

# Blessed

is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.  
It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.

*Jeremiah 17: 7-8*

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## Healthcare Haiti: Partnerships in Northern Haiti Bring Nutrition to Those Who Need it Most



We have been hearing consistent reports of increased rates of malnutrition across the country as well as an increase in severity of cases. These alarming trends have driven our decision to invest time and resources in nutritional support this last quarter. In partnership with the ministry of health director for the North Department we were able to support and participate in the distribution and delivery of:

- **947 cases of Plumpy Nut**, each case containing 150 individually packaged servings of therapeutic food
- **126 cases of Mighty Baby**, a supplement developed to fight malnutrition
- **110 bottles of amoxicillin**
- **4 cases of 24 cans of F75 therapeutic milk**
- **4 cases of vitamin A and folic acid**

Through partnership with [Haiti Health Network](#), [Mission of Hope](#) and [Samaritans International](#) we were able to distribute additional nutritional support to 4 schools in Ranquitte, Haiti. These provisions were able to feed 805 students mid-day meals. This distribution consisted of over 1,300lbs of rice, jugs of cooking oil, canned salmon, and bulgar. Providing meals at school in Haiti is so important. Not only does it increase attendance but a full belly also improves learning. [Click to read the full story](#)



## Medical Equipment Management - Developing our Biomedical Team to Improve Care in Haiti

We are thrilled to share that the U.S. government, through USAID's American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) program, has partnered with The Dalton Foundation and the Haiti Health Network in Northern Haiti to strengthen the healthcare system by increasing access to quality healthcare. Our team will be implementing technological management practices as we work together with 12 carefully selected local healthcare facilities to increase access to quality medical equipment.



To begin this process our biomedical team members in Haiti were trained on American Best Practices related to medical equipment inventory management. This training included not only learning how to use the tools created to complete an inventory but also on the job training as they completed their first medical equipment inventory in the pediatrics department of the Hopital Universitaire Justinien in Cap Haitien. [Click here to read more...](#)

## When Standardization Saves Lives

Standardizing equipment not only enhances patient outcomes by enabling staff to become familiar with the equipment, but it can also boost efficiency, enhance patient safety, and decrease waste and costs. In environments such as Haiti, where repair parts are scarce, standardized equipment allows a broken piece of equipment to serve as a parts donor, potentially repairing multiple other pieces of equipment from the loss of just one. Recently, our oxygen generation capacity building project in collaboration with FHI 360 and USAID encountered this exact scenario. [Click here to read the full story.](#)



Discharge pressure gauge replacement by biomedical apprentice Weederson in Hinche.

## Healthcare Global:

### The Dalton Foundation Launches New Database to Connect Biomedical Expertise with Those Most in Need



Linking those in “need” with those that “have” is at the core of what we do. This is often much easier said than done. This is especially true when it comes to medical equipment and biomedical training. Medical equipment is complex and maintaining it properly over the long term is challenging. The harsh environments of most developing nations confounds the problem even further. In a step to mitigate the problem, the team at [The Dalton Foundation](#) has

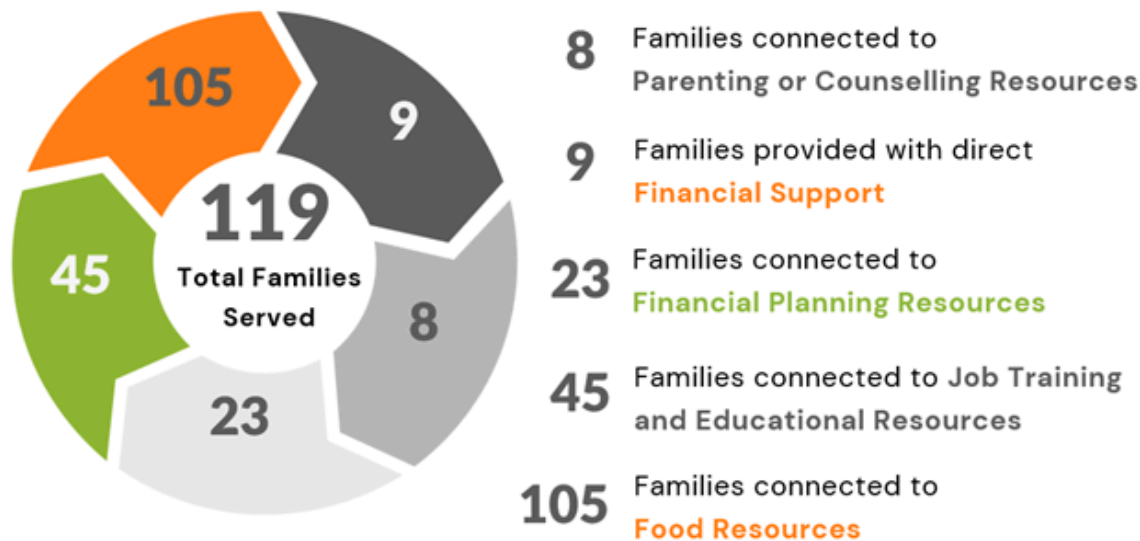
developed a database that will aggregate available human resources and biomedical expertise from North America and Europe to begin matching to mission hospitals throughout the world. Skills tracked and mapped will cover all medical equipment modalities from imaging to surgical along with skill levels and desired levels of engagement. The Dalton Foundation team will begin adding data over the next several months and begin to match the skills with the needs. To learn more about this project or to add biomedical professionals to this database, please reach out to Barbara Campbell at [bcampbell@thedaltonfoundtion.org](mailto:bcampbell@thedaltonfoundtion.org).

## Domestic Projects: Working Together to Keep Families Together



In late 2023, [relink.org](https://relink.org) received a grant from [The Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives \(GOFBCI\)](#) to launch a community-based project in the Clark Fulton Stockyards neighborhoods in West Cleveland to help keep families together. Relink.org partnered with [OneHope NEO](#) to identify qualified families and get them connected to a multitude of community resources to prevent families from losing their homes or causing a breakup between parents. The goal is to foster a strong family environment that helps children thrive and reach their full potential. The project is still ongoing and has proven to be more impactful than we envisioned. In the first 4 months alone, we were able to help and support 119 families.

### PARTNERSHIP - FAMILIES SERVED



Our team has also been aggregating success stories that show how even the smallest of gestures and support can have a lasting impact and provide much needed encouragement. We look forward to this program continuing throughout the year and are so encouraged by all of the lives it touches.

## Success Stories: How We Were Able to Help



### FAMILY SUPPORT & COUNSELLING

A father was trying to find employment as he had recently lost his wife to a drug overdose. Relink team connected him to a fatherhood program that mentored him and walked alongside him to help him find employment as well as I helped him connect with a family counselor.



### EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

One young mother was looking for a computer to use to get her GED. The relink team had received one from a donor that had recently lost his wife and he was looking for somewhere to donate some of her items. He was so excited that her laptop was going to a young mother in need and the recipient cried knowing that not only would the laptop help her finish her GED but was a very heartfelt gift.



### RESOURCES & SUPPORT

A pregnant mom reached out from another state who moved here to be with her boyfriend. He got caught with drugs and had to go to jail. She was distraught knowing she could not pay the rent. Relink.org staff connected her to a foundation that works with young pregnant women and they got her into a program where she could have a support person mentor her who had children as well as where she could live. She even started online college classes while in the program.

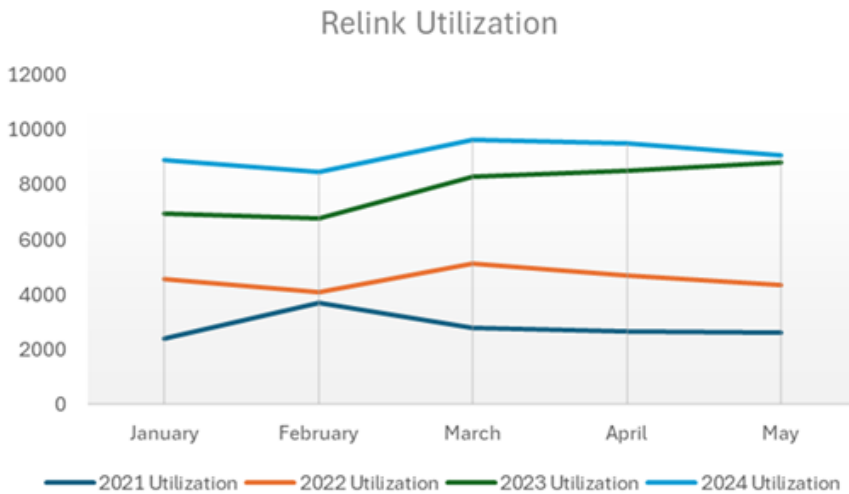


### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Helping survive the cold, winter months, 5 families received temporary financial support for heating bills to span to keep warm and not lose service.

# Engaging Leaders and Creating Awareness - Just relink it!

Relink.org turned 7 years old this month! This is a big milestone, and we look back in awe at how relink.org has grown and progressed from a site that had a few dozen users each week to now thousands using relink.org weekly. The original focus on addiction recovery support remains the backbone of relink.org but the database has rapidly expanded to support individuals coming out of incarceration, people in search of basic needs such as food, clothing, and housing, along with thousands of resources for families as well.



Our team has been working hard in local communities and at the state level to create awareness about the amazing free resource that is relink.org. As the word “google” has become a household name, we hope the name “relink” becomes synonymous with the one stop place to go to help anyone in need in Ohio and beyond. Here’s just a few of the comments we receive every week from people who use relink.org

**Non-profit Case Manager** *“I have spent hours compiling lists of resources and once you showed me relink.org I was so excited to use this going forward. This is truly going to save me time in helping those that I serve and in turn I will be able to help more people.”*

**Employee at a Recovery Center** *“When I started my position at the recovery center, I had no idea how to find resources for clients. I heard about relink.org and now I use it all day every day.”*

**Local Pastor** *“We have people come to the front desk all the time needing help. It is hard because the church has limited financial resources, but I am looking forward to being able to refer them to relink.org. It feels like we can help in a tangible way.”*

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