

Haiti
Partners

ANNUAL REPORT

2018/19



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



**1,273 Students
in school**



**61,760 Hours
volunteered
in Haiti, US and
elsewhere**



**531 People
in Community
Change Groups**

A NOTE FROM **THE INNER CIRCLE**

“If you must go to the school, be ready, take courage. Definitely, don’t go in the truck. Burning barricades have been built by angry people. They’re acting in solidarity with protestors in Port-au-Prince ... to lock down the country. Better to walk so that you can talk with them.”

This was the warning from a local community member to Children’s Academy Coordinator, Alex Myril, as he made his way to school one morning last spring. Political unrest had been building throughout the school year, finally reaching into the countryside where the Children’s Academy is located. Thankfully, after much discussion and multiple open meetings in which community members organized to protect the Children’s Academy and their children’s right to go to school, the protestors desisted and school was allowed to continue. (For the full story visit: haitipartners.org/unrest)

While harrowing, this is a telling example of the change that’s been going on in the Children’s Academy and Learning Center community, where trust, dialogue and collaboration are replacing violence as the way to resolve conflict. The practice of these values is forging a beautiful, strong culture among our leadership teams, teachers, staff, and parents. The result: a caring and joyful student-centered educational experience for over 1250 children at the Children’s Academy and our six partner schools.

Your support is helping us realize our vision of inspiring educators and leaders throughout Haiti and beyond with a school-based community development model that nurtures servant/collaborative leadership and an entrepreneurial spirit, which is truly helping children to discover their potential and sense of purpose.

It is even more critical during these violent and unstable times that we remain committed as ever to this work--work that we’ve devoted our lives to. We draw inspiration from the words of Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

On behalf of our Haiti and US staff and board, and the parents and students at the Children’s Academy and our six partner schools, we say, THANK YOU!

With profound gratitude,

John Engle

Merline Engle

Director & Co-Founder

Children’s Academy Co-Founder

SCHOOLS PROGRAM

197 students received a joyful, student-centered education at the Children's Academy and Learning Center in 6 grades from age 4 through

4th grade. The leadership team and staff is doing an amazing job at creating conditions for students to flourish, which includes developing good character.

57,560 service hours were provided by parents at the Children's Academy doing a variety of key tasks, including: maintaining permaculture gardens, assisting teachers in class, working in the handmade paper social business, tending to school grounds, serving as community health agents, and more.

Community Change Groups grew to 531 people. These groups combine three key elements--training in Gender Equality and Child Protection, and Village Savings and Loan programming--as a means to strengthening families and protecting the vulnerable. Together they provide parents the skills they need to be more loving to their kids and each other, while achieving greater financial independence.

Entrepreneurship initiatives. "Thanks to your purchases of my wooden bowls, I was able to send my children to school last year," Craftsman Pierre Charles told Merline. Purchases of beautiful craft art pieces, handmade paper cards, and delicious *Merline's Hot Sauce*, created jobs, brought hope and helped generate more than \$30,000 in



donations. Supporting production like this nurtures a culture of entrepreneurship among Children's Academy students. Visit haitipartners.org/gift-shop.

1076 students at our 6 Partner Schools received student-centered education thanks to trainings made possible through your partnership. Partner schools also engaged students and parents through Village Savings and Loan and other innovative educational approaches. Unable to hold our annual Teacher Summit training because of the ongoing unrest, we are currently working with the dedicated team of trainers from Calvary Church in Holland, Michigan to create a series of short training videos to keep our Haitian teachers' skills up while we await the next opportunity to hold an in-person training.



work through tapping into the large community of *influencers* who live there. Influencers are entrepreneurs and artists, typically younger, who are shaping contemporary culture through their social media influence. Through activities such as *Family Dinners*, *Healthy Happy Hours*, and wellness programming like *Yoga* and *Breathwork*, Good Work House is attracting influencers to become members. When members join Good Work House, they also support a student in the Class of 2035 at the Children's Academy. We're pleased to share that influencer members are also, not surprisingly, generating corporate sponsors.

The Good Work House initiative represents another effort to build community and add value while we learn and grow together, much like we're doing in Haiti at the Children's Academy and partner schools. Haiti Partners is very grateful to our exceptionally engaged Board members for spearheading such promising initiatives!



We're excited to announce a new initiative developed by Haiti Partners' Board members, Jesse Engle and Houston Kraft called, "Good Work House."

Good Work House ([instagram.com/goodworkhouse](https://www.instagram.com/goodworkhouse)) is a community and learning space located in Venice, California designed to grow support for Haiti Partners'

NEW INITIATIVE
GOOD WORK HOUSE



BOARD UPDATE

A key way to assess the progress of an organization is in its level of engagement of talented people. We're humbled that three longtime friends/supporters joined our board in 2018-19: Christa Brelsford, Linda Crouse and Patrick Collins. To see their impressive credentials, as well as to meet the rest of our Board members, please visit: haitipartners.org/board.

We are exceedingly grateful for John Simonton's inspired leadership as Chair. John stepped down in June 2019 after serving two terms. We will be forever grateful for John's tireless work in helping Haiti Partners to become even more focused and effective.



The Circle Fund

Last year we launched a new fundraising initiative: The Circle Fund. The Circle Fund is a way for major donors to designate their gifts to pay for Haiti Partners' operating budget. This means that 100% of gifts from all other donors can go directly to our educational programs. We're profoundly grateful to this core group of deeply committed, generous donors who give a minimum of \$5,000 as strategic investment in Haiti Partners' capacity.

We're thrilled to announce that in its first year (fiscal year 2018-19) The Circle Fund met our goal and raised over \$182,000! We're also excited to share that we've already received pledges for over 65% of the goal for the current fiscal year!

Would you like to leverage your gift by joining The Circle Fund and help us reach this year's goal? To learn more, please visit haitipartners.org/circle-fund, or email Haiti Partners' Director, John Engle, at john@haitipartners.org.

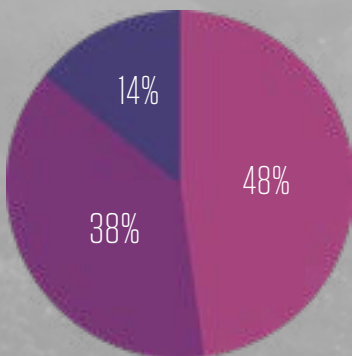


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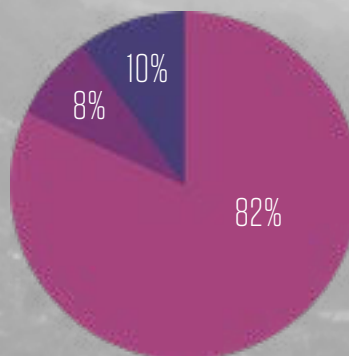
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FINANCIAL REPORT



REVENUE: \$839,734

- Individuals: **\$402,012**
- Foundations: **\$321,670**
- Businesses, Schools & Churches: **\$116,052**



EXPENSES: \$822,305

- Programs: **\$678,096**
- Administration: **\$61,037**
- Fundraising: **\$83,172**

Haiti Partners is committed to the highest standards of accountability. Total net assets (school buildings, vehicles, computers, equipment, etc) at fiscal year end were \$1,523,305. In-Kind Services totalled \$32,025 and was comprised of \$23,540 (rent), and \$8,485 (architectural design). Of the \$83,172 in fundraising expense, \$43,600 represents special events expenses. Special events were held in San Francisco, Hershey, PA and Vero Beach, FL. Numbers reported here are based on a preliminary draft of our 2018-19 audited financials and may be subject to change.



To give or to learn more about our staff and board, our financials, our strategy, and more, please visit our website

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