Dear Friends,

We are truly inspired by all of the ways in which our committed supporters help us work toward creating sustainable change in Haiti. Your partnership in 2016 enabled us to make more progress towards our goals:

- Over the course of this past fiscal year, our generous supporters enabled us to treat 38,175 children with Medika Mamba produced by our Haitian team! In total, we saved 182,602 children by the end of 2016!

- We continue to feed more school children with our Vita Mamba snack. With substantial grant funding, we have been able to expand the network of schools in our program, ensuring that more children have the energy to learn.

- In partnership with UNICEF Global, MFK has exported our lifesaving Medika Mamba to 12 countries throughout the world. These orders also created the opportunity to run a three-shift production schedule, providing more employment for the 65 Haitians in our factory.

- In collaboration with our agricultural partners, we were able to educate 120 farmers. These training seminars help farmers to grow more and better peanuts, improving their yields and incomes, enabling them to feed their children and put them in school.

There is so much hope and progress in these highlights. Together, we are creating a brighter future for the children and families of Haiti.

Mesi Anpil,

Patricia B. Wolff, MD
Executive Director

Our Mission

Meds & Food for Kids is dedicated to saving the lives of Haiti’s malnourished children and other nutritionally vulnerable people.

We accomplish our mission by developing, producing and distributing highly nutritious foods, including the gold-standard Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF). We make our food products in Haiti, using Haitian workers and, whenever possible, Haitian raw materials. Haitians call our RUTF “Medika Mamba” — or “Peanut Butter Medicine” in Creole.
Our Nutritious Foods:

**Medika Mamba/Plumpy’nut**
Nutritional rehabilitation for cases of severe acute malnutrition

**Mamba Djanm/Plumpy’sup**
Nutritional rehabilitation for cases of moderate malnutrition and supplementation for pregnant and nursing mothers

**Vita Mamba**
Nutritional supplement to aid in the prevention of malnutrition in school-aged children

Our History:

Dr. Patricia B. Wolff has been providing medical care in Haiti to those in need for almost 30 years. But Dr. Wolff kept running into the same issue with the kids she was treating there: they were so chronically malnourished that they kept getting sick. “It was like spitting into the ocean,” she recalls.

Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics at Washington University’s School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO, Dr. Wolff founded Meds & Food for Kids in response to her frustration of watching malnourished Haitian children needlessly die. The old recipe for treating malnutrition required refrigeration, clean water and inpatient therapy for at least a month. And the chance of success was only 25%. The chance of no change was 50% and the chance of death was 25%. After visiting Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) pioneer and Washington University colleague Dr. Mark Manary in Malawi, Dr. Wolff realized that this new treatment was the solution and was inspired to transfer the best-practice therapy of RUTF to Haiti in 2003. This new treatment for malnutrition did not have the handicaps of the then current treatment of powdered milk, sugar and oil with added clean water, and sometimes (actually rarely) available vitamins and minerals.

Armed with a hand grinder for peanuts that she was able to secure with an International Rotary grant, Dr. Wolff and her small team of Haitian helpers made enough Medika Mamba by hand in the back room of a church to treat 10 children per month. The results were miraculous. This new portable, outpatient treatment was 85%-90% successful. A mixture of peanuts, powdered milk, oil, sugar and vitamins and minerals that did not require refrigeration or preparation of any kind and was stable at tropical room temperature for 24 months because it contained no water. Ready-to-use therapeutic food, or RUTF, revolutionized treatment of childhood malnutrition. Consequently, childhood malnutrition has been cut by 43% since the 1990s all over the world.

In 2012, MFK opened a new state-of-the-art factory just outside of Cap-Haïtien, Haiti, with the capacity to produce enough Medika Mamba to treat 80,000 children per year. More recently, MFK has begun the exportation of life-saving Medika Mamba to 12 countries on behalf of UNICEF Global, with plans to continue to expand exportation in 2017 and beyond.

MFK has treated 182,602 children, educated over 2,400 farmers and provided jobs to up to 65 Haitians since 2003. MFK works closely with the Haitian government and other key officials to improve malnutrition and healthcare in Haiti. MFK has been instrumental in educating Haiti’s healthcare providers and the Haitian government about the virtues of RUTF. Thanks in large part to MFK’s efforts, Haiti’s Ministry of Health formally adopted RUTF into its national protocols for the treatment of childhood malnutrition, a prerequisite to offering all of Haiti’s malnourished children the life-saving therapy they need and deserve.
Our Programs and Impact

MALNUTRITION TREATMENT

Sometimes called “miracle peanut butter”, Meds & Food for Kids’ Medika Mamba is considered the “gold standard” for treating malnutrition by the World Health Organization. MFK’s Medika Mamba has an over 85% success rate in treating severe acute malnutrition in just 6 to 8 weeks.

IMPACT

- MFK partners with over 100 local clinics, agencies and international NGOs to deliver our lifesaving treatment.
- MFK saved the lives of 38,175 children this past year.
- MFK provided Mamba Djanm for prenatal supplementation to 8,693 pregnant/lactating women and babies to support good nutrition in the “First 1,000 Days” from conception to age 2.

JOB CREATION & CAPACITY BUILDING

MFK manufactures our nutritious foods in a state-of-the-art factory in Cap-Haitien, Haiti. The factory employs Haitian workers and whenever possible, purchases raw materials from Haitian farmers. We also work to develop the skills of Haitian employees and promote from within to fill supervisor positions.

IMPACT

- MFK currently employs 65 Haitians in various positions.
- MFK also provides technical training in food processing and quality control methods.
- The MFK factory has passed 4 international food safety audits and is the only facility in Haiti to have done so.
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

MFK is working to meet the needs of a vulnerable population both in areas of nutrition and agriculture. We strive to continue making advancements to brighten the future of Haiti.

IMPACT

- Data analysis from our multi-year Vita Mamba studies resulted in two publications in scientific journals.
- 3,302 children received our Vita Mamba school snack this past year, giving them the energy to learn.
- Ongoing research with USAID, University of Georgia and University of Florida has resulted in better understanding of plant diseases, seed varieties and techniques which allow farmers to increase their yields and incomes.

AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

MFK educates farmers in their fields and in workshops. We work with our partners, including USAID, University of Georgia and University of Florida, to bring information and modern methods of cultivation, fertilization and treatment of seeds, which help these smallholder farmers increase their yields, and in turn, their incomes.

IMPACT

- In 2016, we trained over 120 Haitian farmers to grow more and better peanuts, while also providing a consistent market for these crops.
- Modern mechanization has decreased farmers' soil preparation costs by over 75% compared to hand labor.
- Farmers have access to improved peanut seed varieties that have yielded 2-4x the local varieties.

Farmer School  Irrigation Tests  Education Seminars
March: Over 500 MFK supporters gathered in St. Louis, MO to attend the annual Go Nuts for Haiti Gala and Auction which raised $500,000 for MFK programs in Haiti.

April: MFK partnered with the animal agriculture industry to treat malnourished children through the Drive: No Boundaries feeding initiative. (Pictured here: Randy Shanks, Dr. Pat and Mark Miller.)

April: MFK maintenance supervisor, Phito Florestal, visited St. Louis for an educational seminar on servicing the packaging printers at the MFK factory.

May: Dr. Pat (pictured here with MFK Board Member, Eva Frazer, MD and Mike Wolff) was honored by the St. Louis Women of Achievement for her work as a volunteer Executive Director.

May: Construction began on our new peanut depot. This building will serve as raw material storage and a processing center for peanuts that will be used in our nutritious foods.

September: MFK Agronomist, Georgy Faroutine, visited our partners at the University of Georgia for research training and the Georgia Peanut Tour.
Financial Update:

The financial results from October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016, depicted here, are derived from MFK’s audited consolidated financial statements, which contain an unqualified audit opinion by Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson, PC. MFK’s complete, audited financial statements can be viewed online at: www.mkfhaiti.org/governance-financials.

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Only 7.6% of MFK’s total budget goes to overhead expenses.
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MFK Gala & Auction
March 3, 2018
Hyatt Regency at the St. Louis Arch