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To Whom It May Concern:

After the devastating earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, the North American medical community responded in record numbers to help the people of Haiti. Despite the time since the earthquake, the devastation remains in the streets of Port au Prince and help is desperately needed.

In an effort to help, we have joined forces with a Canadian charity, Team Broken Earth. We are a group of physicians and nurses from Halifax, Nova Scotia that will travel Haiti to continue the relief effort for the week of April 5– 12, 2014. The first Team Halifax trip was in November 2013 and it was a huge success, we plan to make two trips a year for the foreseeable future.

Our team is composed of 20-30 nurses and doctors who work together with Haitian medical staff to provide acute and chronic medical care to patients in a hospital environment. In addition to providing active care, we are actively involved in education for local medical staff, as well as bringing new medical supplies to the disaster stricken area. To date, Team Broken Earth has lead several teams from Newfoundland, Calgary, Vancouver and Halifax.

Team members work at the IWK and the QEII in a variety of subspecialties including pediatrics, orthopaedic surgery, plastic surgery, and intensive care. During each trip we are able to take care of over 400 outpatients, over 100 inpatients and 50 surgical patients.

Such an endeavor comes with considerable financial cost, which is where you can help. We are seeking your financial support to carry out this initiative. Please review our website to see other corporate sponsors and how your donation can make a difference in so many lives.

Donations of any size will be gratefully accepted, along with products and services that we can use as auction items. We are also looking for national corporate sponsors to help all teams across Canada reach their fundraising goals. A charitable tax receipt will be issued accordingly. You can even donate directly on our website www.brokenearth.ca.

We are also an official project of the Dalhousie Global Surgery office, and we can issue tax receipts from Dalhousie if you prefer. (<http://globalsurgeryoffice.medicine.dal.ca>)

Yours truly,

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