



Alaska Film Forum

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The Alaska Film Forum proudly announces it's first feature length film, ***Midwives for Haiti: A Documentary***. We are teaming with Alaskan midwife Jennifer Hoadley and will be following her on her journey to Hinche, Haiti to work with Midwives for Haiti to train locals to be skilled birth attendants.

Jennifer Hoadley is a recent graduate of the Frontier Nursing University's School of Midwifery. Prior to graduate school, she spent nine years working in maternal child health as a labor and delivery nurse, pediatric nurse, and NICU nurse. She is currently working as an out-of-hospital birth care provider; helping to give mothers the opportunity to give birth in a private-practice birth center, or in their own home. ***Midwives for Haiti: A Documentary*** will feature Hoadley as it's primary subject, following her story as she embarks on the volunteer journey to Hinche, Haiti. Jenn is doing it because "It's just one of those things that when you read about it and start seeing just how bad it is and you know you have something you can offer to make a small difference... It just sparked something inside me that got the ball rolling on this."

Midwives For Haiti is a non-profit that offers education and training in prenatal care and skilled birth assistance to Haitian nurses, so that they may better serve their fellow Haitian sisters, who too frequently are lost or lose their newborns in childbirth without such care. Each year, we host an 11-month course taught and precepted by Haitian midwives, who are assisted by volunteer midwives from North America and Europe.

The Alaska Film Forum is dedicated to building Alaska's film community and encouraging independent filmmaking through exhibition, education, and production.

An indiegogo funding campaign was launched to fund the project and can be found at indiegogo.com/projects/midwives-for-haiti-a-documentary/ and will be running through December 23rd, 2013.

For more information on Alaska Film Forum or *Midwives for Haiti: A Documentary*, please visit our website at www.alaskafilmforum.org or our Facebook pages [facebook.com/akfilmforum](https://www.facebook.com/akfilmforum) and [facebook.com/MidwivesForHaitiADocumentary](https://www.facebook.com/MidwivesForHaitiADocumentary). Information on Midwives for Haiti can be found on their website midwivesforhaiti.org

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