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Multicultural event incorporating dance, music, food, and fashion to benefit Haiti
Saturday April 17, 2010, 6:30-10pm at the Royale, 279 Tremont Street, Boston
For tickets visit www.bifilmfestival.com/biffschedule.html or call 617.482.3900
\$100 for VIP access including buffet / \$50 for General Entry, Main Level



Against the back drop of the Boston International Film Festival, talents from the entertainment industry join forces to benefit Haitian Relief and CRUDEM/Hôpital Sacré Coeur. This hospital has been a beacon of hope to the Haitian people, and has provided uninterrupted service for 23 years thanks to the dedication and selflessness of the founders and volunteers who have given so generously their time, resources and skills. With less than 100 beds and only 2 operating rooms, Hôpital Sacré Coeur has been inundated with the treatment of victims from the massive earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12th, 2010. Hôpital Sacré Coeur's ability to handle the most severe cases found itself the epicenter of treatment. Its' staff, volunteers, blood bank, pharmacy, pediatric wing, on-site lab and mobile clinic have been stretched to incomprehensible limits. Since the devastation, many have made the pilgrimage with their wounded to HSC by whatever means available, in a country where a bicycle is a luxury. That number has increased exponentially with Naval and US Coast Guard arrivals of patients in desperate need of care. A MASH-type of operation was quickly set up using classrooms from an adjacent school as dormitories, soccer fields as runways, and banana groves as a "tent city" housing over 300 cots. At the peak, over 90 volunteers were treating 500+ patients taking 25 to 50 cases per day on 3-4 hours sleep. The recovery and restoration of Haiti and its' people has just begun, there is much to do, and support has never been so urgently needed.

An example of where your donation goes:

- \$100 can buy antibiotics to combat infections
- \$200 can buy food for patients
- \$500 can provide prosthetics for earthquake victims
- \$2,500 can secure urgently needed lab supplies
- \$5,000 can assist with the costs of orthopedic operations

But make no mistake, every dollar helps keep the medical resources available to the people of Haiti, supporting the outreach programs, mobile clinics and the rehabilitation needs of those who survived.

It is our sincere hope that you will join us for a wonderful event for a great cause. For more information about The CRUDEM Foundation and Hôpital Sacré Coeur please visit www.CRUDEM.org.

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