



## ABOUT HHART 5

**HHART** is the acronym that identifies a series of *Haitian Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Trips* inspired, funded and led by Rotarians from Rotary District 7010 (central Canada). The primary mission of HHART is to provide much needed medical, dental and other forms of humanitarian assistance to a segment of approximately 12,000 impoverished, disadvantaged persons (primarily of Haitian heritage) that live near Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic. HHART 5 is the fifth mission since HHART began in 2011. The HHART 5 team will deploy to the Dominican Republic from Toronto on Tuesday April 22, 2014 and returns ten days later on Friday May 2.

Operating primarily from a recently constructed and modern wellness centre, the HHART 5 Medical team will provide basic medical services and the Dental team will perform extractions and restorative procedures. “Physician Travel Packs” and “Dental Travel Packs” prepared in Canada will provide these teams the bulk of the supplies and medicine they require. Translators and medical personnel from Haiti and the Dominican Republic will be embedded in the teams to ensure patients receive the best care and treatment possible.

The HHART 5 Construction team will complete numerous small construction projects and trades training in various settlements, but their main focus will be restorative projects in the extremely poor communities of Batey Congrejo, Poncho Mateo and Cariballo.

The HHART 5 Distribution, Education and Training team will deliver sleeping mattresses, and hygiene packs to those most in need in the poorest settlements. Clothing and footwear collected from donors in Canada will be delivered to a ladies clothing co-operative operating in the villages. Sports balls, skipping ropes, colouring books and crayons will be given to the children. This team will also provide health and hygiene education. This team will also deliver livestock and support a small animal spay and neuter clinic being operated during the HHART 5 mission.

Organizers are still looking for a few more service-minded persons to join the HHART 5 team. The cost to participate is only \$1,500. This fee includes return airfare from Toronto to the Dominican Republic, and lodging, meals and transportation while deployed. If you are interested in joining the HHART 5 team or want more information about HHART visit our website at [www.HHART.info](http://www.HHART.info), follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HHART.info](http://www.facebook.com/HHART.info) or contact the HHART Coordinator, Rotarian Steve Wallace, by phone at (705) 444-4012 or by email at [steve@HHART.info](mailto:steve@HHART.info).

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