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Dear <<First Name>> ,

As the new year begins, we wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and hopeful **2026**. It's been a busy and encouraging start to the year at Olive Tree Projects, with many new developments underway. This season of renewal reminds us what's possible when people come together, and we hope we can continue to count on your support to accomplish even more—so mothers, babies, and families in Jacmel can move into 2026 with the care and dignity they deserve.



At the clinic, **2025 brought both challenges and learning**, including continued insecurity that made accessing supplies more difficult and a hurricane that tested our systems. After a drop in births in 2024, we closely examined how a more rigid upfront fee—while nominal and never a requirement for care—may have unintentionally discouraged some women from returning. In 2025, we adjusted this approach at **Kay Akouchman**, and birth numbers rebounded as a result. Removing this barrier means we now depend more heavily on donor support to meet the true cost of care. We closed the year by celebrating our team's hard work together and remain deeply grateful to our donors for sustaining this progress.

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We're pleased to share that **Olive Tree Projects** has joined the **Hope for Haiti** network as a Haiti healthcare partner, giving us access to their **Healthcare Gifts-in-Kind (GIK) Program** when equipment, supplies, and medications are available through their partners and donors. While this support is valuable, providing medications to our patients remains a significant and ongoing cost for Olive Tree Projects. As items become available, this partnership will help strengthen care at **Kay Akouchman**, and we're grateful for the collaboration as we continue serving families in Jacmel.



Birth & Patient Registration Update:

- Babies born in December: **12*** (9 transfers-due to complications)
- New patients: **18**

December marks the beginning of our quieter birth months at the clinic, but we were blessed to close out a strong year with a healthy baby born on December 31st. Both mother and baby were doing well, making it a beautiful and meaningful way to end 2025. As we move through these slower months, our team remains busy—beginning the early rollout of our electronic patient file system and continuing trainings to ensure we're fully prepared for the months ahead.



Our Family Support Program (FSP) currently supports 14 families. In December, the Family Support Program welcomed **Catherine Serano** into a leadership role. With her background in social work and mentorship, Catherine has already launched **Konpetans Pou Lavi**, a new life-skills initiative supporting our oldest participants as they prepare to transition out of care, while also strengthening preparation for other age-appropriate students. As this work grows, continued support will help us deepen and sustain these opportunities. We're grateful for Darline's contributions to the program and wish her well as she moves on to new opportunities.



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