



HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH



Domana and Junior are empowered to participate in their own healthcare at an appropriate time in their lives.

Over 10 years ago, two children from Haiti, Junior and Domana, traveled to Atlanta for life-saving heart surgery. After their return to Haiti, Childspring continued to serve them by supplying their critical heart medications. Several dedicated volunteers who visit the area regularly became personally invested in these special patients making ongoing follow-up possible.

Childspring has recently engaged in conversations with one of our partner organizations about an opportunity to establish in-country care for Junior and Domana. Thus, Childspring learned about a clinical program which assists young adults who have mechanical heart valves and require long-term anticoagulation medications; seemingly a perfect fit for these two Childspring patients.

The partner clinic in Haiti trains patients to measure their INR on a

pre-defined schedule and self-report their value to nurses who supervise the program. The clinic absorbs the costs of their ongoing medications, essential support for a vital need of these young men and women. By educating patients and holding them accountable to the program's guidelines, they empower them to participate in their own healthcare at an appropriate time in their lives.

Childspring worked with our partner alliance and the clinic to enroll Junior and Domana in this program. Transitioning their care to the anticoagulation program will allow them to receive treatment in Haiti by medical staff trained to manage patients in developing countries with these specific conditions. Additionally, it will provide Junior and Domana a support network of other young adults challenged with managing the same chronic condition.



Junior