



Combined Annual Report For 2023 & 2024



OUR MISSION—“To significantly reduce maternal and infant mortality rates in rural Haitian communities”

OUR VISION—“Every mother and every baby, no matter what country they call home, has access to high quality and culturally relevant healthcare—the foundation of healthy, empowered communities”

BY THE NUMBERS: 2023-2024 IMPACT REPORT



58,492 *Total Patient Consultations*

1,110 *Healthy Babies
Delivered To Healthy
Mothers*



12,544 *Prenatal Consultations*

2,775 *Family Planning Visits*



3,864 *Well Baby Checkups*

5,119 *HIV & HPV Tests*



WHO WE ARE

Global Birthing Home Foundation (GBHF) is a 501(c)3 non-profit which funds and provides operational oversight for Maison de Naissance (MN), a midwifery-based maternal and infant health center in rural Torbeck, Haiti.

We empower women to receive the care they need by removing cost, access, and social barriers:

- Our fees are on a sliding scale starting at zero. No one is ever refused service for inability to pay.
- We are located in the heart of a rural region with little to no access to other professional health care services, and we provide emergency transportation as needed, and mobile clinics to villages beyond our immediate zone of service.
- Our facility is designed to resemble a home, not an institution (which might inspire fear), and our midwifery model of care is based on the treatment of patients as family - everyone is welcomed with dignity and respect.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

2023 and 2024 presented mounting challenges for Haiti and Maison de Naissance, as gang control of the Port-au-Prince region intensified and expanded. 99.9% of the news reported about Haiti in the media was bad over this two year period, but there was good news, too.

Our partnerships with Direct Relief, Hope For Haiti, Every Mother Counts and several others, were strengthened by our determination to sustain 24x7 operations, and because they know so many women and infants depend on Maison de Naissance for health care.

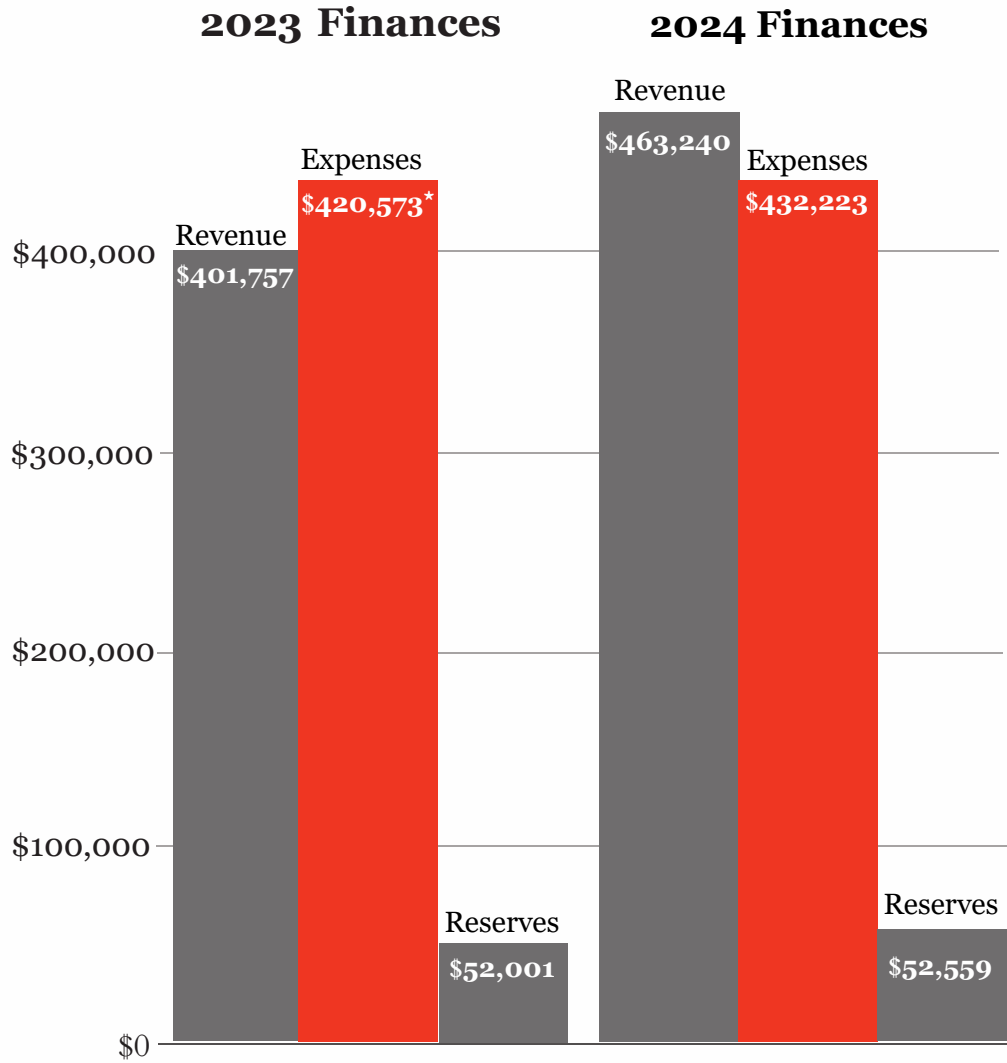
In May of 2023 a new HPV (human papilloma virus, a pre-cursor to cervical cancer) testing and treatment program was introduced, as this cancer is the most deadly for Haitian women. Haiti has no national cancer programs, and none of the thousands of women in our zone of service had ever been tested for HPV. This is one more way Maison de Naissance can save lives while preventing unnecessary suffering.

As ever, the staff at Maison de Naissance are our true heroes, as they continue to serve women and infants in need no matter the circumstances and obstacles they must overcome.

With sincere gratitude to all who have sustained Maison de Naissance with your generous support,

Jim Grant, Executive Director
Global Birthing Home Foundation
Sponsor of Maison de Naissance





*Excess expense covered by 2023 EOY pledged revenue received in January 2024.

ZONE OF SERVICE EXPANSION PROJECT

The NEST pilot program (Network of Extended Screening and Transportation), funded by the Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation, is expanding the geographic reach of Maison de Naissance service provision to remote communities without any prior access to maternal health care services.

Two pilot locations have been established to provide basic maternal health checkups and services, with screening for conditions requiring referral back to the main campus facilities for treatment as needed. The goal is to add two new NEST sites per year, with a total of six remote sites by the end of 2026. With an ultimate goal of 5,000 annual patient visits at each site, Maison de Naissance could increase its patient volume by up to 30,000 patient visits per year once it is fully implemented.

Women and girls who seek care at the remote NEST clinics will be offered the same high-quality, culturally appropriate care which Maison de Naissance has always provided. NEST clinic patients will receive counseling and education in reproductive health and family planning options. Pregnant and laboring women will receive prenatal or delivery referrals, and those requiring laboratory tests or STI treatment will also be referred to Maison de Naissance, with transportation provided as needed. Women with young children (up to the age of 5) will be referred for well-baby care, including vaccinations and nutritional screening.

The NEST program is a an example of how Maison de Naissance is meeting the challenge of providing ongoing maternal health care services to a wider patient community, while many other providers have succumbed to the difficulties of operating in Haiti as the capital city is overrun by gangs and commerce in the outlying regions is virtually non-existent.

This would not be possible without your generous support of our mission!



2025 OUTLOOK

In spite of the difficulties we face in Haiti now, with extreme violence in the capital city, very little commerce between Haiti's southwest region and the rest of the country, and extremely high inflation, we are committed to continuing to provide hope that brings life, and to reach ever more women who have little to no access to professional, comprehensive, and respectful maternal health care services.



While many other small NGOs operating in Haiti are scaling back and often pulling out completely, we are determined to increase our capacity. The state run health care system is near collapse, and the backbone of health care in Haiti right now is a collaborative network of a few hundred US based health care providers, all working to sustain a population with nowhere else to turn. We are fortunate to have a resolute staff, willing to adapt to the situation as it changes, for better or for worse, knowing Maison de Naissance is a lifeline many mothers and their infants depend on for the life-saving care our staff provide. To this end we have worked hard to forge strong alliances with other like-minded organizations and in-kind medical supply providers, while increasing our fundraising efforts by engaging with numerous potential funders inside and outside of the USA.

We are leveraging the power of networks, in particular the Haiti Health Network with over 250 US based NGO members; the Together for Global Health network, sponsored by Helping Children Worldwide; and GoodBirth.net, a global network of midwifery based maternal health providers working to establish and promote global standards for care, while sharing expertise and experience, including funding opportunities.



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 - Reverend Dr. Frantz Casseus, Diocesan liaison and board member, Global Birthing Home Foundation
 - Reverend Frederic Menelas, Maison de Naissance community priest
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- Midwives for Haiti
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- Little Footprints, Big Steps
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