

Health: Earthquake Victims Get Help in Philly



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Sarah and two other girls from Haiti have come to Shriners Hospital of Philadelphia for prosthetic limbs.

16-year-old Margarettte Pierre is getting fitted for a new arm.

"I am very happy I've got the chance to receive the new arm," said Margarettte. She wants to be able to wash clothes and take a shower. The prosthetics will all be customized to each girl.

"The final product will really be dependent on what their goals and what their needs are," said Mark Holowka, Supervisor of Orthotics and Prosthetics at Shriners Hospital.

Elissa Montanti is making it all happen through her organization Global Medical Relief Fund. She's brought 112 children to the states for treatment from Haiti.

"They're being put back together again, and it's just wonderful. It really is," said Elissa.

Daphaka Laurent, who arrived from Haiti in February has already been outfitted with the beginnings of a prosthetic leg. Sarah gets her first look at what her new life might be like. A high-tech leg to ease the wrath of mother nature with the help of some caring strangers.

"Their lives, their dignity, their youth. Yeah and a sense of wholeness which is very important. And to live a productive life," said Elissa.

PHILADELPHIA (CBS 3) — 8-year-old Sarah Maurice hops on her way to a new life. One of her legs was lost in the Haitian earthquake, when her house collapsed. She was trapped for two days with her dead mothers head crushed onto her leg, that had to be amputated. So young, such heartache, but she's smiling and delightfully charming.



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