

Sacred Heart Haiti Mission Foundation

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The only thing constant is change, right? That being said, after 40+ years of selfless service and dedication to the people of Haiti, Dale & Joyce Grabarkiewicz are stepping back and handing over the reigns to Lisa Jessen, with Carol Fitzgerald consulting and managing the sorting and packing at the storage units. Both women have been actively involved in the mission for several years and have traveled to Haiti with Dale & Joyce and hope to continue their important work; with Dale & Joyce's blessing and support.

Current priorities include: further development of the Board of Directors, and continuing the collection and shipment of items needed in Haiti. The items needed most are diapers (homemade from 100% cotton t-shirts, with ties instead of Velcro), summer shoes of all sizes (no boots), summer clothes for infants-adult (nothing bigger than an adult size large), religious items (nothing written in English) and hygiene products—soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, lotion, feminine hygiene products. A complete list can be found on the website at: www.holyspiritrochester.org/how-can-i-help-with-the-mission. We will be communicating with the Missionaries of Charity in order to prioritize the list of needs. It may change from time to time so please check the website for the most up-to-date list.

Shipping costs continue to rise despite the industry as a whole reporting record earnings. This may dictate that we send fewer containers each year. We need to be good stewards of the donations we receive so we will continue to monitor the cost and weigh the pros and cons of shipping. That being said, we have ordered a container to be delivered to Rochester for shipment to Haiti. We will communicate the loading date via Facebook, the Holy Spirit website and the Holy Spirit church bulletin.

Carol is overseeing the storage units. If you would like to drop off items, please contact **Carol or Lisa** to schedule a time to meet at the storage units on Hwy 14 west in Rochester (Lock Away Storage). We will collect items April 15 through October 15, as weather permits. We ask that you store items over the winter, if you are able, and contact us in the spring.

It is very helpful if you can sort and box the items before dropping them off at the storage unit. If able to do so, please familiarize yourself with and follow our system. The instruction guidelines are on our website. This helps us with our inventory and shipping. Please make sure each box contains only one type or category of items. Also make sure that boxes are FULL so they don't collapse while stacked in storage or during shipment. If a box is not full, mark 'Not Full' and we will top it off with like items. If you are not able to sort the donation, mark it 'MIXED' and we will sort it. Apple boxes or similar sized boxes are best. Plastic storage totes/bins **with lids** will also be accepted. The packing guidelines can be found on the website: www.holyspiritrochester.org/how-can-i-help-with-the-mission.

Important note: We will not accept any donations on the days we load the container for shipment. This day is only for emptying the storage units. Thank you for your understanding.

New Mailing Address

We have a new mailing address for monetary donations (see above). Holy Spirit Catholic Church has agreed to be the collecting point for monetary donations. Please continue to make checks payable to the **Sacred Heart Haiti Mission Foundation**, but mail them to Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Rochester, MN. All of the funds collected for the Sacred Heart Haiti Mission will ONLY be used by the mission; no funds can nor will be kept for the church.

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What's NEW at The Sacred Heart Haiti Mission?

- **New leadership:**

Lisa Jessen, President (Ljessen@holyspiritrochester.org cell: 507-884-9020)

Carol Fitzgerald, Coordinator of Sorting & Packing (cfitz1217@charter.net cell: 507-271-7203)

- **New mailing address:**

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Attn: Sacred Heart Haiti Mission Fdn.

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- **Updated list of items needed** (see website for a list: Holyspiritrochester.org/how-can-i-help-with-the-mission)

- **New packing instructions**—see website

Website: www.holyspiritrochester.org/sacred-heart-haiti-mission

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SacredHeartHaitiMission

Thank you so much for supporting the Sacred Heart Haiti Mission for so many years! We look forward to your continued support so we can keep the mission alive!

Blessings of peace to you all,

Dale, Joyce and the Sacred Heart Haiti Mission