Konbit Sante

CAP-HAITIEN HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

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FALMOUTH—We Walk with Haiti, a month-long virtual fundraiser for the Maine-based nonprofit Konbit Sante Cap-Health Partnership, raised more than $60,000 in June for COVID-19 response and other healthcare relief in North Haiti. The amount exceeded the fundraising goal by more than $10,000.

We Walk with Haiti replaced the annual Maine Walks with Haiti fundraising event, a 5K walk/run held in June in Portland's Back Cove, due to social distancing restrictions necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Supporters were invited to participate by setting up personal fundraisers on Konbit Sante's website and doing something they loved to do, whether it be running, canoeing, hiking, or other activity. People could also donate directly to the campaign without setting up fundraisers.

"We understand how difficult a time this has been for so many in our own community, so we are especially grateful and encouraged that people have been moved to reach out and share with another community in need of support," said Konbit Sante Executive Director Nate Nickerson. "In the midst of a global pandemic, it is important to both physically distance as well as to build bridges of partnership and support."

Money raised from the campaign will aid Konbit Sante's healthcare partners in Greater Cap-Haitien, Haiti, as they respond to the coronavirus crisis while continuing to provide basic health care to their communities. The pandemic has disrupted supply chains in Haiti and contributed to the extreme poverty and lack of resources that makes delivering health care in the country difficult even under normal circumstances.

Konbit Sante has been working since April with its healthcare partners, the Haiti Ministry of Health, and other non-government organizations (NGOs) to educate the population about COVID-19, distribute materials to reduce the rate of transmission, and set up triage areas and response teams at designated facilities to treat COVID-19 patients. It has also facilitated the delivery of healthcare supplies and food to North Haiti.

Konbit Sante Cap-Haitien Health Partnership is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit founded in Maine in 2001. It supports the development of a sustainable health system that meets the needs of Greater Cap-Haitien, the second-largest city in Haiti and a sister city to Portland.