



Haiti  
Partners

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Carline enrolled at the Children's Academy in 2012 at 3 years old. Having endured corporal punishment at home, she was shy and fearful. At the Children's Academy, Carline learned each day what it was like to be respected and valued. Meanwhile, her parents participated in Community Change Groups where they learned about child protection and women's rights, and began participating in Village Savings and Loan groups (VSL) to improve their financial situation. With time, her parents abandoned corporal punishment in favor of positive discipline.

Today, Carline is a joyful, communicative, empowered 8-year-old. She's also a leader. On Fridays, she leads a children's group that talks about child protection. She is president of the 3rd grade VSL group. She knows how to express herself and listen to others, grow her own vegetables using permaculture techniques, and make handmade paper.

This holistic approach has earned the Children's Academy the endorsement of Sara Wolf, the Director of InnovEd (A partnership of Quisqueya University and Haiti's Ministry of

Education).

*It is with deep admiration and respect that I look to the Children's Academy as a model school in Haiti... The Children's Academy is exemplary in the following three key ways: (1) fostering meaningful learning through cultural and contextual connections, (2) seeking excellence through continual reflective practices for improvement, and (3) engagement of community members...*

*The Children's Academy has set out to not just improve education in Haiti, but rather to transform how school should even be conceptualized. Our team is grateful to be working alongside them...*

We are grateful beyond words to all who are making this transformative work possible. From the staff, parents and students of the Children's Academy and our six partner schools, from Haiti Partners board and staff team, together, we say THANK YOU!



John Engle  
Director & Co-Founder



**1,270 Students**  
in primary school

SOME OF  
**WHAT YOU  
MADE  
POSSIBLE  
THIS YEAR**



**96,836 Hours volunteered**  
in Haiti, US and elsewhere



**492 People**  
in Community Change Groups

# SCHOOLS PROGRAM

**The Children's Academy and Learning Center** served 216 students in 6 grades from age 3 through 3rd grade.

**Parents provided 88,500 service hours.** Parents handle a variety of key tasks at the Children's Academy including serving as community health agents, working in the handmade paper social business, helping in the classroom as teacher assistants, maintaining the permaculture garden and more.

**492 people engaged in Community Change Groups.** The purpose of Community Change Groups is to strengthen families and protect the vulnerable. The key strategies of these groups are our Village Savings and Loan program, and trainings in gender equality and child protection. We're grateful for our partnership with Beyond Borders for training and support.

**Entrepreneurship initiatives.** Merline Engle is working with parents and youth at the Children's Academy to produce Caribbean Scotch Bonnet peppers at the school and in their gardens. She is helping teach entrepreneurship by creating a variety of hot sauces that generate income for the school and parents. The handmade paper social business has also continued to increase the quality and quantity of its products, with a variety of handmade Haitian cards available online now. Learn more at [haitipartners.org/store](http://haitipartners.org/store).



**Wellness Initiative.** Thanks to a partnership with Haiti Clinic and key volunteers, there is now a wellness program at the Children's Academy. It is staffed by 5 mothers trained as health agents who teach hygiene to students and families and track student health at the school. Haiti Clinic continues to serve over 150 people each week at the clinic they operate out of the school.

**Our 6 Partner Schools educated 1054 students** using student-centered teaching techniques learned at trainings made possible through your partnership. Partner schools also engaged students and parents through Village Savings and Loan and other progressive educational approaches. Unfortunately, our annual Teacher Summit training conducted each year in collaboration with Calvary Church in Holland, Michigan, had to be postponed due to political unrest last July. It will resume in July 2019.

## SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

Last winter we were introduced to a high school junior from Sarasota named Chloe Spingler. As part of a school research project, Chloe developed a "framework for giving," determined that Haiti Partners surpassed her criteria, and made a \$1000 gift from sales from her own handmade jewelry business, Charmed by Chlo ([charmedbychlo.com](http://charmedbychlo.com)). Later, we had the pleasure of meeting her at both our Stories of Gratitude and Educate & Celebrate events.

But Chloe didn't stop there. With support from friends and family, she put on a benefit luncheon, "Education in Bloom." Her goal was to raise \$10,000. In the end, she raised \$13,629!

Already, Chloe is planning a second event for next spring. Thank you, Chloe, for your extraordinary engagement on behalf of students in Haiti. We look forward to staying in touch as you move forward and bring your gifts even farther out into the world!

Haiti Partners is also profoundly grateful to our volunteer

teams in Vero Beach, San Francisco, Denver, Hershey and Austin for hosting Haiti Partners events. If you are interested in hosting a Haiti Partners event in your area, please contact us at [hello@haitipartners.org](mailto:hello@haitipartners.org).



Chloe at the luncheon with her mom, Elizabeth (far left), sister, Riley (2nd from left), and Richard Goldstein





## BOARD UPDATE

We are thrilled to share the addition of three new members to our US Board of Directors: Deanna Slamans, Medjy Pierre-Louis, and Merline Engle. With the other relatively recent additions of Lisa Victor, Margaret Bell, Ben Blair and Houston Kraft, and our veteran members, John Simonton and Jesse Engle, we are feeling great about the diversity of experience and expertise reflected on our Board as we forge ahead, together, toward becoming a stronger, more wide-reaching and effective organization.

**To learn about our whole team - including staff and the HP-Haiti Board, please visit [haitipartners.org/team](http://haitipartners.org/team)**

Left to right: Merline Engle, Lisa Victor, Margaret Bell, John Simonton, Ben Blair, Deanna Slamans, Medjy Pierre-Louis. Not pictured: Houston Kraft and Jesse Engle.

## Looking for gifts from Haiti that support a great cause?

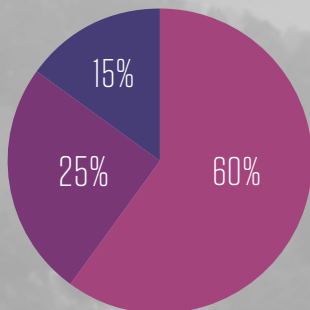


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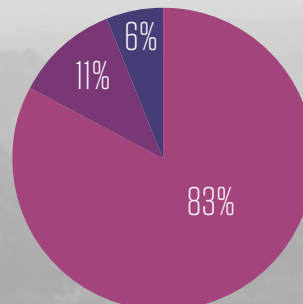


## FINANCIAL REPORT



- Individuals: **\$602,787**
- Foundations: **\$249,470**
- Businesses, Schools & Churches: **\$148,316**

**REVENUE: \$1,000,573**



- Programs: **\$864,944**
- Administration: **\$113,259**
- Fundraising: **\$62,810**

**EXPENSES: \$1,041,013**

Haiti Partners is committed to the highest standards of accountability. Total net assets (school buildings, vehicles, computers, equipment, etc) at fiscal year end were \$1,209,773 including \$178,170 cash on hand. Program expenses include both Schools and Churches Programs. Haiti Partners will support Churches program (Micah Scholars) activities through June 2020. Learn more about the Churches Program at [daintl.org/haiti](http://daintl.org/haiti). In-Kind Services totalled \$80,551 and was comprised of \$55,000 (website design and marketing services), \$7,551 (legal fees), and \$18,000 (architectural design). Numbers reported here are based on a preliminary draft of our 2017-18 reviewed financials and may be subject to change.



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