



GROWTH FACTOR: For the first time this past summer, DHMC made 30 garden plots available to employees on land next to the Medical Center. A shared rototiller and soil preparation were supplied thanks to a grant from the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Partnership.

compared to his life in Haiti. He and his sister run a food stand to support his six siblings. His father is quite ill, due to complications related to high blood pressure, and his mother died several years ago.

Abundance: “He was completely awestruck by the abundance of food here,” adds Beach, “and the luxuries we take for granted every day, like a bed to sleep in and flush toilets.”

Six weeks after his surgery, Laguerre returned to Haiti and his family. Beach, Butterly, and the other Dartmouth physicians who helped care for him were so moved by his struggles that they started a fund for his education. Laguerre wants to be an auto mechanic, and Robinson, who is orchestrating follow-up psycholog-

ical and social support for Laguerre and his family, says the plan is to enroll him in a vocational school where he can pursue his dream. But it’s not as simple as just paying his school tuition. Laguerre’s family can’t survive without his support, so PIH is working out a plan to see that some of the money goes to helping his family so he can stay in school. (Information on helping support Laguerre’s education is available from Molly.R.Bode@Dartmouth.edu.)

Poverty: “I’m optimistic that he’ll do better in the long run if he can get into school,” says Beach. “Still, his problem now isn’t his leg at all. It’s surviving in a country where poverty is a real issue on a daily basis.”

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Pictured at the home of Michael Beach, one of the DH physicians who helped bring Laguerre from Haiti to New Hampshire, are, from the left, Owen Robinson of Partners in Health; Laguerre; and Frantz Thelismond, a Haitian who lives in near-by White River Junction, Vt., and who served as Laguerre’s primary translator.

F A C T S & F I G U R E S

X-ceptional impact



1895

Year Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen discovered x-rays, in Germany

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Number of months later that the first clinical x-ray in the U.S. was performed, in Dartmouth’s Reed Hall, by Dr. Gilman Frost, a professor of medicine, and Edwin Frost, a professor of physics

20

Minutes the patient’s broken arm was exposed to the x-rays

1903

Year Hitchcock Hospital acquired its first manufactured x-ray machine

1920

Year a course in x-rays was first taught for Dartmouth medical students—by a member of the Dartmouth College physics faculty

1930

Year the first “roentgenologist” joined the DMS faculty

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Number of radiologists on the faculty in 1973, the year Dr. Peter Spiegel was named to lead the specialty at Dartmouth

38

Number of years Spiegel held that leadership post

45

Number of radiologists at all Dartmouth-Hitchcock sites in June 2011, when Spiegel retired as chair of the Department of Radiology

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