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Boston's Haitian Essential Workers Are Proudly Serving Residents During the COVID-19 Crisis!

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The COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic has dramatically affected the lives of all of us. Many people have been laid off or been unable to work due to stay-at-home orders and other restrictions to control the virus. Some people are able to work from home by “telecommuting” but many others need to be on the job in person to do their work. They are at increased personal risk due to their daily contact with many people and they are truly serving our communities during the crisis.

These “essential workers” include first responders like police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians. They also include doctors, nurses, nurses aides, therapists and other health workers. Essential workers also include supermarket staff, bus drivers and others who are keeping essential services available during the coronavirus pandemic.

YoFES would like to give a “shout-out” of recognition for the service of the many Haitian essential workers in the Boston area who have stepped up with courage to continue serving our communities, keeping us safe, providing medical care, making food available at the stores and helping us get around the city.

In this photo are officers of Haitian background from the police departments of Boston, Brockton, Randolph and the MBTA Transit Police. We are grateful for your service and proud of you!



Police officers, left to right: Franck Coulanges, Brockton PD; Marvin Dormainville, MBTA Transit PD; Gregory Nelson, Randolph PD; Greg Joseph, Boston PD; Detective Moise Acloque, Boston PD; Sergeant Eddy Chrispin, Boston PD; Evans Joseph, Brockton PD; Ricardo Alexandre, Boston PD, Claude Defay, Boston PD and Frantz St. Fort.

In this photo is Yves-Martine Dumas, MSN, MPH, Nurse Practitioner, Hematology and Oncology at Boston Medical Center. She is a wonderful example of the “culture of caring” that makes our nurses so loved and valued. Yves-Martine, thank you for your courage and service to the community during this extraordinarily challenging time.



“This pandemic has been overwhelming for everyone. It has delivered an additional blow to our cancer patients already dealing with the dilemma of their treatments and everything that entails. As a medical professional, it is important for me to acknowledge their fears and struggles, educate and guide them for their wellbeing. I believe anything that I can do to ease their anxiety by keeping a calm and positive attitude is ultimately as important as the medical treatments they are receiving. I can attest that in my line of work, kindness has proven to produce miracles, which we can all use right now in this time of crisis.”

- Yves-Martine Dumas, MSN, MPH

In this photo is Ycar Devis, Pre-Med student, GCRU, Research Technician and COVID implementation Team Coordinator at BUMC/BMC. Ycar, we are proud that you are working directly on the COVID crisis and hope you will remain with us in Boston when you get your medical degree!



Our sincere thanks to essential workers for all you do to keep us safe!

