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News from Friends of the Children of Haiti

Medical residents earn credit with Friends

Despite an education steeped in modern medicine and technology, Scott Hough felt his medical training needed a trip to Haiti.

Hough, 29, graduated from the medical school at the University of Oklahoma and now works as a resident at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. But Friends of the Children of Haiti gave him a chance to learn things he would never see in America.



In November, Hough took his first trip to Haiti as the pioneer participant in Friends' new medical resident rotation program. Through a partnership with OSF St. Francis Medical Center, the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria and the Children's Hospital of Illinois, Friends' clinic in Cyvadier allows residents the chance to earn credits toward completion of training in pediatrics or emergency medicine.

"I just thought the whole pathology of disease there was something I couldn't get elsewhere," says Hough, a California native.

Hough witnessed the ravages of diseases that commonly run unchecked in Haiti – such as softball-size tumors – for the lack of access to medical care. Though Hough almost certainly will never see such medical conditions back home, the experience in Haiti allowed him to better understand the full manifestation of sickness.

"It helps (medical education) to see how a disease can go awry, if it's not treated right away," Hough says.

Plus, he learned a lesson in gratitude.

"The people down there are so appreciative," Hough says. "It's eye-opening as to what we have in the States."

— Dr. Scott Hough and Dr. Rick Miller

Hough has been talking to fellow residents about the program, and many have expressed an interest in working at the clinic in Cyvadier. Hough plans to return to Haiti with the May '05 Friends team.

Dr. Rick Miller, who is an OSF St. Francis Medical Center Emergency Department physician and a faculty member at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria provided the required supervision for Hough's rotation at the Friend's clinic in November. "On day five or six Scott (Hough) came to me and quietly remarked that this was the best rotation that he had ever had," says Miller.

*"I hope to see a
resident
accompany every team
that goes to the clinic."*

Go to: <http://www.fotcoh.org/gallery.html> to view a photograph of Friends' November 2004 Mission Team.



Friends Of The Children Of Haiti provides care for 6,472 patients in 2004

February team ready, May leader named, 20th Anniversary event announced

21 volunteers provided care for 1,755 patients during the November 2004 mission bringing the total number of patients treated at the Friends clinic in 2004 to 6,472.

November Team Leaders Bob Hoy and Shellie Coleman said that “a sicker population of patients is finding their way to our gates” and that “a contributing factor to this is the reputation of the Friends clinic as a provider of excellent care”, Hoy and Coleman said. “Patients came from far away in Haiti to be seen and Shellie and I saw this as a very positive development (since last November) and credit goes to the good work of the missions throughout the year”, said Hoy.

Friends CEO Dick Hammond further detailed the accomplishments of Friend’s work in Haiti in 2004 during his address to the Downtown Rotary Club of Peoria, IL in December saying, “I’m very proud of these numbers and I sincerely thank our volunteers for their dedication to the Haitian people and to our supporters for making our continuing work possible”.

CALENDAR

February 1-15, 2005
MEDICAL MISSION
Cyvadier, Haiti

April 30, 2005
20TH ANNIVERSARY
Contemporary Art Center
Peoria, IL

May 16-27, 2005
MEDICAL MISSION
Cyvadier, Haiti

September 5-16, 2005
MEDICAL MISSION
Cyvadier, Haiti

Just updated:

- February '05 Mission Team Leaders Eric and Sue Behrens report that, “the team is ready and everyone is looking forward to being with the people in Cyvadier soon”. The Feb. team also includes dental personnel who will be treating patients with acute needs during the mission. “We hope to provide some relief for those patients as well”, said Eric Behrens.
- Bob Hoy, PharmD, has been named by the Friends Board of Directors to lead the May 2005 Mission Team. Bob is a veteran of seven trips to the Friends clinic and invites those who are sincerely interested in participating in the May '05 Mission to contact him at: bobhoy@aol.com or 309-663-6539.
- **Friends 20th Anniversary event, save the date !** Please plan to celebrate Friends 20th Anniversary on Saturday April 30, 2005 at the Contemporary Art Center in Peoria, IL. Details will be announced soon, but please save the date now for this important occasion !

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