

Press Release

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ICCBBA ENTERPRISE GRANT RECIPIENT

ICCBBA is pleased to announce Global Healing, a nonprofit organization based in Berkeley, California, USA, as the recipient of the 2017 ICCBBA Enterprise Grant for its proposal to strengthen the quality management system of the blood bank at the Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais (HUM) in Haiti.

"We are very much looking forward to this timely work, as we are in the final stages of assisting the blood bank at HUM to become fully operational, and Haiti is just introducing an information management system into their national blood program. This is a great chance to make a difference," said John Donnelly, President of Global Healing.

HUM serves the entire Central Plateau region of Haiti and provides care to nearly 185,000 people in Mirebalais and two surrounding communities. Planned improvements to the blood bank's quality management system will increase patient safety through improved traceability, allow for more effective hemovigilance, provide more reliable and accurate data collection, and foster ongoing analysis of performance data. Patients will benefit from increased safety of the blood supply and greater integrity of the quality system, both in the blood bank and at bedside.

"Effective quality management systems are very important in ensuring a safe and sufficient blood supply," said Paul Ashford, Executive Director of ICCBBA. "We are happy to provide Global Healing with the support they need to continue a project that will ultimately provide a safer environment for patients and donors alike."

The ICCBBA Enterprise Grant was created to help support initiatives at the national or regional level in resource limited settings that are aimed at developing an underlying organizational infrastructure that is well developed, quality driven, and focused on information management or traceability. Applications are accepted from professional societies or other nonprofit organizations working in the fields of transfusion and/or transplantation.

For more information about the ICCBBA Enterprise Grant, visit www.iccbba.org.

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Global Healing is a Berkeley-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to building a world where all children and mothers with life-threatening conditions are cared for by local, skilled healthcare professionals. Global Healing trains physicians, nurses, and medical laboratory professionals in lower income countries to implement current best practices for improved patient care. Global Healing currently has active programs in Haiti, Honduras, Vietnam, and online throughout Latin America.



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