

## ***Funds Enable Haitian Women to Acquire Sewing Skills***

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The goal of Canadian Friends of OSAPO (CFO -Haiti), is to enable Haitian women to acquire skills that will provide them with a means to work and support their families. The Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise, through its worldwide humanitarian service, has agreed to support CFO-Haiti by donating US\$2000 to enable women to increase their sewing skill development by providing them with additional time at a school focused on this skill development.

CFO-Haiti, a BC society, with members from Vernon and Kelowna, was formed to support the medical clinic in the Rousseau area in Haiti. The clinic started ten years ago by two Haitian doctors, provides medical support for 70.000 people that live in the surrounding hills. In 2017, the clinic provided equipment and space to enable local women to learn how to sew with the idea that when these women acquired a certain level of sewing ability, the clinic would be able to attain a contract to make school uniforms. In doing so, the women would receive a salary and additional funds would be available to support the clinic.



After a trial period of six weeks, the women and the teacher have asked to increase the time at school to four days per week resulting in the need for an additional US\$2000.