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Impacting Women's and Children's Health Care Globally- A United State-Haiti Nursing Partnership.

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GOAL

Create a partnership for education and professional development between LVHN nurses and nurses in a developing country.



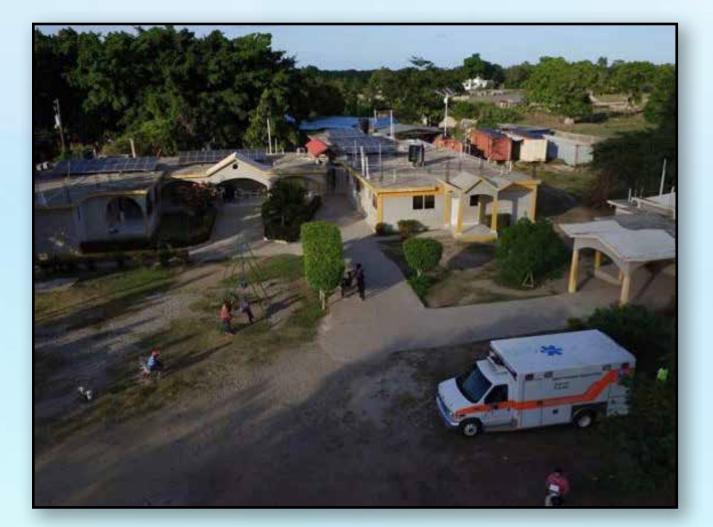
REVIEW OF LITERATURE

No published literature was located describing enduring partnerships between nurses in the US and developing countries.

OUR NURSING PARTNER

The Hopital Convention Baptiste d'Haiti (HCBH)

- Maternity & Pediatric Care
- Neonatal Care
- Medical-Surgical Care
- Perioperative Services
- Emergency Care



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ENGAGING IN PARTNERSHIP

- Visits
 - 6 since 2014
- LVHN support
 - Philanthropic funds for travel and lodging
 - Paid time off
- Team Members
 - Initially, nurses, 3 per visit
 - Now, interprofessional team,
 - including physicians
- Evolving clinical focus
 - Consistent relationships for enhanced maternal child health



CHALLENGES

conditioning

Limited resources

- Language barrier interpreters required
- Interruptions in electricity
- Sporadic internet

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OUTCOMES

- In-services & continuing education
- Focus on designated World Health Organization "Baby Friendly" initiatives
- Staff and patient education materials
- Funds and donations for supplies and pediatric respite care
- Blood bank prompted by and to support maternal hemorrhage
- Published manuscript Empowering nurses to transform health care globally: A United States-Haiti nursing partnership. American Nurse Today, February 2017, Vol.12 No.2

INSPIRATIONS FROM THE HAITIAN CULTURE

- All nurses baccalaureate prepared
- Remarkable family engagement
- Solace and & strength in spirituality

Oppressive heat without air



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