



HHART is the acronym that identifies a series of *Haitian Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Trips* inspired, funded and led by Rotarians from Rotary District 7010 (central Canada). The primary mission of HHART teams is to provide much needed medical, dental and other forms of humanitarian assistance to a segment of approximately 12,000 impoverished, disadvantaged persons of Haitian descent that live in the Dominican Republic near Puerto Plata.

The first HHART mission (HHART 1) was conducted in March 2011 by a team representing the Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach. The Rotary Club of Innisfil formed the core of HHART 2, which deployed in March 2012.

In late March 2013, the 41 person strong HHART 3 team representing the Rotary Club of Midland (Ontario, Canada) will embark on a one week international service trip to provide assistance to those same Haitian communities. A second group of 43 persons (the HHART 4 team) representing the Rotary Club of Lindsay (Ontario, Canada) will follow in early April 2013. Both of these HHART teams include a robust medical and dental component, a construction team and a humanitarian goods distribution team.

The medical and dental teams will provide the Haitians with basic medical and dental services. The teams will bring equipment, supplies and medicines with them as none are available in the Haitian settlements. "Physician Travel Packs" and "Dental Travel Packs" that contain supplies and medicine will be purchased with monies received through fundraising events and direct cash donations for HHART.

The construction teams will hire and help the local people complete new concrete block homes for two needy families. If donations permit, a third home will be financed and built. The construction team will also complete numerous small construction projects in various settlements. The distribution team will deliver goats and laying hens, sleeping mattresses, hygiene packs, protein powder food supplements, clothing and footwear. Sports balls, skipping ropes, colouring books and crayons will be given to the children. These distribution items will be acquired through cash and donation-in-kind campaigns.

Please support the HHART series of service missions and associated projects with a cash donation. Proceeds received before March 31, 2013 go directly towards HHART 3 and HHART 4 operations. We are presently collecting money to fund construction of a third new house (\$5000) and to purchase the following: 5 outdoor kitchens (\$500 each), 100 mattresses (\$50 each), 10 goats (\$125 each), 25 laying hens (\$15 each) and protein powder to add to the milk being distributed during feeding programs conducted by HHART personnel. Donations via PayPal are collected by the Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach & Area on behalf of all HHART teams. Make cheques payable to the *Rotary Club of Lindsay* and mail them to HHART Coordinator Steve Wallace at 145 Fernbrook Drive, Wasaga Beach, ON, L9Z 1G9. For those who choose to contribute, thank you very much for your support!

For more information about HHART, visit our website at [www.HHART.info](http://www.HHART.info), follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HHART.info](http://www.facebook.com/HHART.info) and Twitter at @RotaryHHART, or contact HHART Coordinator Rotarian Steve Wallace by phone at (705) 444-4012 or by email at [steve@HHART.info](mailto:steve@HHART.info).

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