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Annual Report

We are pleased to submit this annual report that outlines our 2023 achievements in the areas of early childhood education, school nutrition, sports, and summer youth activities. During this reporting period, we have built a cafeteria and health clinic, provided a quality education to 103 children ages 3 through 7, distributed school supplies to these children, and fed them every day during the school year to combat malnutrition. Fourteen students graduated from our Kindergarten and who are currently in first grade, and we employed 12 staff members at the school and 33 temporary employees for the summer camps.

In addition, we served 880 troubled youths at our 13th Annual Summer Youth Programs, giving them sport equipment and food for the entire summer while they played sports and attended seminars on youth leadership and conflicts resolutions to prevent juvenile delinquency and youth violence. These programs have had enormous impacts on the children's quality of education, poverty eradication, and youth empowerment and reduction of youth violence.

We thank all of our funders listed who have made these projects possible. We couldn't serve these children without them. More photos are listed at the bottom of the report.

Early Childhood Education Program



Three years ago, we built a kindergarten to provide an early childhood education to impoverished children in Roche-Jabouin, a remote fishing village in Haiti where poverty is extreme and where hundreds of children had no access to an education. Before we built this school, children in that village from ages 3 to 7 were not attending schools, because they were too young to walk hours to the nearest school. To manage the school, we have hired 14 paid staff, including a director, four teachers, 4 teacher's aides, two cooks, a helper, a librarian, and a janitor.

Construction of Cafeteria



In addition to the Kindergarten, this year, we built a cafeteria for the children to ensure they were not eating in their classrooms. The cafeteria is able to fully accommodate all the students at once. We still need funding to purchase 30 tables, 120 chairs, and 12 windows for the cafeteria.

School Meal Program



Given the level of misery in the village, last year, we started and continued this year a school meals program to feed 103 children daily and thus reduce malnutrition and enable them to stay focused in class and enhance their learning. These children are extremely poor and suffer from chronic malnutrition, as most parents can't feed their children. Thus, this hot meal program has been extremely important and has made an enormous difference in the children's academic performance, as it enabled them to attend classes daily, which resulted in nearly a perfect attendance record. This school meal program has been a life's

saving measure and poverty alleviation in the village, as these extremely malnourished children were fed daily, and, for most, it was their only hot meal for the day.

Construction of Health Clinic



This year, we have built a health clinic that occupies half of the cafeteria building. The health clinic has two consultation rooms, a pharmacy, a nursing office, one toilet, and a reception area. The village has no health clinic to care for its children. The nearest hospital is 2 hours away. Last year, a child in our school almost died from a foot infection for lack of care. In addition, most of the children in the village have not received their regular vaccinations and adults don't get access to basic care. Our health clinic will address this pressing need, but we have no funding to have the clinic operational.

We are seeking support to hire two school and community nurses, support staff, buy medical supplies and furniture to have the health clinic operational. The nurses will protect and promote student health, foster normal development, and advance academic success. They will work with the children and ensure they are fully vaccinated. When a student is sick or injured during the school day, at least, the nurses will be the first person they'll typically go to see for a health assessment. The nurses will administer medication to students with ongoing health issues, stabilizing students in the case of a serious injury, and implementing care plans for students with emotional or physical disabilities. The nurses will also serve the entire village.

Graduation and First Grade addition



This year, we had 14 students graduated from our Kindergarten. Unfortunately, these children were unable to continue their education because there was no other functioning school to attend. To ensure these students continue their education, we have used our library as a classroom to accommodate these children and ensure

they continue with their education. If we get funding, we would like to build 3 additional classrooms.

Access to Tablets



This year, we purchased 22 tablets to introduce the children to new technology. This was their first experience with a tablet. Our staff reported that it was a memorable experience for these kids who have learned about a brand-new world of technology and electronic equipment. However, we don't have enough tablets for each student, so it was a little bit complicated at first, but they managed to work together as a team.

Our goal is to purchase an additional 100 tablets, so that each student can have access to one. They won't need to share when they are using it. We also plan to have the older children begin using tablets to complete school-related activities, as we believe having access to technology can enhance their education and learning.

13th Annual Summer Youth Program ("Summer Camp")



This year, we conducted our 13th Annual Summer Youth Program (*Summer Camp*) that directly benefited 880 vulnerable children and at-risk youths, ages 10-25 years old. These participants came from 36 cities and towns in the South Department. Our *Summer Camp* is a preventive measure for at-risk youth, helping them turn their lives around and resolve their conflicts peacefully through skills-building activities, mediation, and coaching.

The phenomenon of youth street gangs is spreading in Haiti like a wildfire and many of the gangs are between 14 to 25 years old. These gang activities compromise the life of most citizens, endangering the economic development of the country, rendering many communities inaccessible, and undermining the future of a generation of youth and children. Through our *Summer Camp*, we mobilized, empowered, and connected 880 troubled youths from various communities to prevent juvenile delinquency and youth violence by keeping them meaningfully engaged during the summer months and by promoting resolution of conflicts through dialogue and mutual respect and understanding. Through this program, we enhanced their skills and their motivation to reduce violence.

Specifically, through our *Summer Camp*, we provided these young people with free sport equipment, daily meals, transportation, educational materials, and access to mentors. At the *Camp*, they attended seminars on conflicts resolution, mediation, youth leadership, civic education, protection of the environment, and human rights. They also played soccer, learned arts and crafts, practiced folkloric dances, learned effective communication skills, enhanced their education through reading, worked within a team, participated in community service, and developed their social and leadership skills. We integrated girls and boys from different communities in the same sporting and social activities for them to learn about gender equality and mutual respect for each other.



We are very grateful to our funders who have made these projects possible.

Future Projects

Operate the Health Clinic: We are seeking support to hire school and community nurses and other staff and to purchase medical supplies, furniture, and medicine to operate the health clinic.

Continue School Meals Program: We are seeking support to buy food and continue the school meals program to combat malnutrition and promote learning.

Install Solar-Electricity: The village has no electricity, and the children stop reading with the sun goes down. We are seeking support to purchase solar panels, batteries, inverters, and other equipment and install a solar-powered electricity system in the school and health clinic to preserve food for the school meals program, to keep medicines and vaccines refrigerated, and to introduce technology to the school and have online library for the youths. The electricity will enable us to have computers, printers, tablets, and access to the internet for the school operations. Additionally, the electricity system will also enable the children in the village to read at night.

Installing Playground: The village has no playground or park, and the kids have no place to play. We will install a playground at the school for the kids to play, and that playground will be opened to all the children in the entire village. Physical education is important, and the playground will serve both the kindergarteners and other children in the entire village. Physical education provides cognitive content and instruction designed to develop motor skills, knowledge, and behaviors for physical activity and physical fitness. The playground would enable the children to engage in daily physical activity, which will enable them to be physically active.

Sanitation Project: Over 90% of the families in the village have no access to toilets and are defecating in open fields. We would like to build 100 toilets for the families and to train hygiene educators and through them increasing hygiene awareness of the community. A decade ago, with funding from the Digicel Foundation, Reunion Sportive implemented a sanitation project in the village, building toilets for families who had no access to sanitation facilities and who were defecating on open fields. In October 2016, Hurricane Matthew destroyed the village and the toilets, leaving the entire community without any proper sanitation facilities, which resulted in the families resuming their practice of open field defecation.

Clean Water System: The drinking water supply system in Roche-Jabouin that we installed in 2014 was completely damaged by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. That system had a submersible pump and a water treatment system powered by solar panels. Since the hurricane, the population has consumed their water from the communal-well without treatment. The water is contaminated, while the area is currently being hit by cholera.

Plan to add internet: We plan to get SpaceX’s Startlink satellite internet plan for the school and clinic. We are fortunate that SpaceX offers satellite internet services throughout Haiti’s remote areas and villages, with almost unlimited data. This high-speed internet service offers our school a great opportunity to introduce the children to new technology and online libraries and books.





