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# HAITI INITIATIVES



**\$ 500**

A gift of \$500 will help greatly toward purchasing needed medical supplies such as bandages, OTC (over-the-counter) medication, and other supplies.



**\$ 2,500**

will purchase medical equipment to assist the volunteer doctors and nurses to best serve the poor of Les Cayes, Haiti



## FORWARD IN HEALTH

Since January 2012, SHGO has partnered with Forward in Health – a nonprofit organization with the mission of “Healthcare for Today, Tomorrow, a Lifetime” for the 10,000+ Haitian people in the rural Les Cayes region.

### Forward in Health provides healthcare to Haiti’s poorest through

- Medical missions and outreach programs
- The construction and development of a permanent health clinic facility
- Local collaboration for referral networking and partnerships
- Service-learning experiences for US-based students and clinicians-in-training
- Business development for sustainability investments
- The promotion of accessible and affordable healthcare in a region that previously did not have any accessible health or medical facilities

SHGO’s partnership with Forward in Health is currently focused on purchasing desperately needed medical supplies and equipment. In planning to deliver healthcare for today, tomorrow, a lifetime, Forward in Health and SHGO are working hard to garner the necessary funds, support, staff, supplies, and resources to ensure those who are most in need receive essential healthcare services – including preventive, primary, pediatric, and maternal care. SHGO also supports the facilitation of collaborative partnerships to minimize competition and overlap, while maximizing resources. With SHGO and Forward in Health, medical care in Les Cayes will no longer be a privilege, but a basic human right.

## CONNECT WITH US

To get involved in SHGO’s partnership with Forward in Health in Haiti, please visit [shgo.org](http://shgo.org) or call **508.755.2340**. To learn more about Forward in Health, visit [forwardinhealth.org](http://forwardinhealth.org)

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## ACT TO IMPACT

**\$100/year**  
supports the training  
needed by a poor woman to  
learn the basics of starting  
her own business and  
supporting her children.

### WOMEN'S BUSINESS EMPOWERMENT SERIES AND START-UP

The Women's Group for the Development and Advancement of Gran Sous (GFDAG) is a grassroots association on La Gonave with over 85 members. The group completed an intensive business development and management training and have launched an entrepreneurial venture with a simple business plan that will change their island community forever. GFDAG purchases basic goods in bulk and resells these items on La Gonave for a profit. The business creates employment, while addressing the needs of orphans and vulnerable children in the community. GFDAG receives support from a business consultant to ensure success. Through teamwork, capacity-building, empowerment, and social entrepreneurship, the women of GFDAG are opening a gateway to access supplies for basic needs — while advancing economic development and uplifting Haiti's rural poor.

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## ROOTS OF DEVELOPMENT

Since 2010, SHGO has teamed with Roots of Development, a nonprofit organization serving the Haitian island of La Gonave. Roots of Development's philosophy hinges on the notion that grassroots development efforts can work to capacitate communities in the assessment and actionable management of their own development.

With an emphasis on empowerment and local sustainability, Roots of Development works to

- Build, empower, and capacitate the local association, GFDAG, of La Gonave
- Develop and implement community water solutions
- Reconstruct homes and community spaces in need due to widespread poverty and the 2010 earthquake
- Support community-wide workshops for entrepreneurship, business development, health outreach, and more
- Catalyze local talent, energy, and training opportunities for the development of indigenous social enterprises such as a women's wholesale business, tool/hardware depot, communications center, and other microbusinesses for local sustainability and economic development
- Facilitate other community development initiatives to increase self-sufficiency

Through SHGO's partnership with Roots of Development, SHGO supports a women's leadership and entrepreneurship intensive program for businesswomen-in-training in Gran Sous. From this workshop emerged a solid business plan for the development of products for retail sale, with profits to sustain the business and uplift local communities and families — plus surplus funds for investment into a social mission to serve orphans and vulnerable youth. As the business begins to grow, Roots of Development and SHGO continue to strategize with the local community about ways this workshop — and others in the future — can increase local capacity and foster an empowerment that propels communities to innovatively manage their own development.

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