



Annual Report 2009

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Hospital of Hope Hospital Site of the Year

As soon as the news was out at the beginning of 2009, the Byas Foundation was eager to spread it. This is an important story as it confirms the quality of the hospital's management and justifies the support it receives from all of us by whatever means we have. See at the back for details on this nomination.

Postal Fundraising campaign

Thanks to the Foundation's webmaster, Mr. Louis Paré, for his faithful collaboration, and to Mr. Alain Charron's regular involvement as our treasurer, the annual postal fund raising campaign received 9 893\$. As the protection of the environment has become one of Hospital of Hope's priorities, part of the money will serve to build septic pools to treat wastewaters from the hospital.

Financial Statement\$

The 2009 preliminary financial statements of the foundation show total donation revenues of 17 300\$, down 2 200\$ from the previous year. The overall economic situation easily explains that fact. However, the administrative expenses of 308\$ levelled at 1.8% of the money collected which meets the goal of keeping operating expenses under 2% of received donations for any one year. The Foundation sent 18 000\$ to Hospital of Hope. That is 2 000\$ more than the previous year. The emergency fund (see 2008 annual report) filled the gap between 2009 net revenues and the amount remitted to the hospital.

Walk of Hope



Father Lourdy Dorismond during a talk after the walk

The Foundation held its 11th annual walk of Hope on September 19, with favourable weather. Over 55 participants contributed to the success of this event. The 3 560\$ collected that Saturday contributed funding for building works done at the Hospital of Hope in September and October of 2009 (see three building works). Unfortunately, Mr. Robert Charron, president of the Foundation, was out of the country in September. Father Lourdy Dorismond who by happy coincidence is from Haiti replaced him in his ministry. Father Lourdy accepted to address the walkers on the evolution of Haiti's social situation. As an introduction to this talk, Dr. Renaud Hyppolite, a cardiologist born in Haiti, having worked at the Justinian du Cap Haitien hospital and at the Charles-le-Moyne hospital in Montérégie, Quebec, agreed wholeheartedly to produce a short movie (15 minutes) on the history of Haiti. Dr. Hyppolite's documentary and Father Lourdy's talk were greatly appreciated by the audience. The Foundation warmly thanks both men for contributing to the success of the 11th edition of the walk of hope.

Medical supplies for the Hospital

In 2007, after sending more than one thousand cases of medical supply to the Hospital of Hope, the Foundation did not plan on sending any more. Came quite an opportunity, probably unique. Following the introduction of new regulations in the operating rooms, the Rouyn-Noranda hospital had surplus inventory of 35 cases of supplies, mainly fabric for the operating room. The Foundation quickly intervened to ship the supplies to Hospital of Hope. The institution gladly received them in 2009, thanks first to the generosity of a land transport company and then to the whole chain of transportation down to Haiti.



Retrospect 2009

Community development - Building a hen house

In order to fight the food crisis and its worst consequence, malnutrition, the hospital action plan foresaw, as early as 2004, breeding chicken in the Pilate district. The required conditions which are, training peasants for chicken breeding, organizing a coop, making plans of the building on an appropriate location, getting the financing – were met this year. The hen house will be built with the help of the Association québécoise pour l'avancement des Nations Unies (AQUANU) from Victoriaville.



A successful surgical mission

This year, security conditions in Haiti allowed a team from Doctors of the World to reach Pilate to perform 50 surgeries in 8 days for needy patients.



An unimaginable tragedy with an outstanding solidarity response

The day following the January 12th 2010 earthquake which destroyed Port-au-Prince and the surrounding towns, Byas Foundation quickly organized a special fund raising campaign. It aimed to support Hospital of Hope that was receiving several hundred wounded survivors or emotionally affected victims that left Port-au-Prince to return to their family in Pilate, seeking aid at that local hospital. Byas Foundation will give a complete coverage of the impact of the tragedy on the Pilate community and its hospital in the next annual report.

The generous response of the population allowed it to collect and transfer 30 000\$ to Hospital of Hope. This sum will have helped it to face emergencies. **The Byas Foundation sincerely thanks all its donators.**

Hospital of Hope Hospital Site of the Year

Hospital of Hope in Pilate is one of the nine hospitals in Haiti selected by UNICEF to deliver a Global Fund's program to fight HIV/AIDS, known as AIDS Relief. The efficiency of its leadership, the cooperation in carrying out the program, the quality of its follow up, the reliability of its statistics plus supervising the execution of the program are among the criteria that earned Hospital of Hope the award of Hospital Site of the Year.

The Institute of Human Virology of University of Maryland that sets the standards and protocol for the program does this evaluation. Having received this honour not only confirms the quality of the hospital's management but also the excellence of its professional staff.



Three building works

Repairing the hill road : Montée de l'Espérance



The steep road that leads to the hospital was paved with concrete in 1996. The torrential rains brought by the numerous hurricanes of the past years damaged the road. It was repaired at the cost of 12 500\$ of which 11 250\$ was funded by the Parish of Holy Spirit in Memphis, Tennessee, and 1250\$ by the Byas Foundation.

Relocating and repairing the enclosure wall

The hospital, which lacks space for its development, received from the nearby landowner three meters of land, the length of the lot. Its enclosing wall was damaged on that side by hurricane Jeanne in 2004. Since it now had to be moved, the timing was appropriate to rebuild sturdier groundwork. The total cost for rebuilding that side of the wall was 15 000\$ for which Byas Foundation supplied 3880\$. The rest of the funding came from a charitable organization based in Memphis, Tennessee. The space gained, allowed Hospital of Hope to carry out its third important project described below.

Managing disposal of wastewater

In order to protect the environment, the hospital decided to cease pouring out its wastewater. The whole pipe system had to be reconnected to collect the wastewater in two septic pools designed to filter and treat the water before releasing clean water in the environment. The cost of that project reached 15 500\$ for which 10 000\$ was funded by the AIDS Relief Program and 5 500\$ came from Byas Foundation.

The financial structure of these works illustrates one of the roles of the Byas Foundation, which consists in supplying the bridge money required by the major partners to complete the funding of development projects such as these works completed in 2009.

