

Trinity E.M.S. Employee Leads Volunteer Mission in Haiti

Trinity E.M.S. employee, Bob Bancroft, was the focus of a Lowell Sun article that highlighted his accomplishments as a volunteer in Haiti.

Bancroft, an EMT and instruction coordinator for Trinity E.M.S. for over 20 years, has been drawn back to the disaster-ravaged country once or twice each year since his initial trip in 2005.

On January 26, 2016, Bancroft handpicked a team to travel with him to Port-au-Prince and the surrounding villages to provide basic medical care. The team, including his son and fellow Trinity E.M.S. EMT Josiah Bancroft and his daughter, Bethany Bickmore, a registered nurse at Lawrence General Hospital, travelled to Haiti for nine days with 15 other local medical professionals.

"My mentor once told me, 'You help Haiti one Haitian at a time,'" Bancroft said. "That is our mission."

The article goes on to detail the many accomplishments of Bancroft's humanitarian mission including one particular story that illustrates the dire necessity for medical assistance in Haiti.

"Bancroft is now forming his own charitable nonprofit organization, Lavi, to continue missions to Haiti and allow more local residents and college students to participate. The name comes from the Haitian Creole word for life, and it's one that means a great deal to Bancroft.

Eight years ago, he encountered a woman who sought help for her gravely sick baby. In Haitian tradition, she had not named the child because she did not expect her to survive. The baby was lethargic and covered in head-to-toe skin infections.

Bancroft's team kept mom and baby nearby, providing several days of treatment. By the third day, the baby was alert, smiling and able to eat.

Overcome with joy at her child's chance at life, the mother asked Bancroft's team to name her baby, he said, his voice wavering. They agreed Lavi was the right fit."

To read the complete article, please visit www.lowellsun.com.



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Trinity provides 911 services to 13 municipalities in the Greater Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire including Lowell, Chelmsford, Dunstable, Haverhill and Groveland, Massachusetts as well as Plaistow, Atkinson, Newton, Hampstead and Sandown, New Hampshire.

Founded by John Chemaly and Gary Sepe in 1991, Trinity E.M.S. has grown to be the largest emergency medical services provider in the region. Trinity currently has over 270 employees and 75 vehicles working out of seven bases throughout the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire.

A horizontal banner with a red-to-orange gradient background. It shows a blurred interior of an ambulance, with a person's hands visible near a control panel. The Trinity logo is faintly visible on the left side of the banner.

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