

Haiti
Partners

ANNUAL REPORT

2021/22



A NOTE FROM OUR CO-DIRECTORS



“As we celebrate ten years since The Children’s Academy opened, it’s my hope that just as my family was blessed to have our children go to a great school practicing Konbit, all families would find the same blessing in the next ten years.”

~ Mr. Inolien, father of two Children’s Academy students

In September 2012 The Children’s Academy’s doors opened and received 25 three-year-old children, who today are in 8th grade. After spending years training educators and leaders in discussion-based education and collaborative leadership and supporting other schools, we decided to build a shared vision with our community. We needed to do it from the ground up. We needed to start with young children and have them grow up witnessing adults—parents, teachers, staff and school leadership—working respectfully together in partnership to *prepare and inspire changemakers*.

While Haiti’s situation is worse than it has been in modern history, we focus on the positive. We celebrate what’s been accomplished. We honor the students, staff, and community members who are investing themselves in working together—in *Konbit*—to create a better future. We celebrate YOU who stand with us. We regularly hear from parents and our Haitian colleagues that *Konbit* is their only hope: working together to move the community forward.

As we reflect on our journey—February 2023 will be 20 years of marriage together and September 2022 marked ten years since The Children’s Academy opened—we give thanks to you, to the amazing Haiti Partners team of staff, board members, and volunteers, and to all who have played a part in this work and in our lives. Together, we’re an international *Konbit*.

With your support and with faith and determination, we’re more committed than ever to continue on the journey of creating a new school model built on healthy partnerships and a culture of dignity. Thank you for supporting our mission: *to help Haitians change Haiti through education*.

With love and gratitude,

Merline and John Engle
Co-Directors, Haiti Partners

WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE THIS YEAR



1,508 students in school



**1,072 people participating
in weekly Community
Change Groups**



**83,564 hours
volunteered in Haiti, the
US, and elsewhere**

SCHOOLS PROGRAM

304 pre-K through 7th grade students benefited from an inspiring, student-centered, changemaker

education at The Children's Academy and Learning Center as the school expanded a year beyond the elementary level. Students, parents, teachers and other community members worked together—in konbit—in 743 productive and sustainable gardens as part of the Home Gardens project. Water catchment systems installed in the homes of 220 families as part of the project the previous year continued to have a major impact on garden yields and quality of life. Afternoon programming served over 100 local youth and other community members with homework assistance, language classes, and sports activities each day.

81,567 service hours were provided by parents at The Children's Academy. Through their service hours parents engage at the school doing a variety of important tasks: working the permaculture gardens, tending school grounds, helping in the hand papermaking/greeting card social business, assisting teachers, serving as community health agents and more. Service hours are a reflection of parent engagement at the school.

Community Change Groups grew to 1072 participants. Community Change Groups provide parents the skills they need to be more loving to their kids and each other while achieving greater financial independence. Their goal is to strengthen families and protect the vulnerable through



Village Savings and Loan programming and ongoing training in Child Protection and Gender Equality.

Technology Education: From 3rd grade on, Children's Academy students work in the on-site computer lab at least two times each week with older students working more frequently. Students learn both the basics for how to operate a computer, but also how to do things like digital art and English, French and Spanish language learning.

1204 students at our six Partner Schools received student-centered education thanks to training and support made possible through your partnership. Partner Schools also engaged students and parents through Village Savings and Loan and other progressive educational approaches. Thanks to special support from a foundation partner, we also responded to extraordinary needs by supporting a meal program and new construction.



Presenting: The Scholarship Fund

A Community of Monthly Donors

September marked The Children's Academy and Learning Center's 10th anniversary. It troubles us deeply that the occasion is accompanied by such extraordinary social and political turmoil. But with over 50 years of combined staff experience, Haiti Partners was founded with a clear understanding that sustainable change doesn't happen overnight. It requires long-term commitment.

With this in mind, we are excited to present, "The Scholarship Fund." The Scholarship Fund is a group of monthly donors who care deeply about Haiti's students, families and communities, and who wish to walk alongside them as they work to improve their country for the long term.

We invite you to join us as a monthly donor. When you do, besides the great feeling of being able to call yourself a Scholarship Partner, you'll also—at any level—get to enjoy benefits like Merline's Caribbean Hot Sauce and our handmade paper Haitian greeting cards. Already a monthly donor? Thank you! Check out the FAQs at the link below to see how The Scholarship Fund applies to you.

Learn more: haitipartners.org/scholarship-fund



Enjoy our delicious hot sauce and beautiful handmade Haitian greeting cards as you support the vision of social businesses growing Haiti Partners' work.

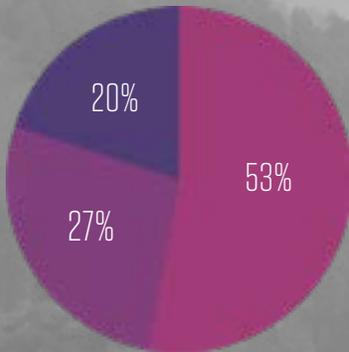


Holiday gifts with purpose!
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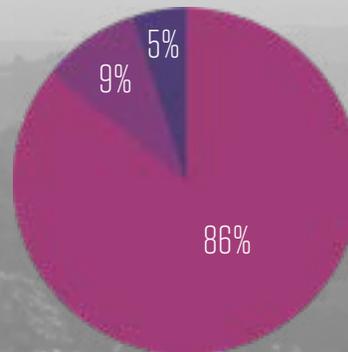


FINANCIAL REPORT



REVENUE: \$787,927

- Individuals: **\$413,939**
- Foundations (incl ERC funds): **\$216,858**
- Businesses, Schools & Churches: **\$157,130**



EXPENSES: \$829,065

- Programs: **\$712,275**
- Administration: **\$76,565**
- Fundraising: **\$40,226**

Haiti Partners is committed to the highest standards of accountability. Total net assets (cash, deposits, school buildings, vehicles, computers, equipment, etc) at fiscal year end were \$1,509,288. In-kind services were \$4,000. Thanks to Circle Fund donors, Admin and Fundraising expenses were covered allowing 100% of gifts from all others to go directly to programs. Numbers reported here are based on a preliminary draft of our 2020-21 audited financials and may be subject to change. Audited financials available upon request.

Haiti Partners' Board of Directors: Lisa Victor (Chair) Houston Kraft (Vice-Chair), Christa Brelsford (Treasurer), Deanna Slamans (Secretary), Frank Alerte, Ben Blair, Patrick Collins, Linda Crouse, Thomas Crowley, Tawana Guillaume, Nancy Magloire, Andrea Rupp, Christina Baxter Vernace and Miranda Ash (Ex-officio).



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