**Haiti Nursing Foundation Photography Guidelines**

Photos are a great tool for capturing moments in time, sharing experiences, and messaging to donors. Haiti Nursing Foundation (HNF) has established the following guidelines to encourage ethical and responsible photography among those traveling with and/or representing HNF in Haiti, the United States, and elsewhere.

1. **Get consent before photographing.** Whenever possible, ask your subject for permission before taking a photo. If a language barrier makes this challenging, use hand gestures and body language to get consent. If you plan to share the photo for personal use or HNF marketing purposes, get permission. We understand that you may be unable to get consent from everyone for a large group photo. If someone in a group shot looks uncomfortable or indicates they do not want to be photographed, do not take a photo.
2. **Treat subjects with respect and dignity.** If willing to be photographed, allow subjects to determine how and in what setting they would like to be photographed. Be aware of power imbalances that may exist between you and your subject. If traveling in Haiti or other developing countries, use the “at home” rule to determine if a photo is appropriate. If you would not take a photo of a hospital patient at home, you probably should not be taking it in Haiti. A subject’s surroundings and the quality of the photo are also important to consider, as these affect how the photo is perceived.
3. **Be wary of “poverty porn”.** HNF believes in showing the strength of Haitians and FSIL. We know that Haiti is an impoverished country and that Haitians often live in circumstances that many people from the United States would consider intolerable.Many organizations that support Haiti and other developing countries use images of poverty to garner support and money. HNF does not ignore this poverty, but is careful not to exploit Haitians and is intentional about sharing positive images/messages of Haiti.
4. **Share photos responsibly.** We live in a world of instant uploads, tweets, likes, and shares. We definitely want you to spread the word about HNF and the great work being done at FSIL, but be cautious in choosing the photos you select. Consider the following: Did the subject give consent? What might an outsider viewing this photo think/feel about Haiti, FSIL, and HNF? Does this photo depict the true story of the subject?

Adapted from the Foundation for Sustainable Development’s Ethical Photography Guide (2017).