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# La Gonave Wesleyan Hospital

## 365 Challenge



The 365 Challenge is an attempt to identify friends and partner organizations willing to make a significant and long-term commitment to the effective ministry of the LAG Wesleyan Hospital. To bridge the gap between the need and existing sources of financial support by annual or legacy investment. [www.lagw.org](http://www.lagw.org)

# A Big Step Forward

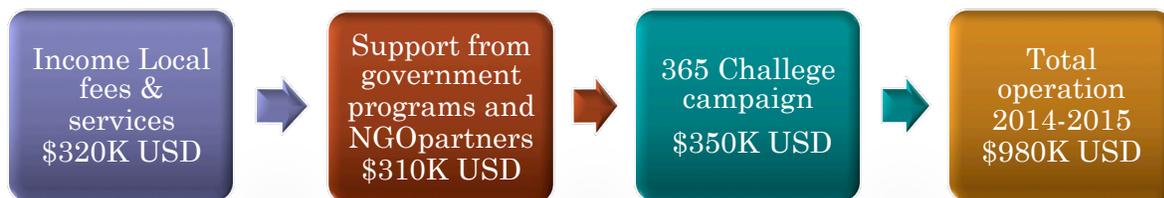
For more than 50 years the Wesleyan Hospital on LaGonave Island, Haiti has been a beacon of hope and healing for an isolated population now in excess of **120,000 people**. Because of the wonderful generosity of friends and partner organizations the hospital is poised to open in a new facility, equipped and prepared to offer an improved level of quality and new diagnostic and treatment services. This step will require additional administrative and medical staff, as well as capacity improvements that will, in the long term, improve the efficiency, reduce overall cost and increase local income.

**Historically** the hospital has generated approximately 80% of its operating budget with the modest fees paid for services at the hospital and the support of government and partner organizations (HIV/AIDS, TB, Cholera programs).

**The new facility** is creating increased opportunities to develop both of these sources of income but the hospital must invest in increased capacity and additional leadership in both the medical and administrative arenas. While sustainability must remain a priority consideration, **the present reality** conditioned by the remoteness and the persistent poverty of the served population, requires a long term funding strategy to supplement the local income sources.

## Local Income

Local Income comes from patient fees, laboratory and diagnostic fees, surgical procedures and sales of medicines and pharmaceutical products.



## Support from Government and Partner Services

- The Hospital participates in special government initiatives HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Cholera, These programs enable the Hospital to better meet immediate local needs, supplement the salaries of medical staff, improve laboratory and diagnostic services and provide better emergency response
- Several partner NGO's donate funds, medical supplies and equipment.
- The Hospital and its patients are also blessed by medical services donated by visiting surgeons and specialists.

## The 365 Challenge will help fund

- The immediate hiring of several medical and administrative personnel
- Across-the-board staff salary increases needed for full government accreditation
- The launch of a retail pharmacy, a badly needed local resource and income producer for the hospital
- A dignified indigent program for the very poor
- Increased partner services for the 6500 Compassion sponsored children on LAG island
- Reopening of the nursing school scheduled for the fall of 2014