to a high fever. Her father has since remarried and produced a brother for Valencia, whom she adores very much. The family lives in a slum area called Martissant, just west of downtown Port-au-Prince. Luckner makes a very modest living as a photographer. Times, he says are difficult, but he is grateful everyday for the recovery of his only baby girl.

When Valencia was 12 years old, her father began noticing she was losing a significant amount of weight and experiencing a very persistent cough. His worry led him to the steps of L'Hopital Général de l'Université de l'Etat where Valencia was admitted. Her father learned soon after that his daughter was co infected with Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.

One month passed and the child did not improve. Luckner could not continue paying for treatment, so he asked to have his daughter transferred to Grace Children's Hospital. She was admitted to the inpatient ward on the 6th of March 2008. The staff did not believe that Valencia would make it through the night. Luckner had already begun saving the little money he had for the purchase of a casket to ensure an appropriate burial for his daughter. However, Valencia did not die that night.

The next few months were treacherous for both the child and the family. Luckner travelled back and forth between his home and the hospital. On those nights he left her, he cried he says. Valencia was all that remained of the family he once had, his wife and little boy taken from him all too soon. He was assured that the nurses and the auxiliary would be there throughout the night to keep watch on his baby girl.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS



Keith Mumma,
National Director
USA

Over the past twenty three years I have had the privilege to be involved with International Child Care in a variety of ways – as a Volunteer, Board Member, Regional Coordinator and for the past seven years the US National Director. During this time I have had the pleasure of showing many of you the empowering and life-saving programs ICC offers in Haiti and the Dominican Republic through a Mission Education Encounter

Trip (MEET). Our goal for MEET trips is to develop team ambassadors for Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the mission of International Child Care. As an Ambassador you can help ICC tell the story of the great work that you witnessed firsthand on the visit to the island countries. We need your help now! If you have ever participated on a MEET, please contribute and help spread the word of ICC's programs by becoming a...

- Partner in Grace
- Bed for Grace Sponsor
- Ambassador for Grace
- Vision of Grace
- Grace Cornerstone Member

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to travel to the island with ICC. Please help carry and pass the torch that was lit during your MEET.

“Sa je pa wè kè pa tounen”

“What the eye doesn't see, doesn't move the heart”

- Haitian proverb



Gary Pluim,
National Director
Canada

When I arrived at the ICC Markham office in November, 2011, I was introduced to 4 dedicated staff who are truly committed to ICC Canada and its vision of “Health and wholeness for children and families in empowered communities”. For the benefit of

our new donors, allow me to introduce the staff who are here to serve you: Joella De Boer - Office Administrator and Database Manager; Shane Burt - Development and Communications Coordinator; Maeghan Orton - International Program Coordinator and Zemedede Russom - Finance Manager. These four amazing people who, although working part-time, cover the equivalent of three full-time employees each week, but, by the work produced, it seems like they are full-time staff.

In the short time that I have been with ICC Canada, I have had the opportunity to travel to the field and witness firsthand the miraculous work the entire ICC family is doing in both Haiti and the Dominican Republic. I am extremely encouraged by the life saving treatment we are providing to children and their families through Grace Children's Hospital, our maternal health clinics in northern Haiti and in our Community Based Rehabilitation clinics in the Dominican Republic.

My personal thanks go out to the many donors who make our work possible, including those who contributed generously to the Christmas appeal, assisting us with various projects in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Going forward, exciting challenges lay ahead. Thanks to our donors, a dedicated staff and a strong and supportive board, and with God's help, we can face the future with confidence.

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THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP – WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE



 In the forty plus years that International Child Care has been working to improve the lives of children and families in Haiti, the organization has had the opportunity to partner with a wide range of individuals, organizations, businesses and government agencies. These partners, both old and new are the backbone of the organization, and driving force behind ICC's continued success in carrying

out our mission and vision abroad. Since the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti in 2010, many new doors have opened up and many new opportunities have come our way. Even though Grace Children's Hospital suffered damages that were beyond repair, the power of partnership began to manifest itself by bringing Chicago Children's Memorial hospital our way. ICC has formed strong and fruitful relationships with organizations such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Haitian Ministry of Health (MOH), which have both been invaluable in our continued success.

ICC has also formed some very exciting partnerships in North America, which have allowed us to expand the coverage of our projects and programs in Haiti. In September of 2011, ICC was approved for nearly one million dollars worth of funding to Improve Maternal/Child Health in Haiti over the next 3 years through the Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA). ICC has been working in association with CIDA in the area of Maternal/Child Health for over three years and looks forward to building upon this partnership in the next three years. The Manitoba Council of International Cooperation (MCIC) has also recently approved ICC for new grant funding for our Maternal/Child Health program in Northern Haiti. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) has supported ICC since its existence and continues to help us grow our programs. ICC has been fortunate enough to receive ongoing support from CIDA, jointly with World Vision Canada's 'Hockey 4 Haiti' initiative, which has been instrumental in helping to fund the transitional Hospital facilities required to continue providing medical treatment while the new GCH is being built. In the midst of such darkness that faced Haiti as a result of the earthquake of January 2010, the power of our strong partnership seem to be shining some much needed light on the country and paving a way for a brighter future for Haitian children and their families. On behalf of our beneficiaries, we thank you and all of our partners for their continued support and know that in working together we can continue to achieve more.



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Night after night for months, staff at GCH kept track of her temperature, passed meds, fed her, bathed her, and dressed her. When asked what he remembers of his daughter's condition at that time, Luckner states she was a living skeleton. Her little body refused to respond to the TB treatment initially and the two diseases were ravaging what was left of Valencia. Slowly however, over the course of nearly 9 months she began to respond to treatment. Her appetite increased, she regained strength, and she held down food.

Her total stay amounted to one year and some days. Keep in mind the average stay for children undergoing TB treatment at GCH is three months. Valencia made many friends during her stay at the hospital and is remembered by staff today for her incredible courage. Valencia returns monthly for her Anti Retroviral Treatment and the staff takes great care in keeping in touch with Luckner.

Grace Children's Hospital has allowed this beautiful child the opportunity of life. Your generous support has given ICC the power to make this happen.

Keep an eye out for these upcoming ICC events:

Canada's Annual Hit
the Ball for Haiti Golf
Tournament

USA's Annual Race
for Grace

NEW Labou Pou
Timoun Run

Building a Brighter Future



PAST, CURRENT

For over forty years, Grace Children's Hospital has been the leading pediatric hospital for children suffering from TB. Pre-quake, the hospital could offer around-the-clock care to up to 64 children on the inpatient ward. In September 2010 a 25 bed transitional inpatient ward was opened which allowed GCH to admit new patients again.

Grace Children's Hospital continues to offer outpatient services including adult and pediatric TB and HIV/AIDS treatment services to over 300 patients per day. A partnership with Containers to Clinics has provided private exam room space for the maternal health program while the hospital is being rebuilt.



CURRENT



GCH FUTURE PLANS TO INCLUDE:

- 50% increase in inpatient beds
- 24 hour emergency care
- Population of 80,000 in GCH catchment area
- Level I and Level 2 nursery service care
- Expanded departments to include: education, training & research, maternity, rehabilitation and psychosocial

Use your smart phone to tour Grace Children's Hospital



FUTURE



THE AUSTIN-ALLER US MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE



When I was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in December and given a grim prognosis, my husband Ray and I determined to leave a lasting legacy to Grace Children's Hospital. We have been involved with ICC for several years, beginning ironically after my initial breast cancer treatment when we made our first trip to Haiti. That experience led us into service on the ICC-

US Board of Directors and also as volunteers at GCH. We set out to apply our individual training in clinical laboratory management, counseling and post trauma care to assist with sustainable hospital programs and have seen measurable progress. But most importantly, we sought to bring the knowledge and skills of others to the work of ICC. "Men anpil chay pa lou" is a Haitian Proverb which means "Many hands make the load lighter," and we knew there was little we could do alone. But with the help of many hands, we could multiply the lasting benefits to the staff and families of GCH.

We are now offering a matching gift in the amount of \$100,000 to the new Grace Children's Hospital as a legacy gift. However, while we are grateful to be able to give this gift, we need your hands to make the load lighter. Many hands can grow and expand this gift beyond our wildest dreams! Therefore, we will match YOUR gift to Grace Children's Hospital in this way: Now through November 30, 2012, you can donate to the Austin-Aller Matching Gift Challenge. Donations of \$100 or more via online, by phone or mail will be matched one dollar for every four dollars up to \$100,000. We pray that our \$100,000 match will help raise up to \$500,000 in support of rebuilding GCH and creating a facility that will serve children for generations to come.

Will you stand with us and multiply our gift of \$100,000 for the new Grace Children's Hospital? Ray and I coined this saying last year: "If we're not giving, we're not living." Please join us in leaving a legacy for the children of Haiti.

Together in faith, Rev. Lynne Austin, Raymond D. Aller, MD

P.S. If you would like more information about planned giving, please contact our Canadian or US offices.

WE INVITE YOU ON A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE THIS YEAR!

ICC believes that the first step towards global change is understanding, so we invite you to take that first step by becoming a member of one of our Mission Education Encounter Teams (MEET). This life changing opportunity is available to both individuals and small groups interested in traveling to ICC's programs in Haiti and/or the Dominican Republic to put their hearts and their hands to use in the field. MEET trips are a week long opportunity to experience the joy that comes from direct contact with the families that benefit from ICC's work in the field. What better way to see firsthand all of the miraculous work that your financial support is providing to families and children in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. MEET trips are not for the faint of heart, they are for the generous of heart. I know that this experience will change your life in the same way it has changed the lives of past MEET participants. Give us a call to set up your life changing experience.

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 by all the means you can,
 in all the ways you can,
 in all the places you can,
 at all the times you can,
 to all the people you can,
 as long as ever you can.”*

–John Wesley

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