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HEART TO HEART INTERNATIONAL JOINS WITH UNICEF-HAITI ON PROJECT TO PROMOTE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Pilot project "Kore Fanmi" to provide family support and develop infrastructure

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI/January 10, 2014 — Heart to Heart International (HHI) is excited to announce the beginning of a new, three-year \$2.5-million partnership with UNICEF-Haiti that will connect thousands of families to essential services in Haiti. "Kore Fanmi" translates from Haitian Creole into "Family Support", and is an innovative collaboration between UNICEF-Haiti, the Government of Haiti, and non-governmental organizations like Heart to Heart International.

On Thursday, January 9, 2014 in Port-au-Prince, HHI's Haiti Country Director Christophe Rodrigue, along with HHI's Haiti Director of Programs Josue André and HHI's Haiti Operations Director Joshua Jakobitz, met with UNICEF-Haiti representatives Chrystian Solofo-Dimby, Chief of Social Policy, and Tara Yip-Bannicq, to finalize the agreement for year one of the new three-year partnership.

During 2013, under an initial agreement with UNICEF-Haiti, HHI staff conducted the first two of three phases of the Kore Fanmi project in Haiti's remote Southeast Department: the surveying of local services and businesses; family data collection conducted household-by-household; and the plotting of data onto interactive maps using GPS technology. Phase Two consisted of extensive interviews to learn what services are needed in the region.

In 2014, the first year of Phase Three, trained multi-disciplinary agents, along with social workers and technical advisors, will begin the process of connecting families in need with essential services. Each of the 178 agents will be responsible for working within a village or neighborhood to help each household create a holistic "family plan" and to provide ongoing needs assessments.

UNICEF-Haiti is coordinating two Kore Fanmi pilot projects in Haiti. The project in the Southeast Department, implemented by Heart to Heart International, is the first to successfully enter into the third phase.

For further information and details on Heart to Heart International's work with UNICEF-Haiti on the Kore Fanmi project, please contact Julie Hefner at Julie.hefner@hearttoheart.org

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