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Dear <<First Name>> ,

As August settles in and summer begins to wind down, our team at Olive Tree Projects has been busy preparing for the months ahead. We've deep cleaned our clinic and grounds, cleared out the bottle depot, and welcomed full groups to our prenatal classes. It's incredible to witness how women continue to show up for their health—especially when the right facilities are in place and financial barriers are removed. Here's a look at what's been happening at our midwifery in July.



End of an Era: Bottle Recycling Program Closes

Launched in 2011, the bottle recycling and Jacmel street-cleaning project provided families in Jacmel with a small but meaningful source of income—while helping to keep the city clean and reduce waste. We're incredibly proud of what this initiative accomplished over the years and the impact it had on both the environment and local livelihoods.

Unfortunately, the program has been unable to operate since late 2021 due to ongoing political and security challenges. With no clear path forward, the decision was made to officially close the program. As of July 5th, the depot has been cleared, and all stored bottles were donated to a local entrepreneur who is giving them a second life through a new business.

The space will now be used to support our clinic operations, and we're also exploring the idea of starting a small community garden. We're grateful to everyone who supported this initiative and welcome suggestions for new income-generating opportunities for families in Jacmel.

Suggest an Idea Today!

While both in Montreal on personal trips this July, founder Sarah Wallace and Executive Director Sarah Taluy took the opportunity to meet in person and reflect on the future of Olive Tree Projects. They also began exploring ways to connect with the city's vibrant Haitian community—opening the door to potential partnerships and new avenues of support for the women and families we serve in Jacmel.

A photo of two women, Sarah Wallace and Sarah Taluy, standing outdoors and smiling. Sarah Wallace is wearing a white tank top and sunglasses, and Sarah Taluy is wearing a red top and sunglasses.

MIDWIFERY CENTER  
UPDATES

"Kay Akouchman"

Two illustrations of women. On the left, a woman with dark skin and curly hair is sitting and looking down. On the right, a woman with dark skin and curly hair is standing and holding a book or folder.



- Birth & Patient Registration Update:
- Babies born in July: **09** +4(outside of clinic)
  - New patients: **23**

Standing Room Only:

Our rooms are filling up fast! This month, we held a packed prenatal education session on sexually transmitted infections (STIs)—with 58 patients crowding in to learn together. Just a few days later, on Friday, July 25th, we welcomed 28 new patients for our monthly orientation, nearly maxing out the space once again. The demand for care and education is clear, and as more women seek out our services, we're quickly outgrowing our space. It's a powerful reminder of how essential accessible, community-based care continues to be in Jacmel.



Family Planning Services:

Family planning is essential in Haiti, where unplanned pregnancies can place a heavy strain on families and sometimes lead to children being surrendered to orphanages or the streets. This month, we were especially happy to see mothers who had given birth at our clinic return for family planning services—taking charge of their health and futures. Thanks to our donors, we're able to offer women in Jacmel the tools to decide when to start or grow their families, helping to keep families strong and together.

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM  
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Two illustrations. On the left, a family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) is shown. On the right, two children are shown playing with blocks.

Our Family Support Program (FSP) currently supports 18 families. On Saturday, July 26th, we held a workshop for six beneficiaries, ranging in age from 10 to 20 years old. The theme of the day was community—what it means to live in one, be part of one, and contribute to it. Through guided discussion and activities, participants reflected on their roles within their neighborhoods and how strong, supportive communities can shape brighter futures.



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