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542

Number of Students
Enrolled in our Schools in
2017-18

103,332

Number of patients served
at Hopital Espoir in 2017

67,900

Number of Labs & XRay's
taken in 2017



ABOVE : Is a picture of nursing students at C-Tech doing their simulation class in the new dormitory building.

FAITH AND SUPPLY

Dear Friends of USFCH/FEH,

Some of you who are new to USFCH/FEH may not have heard the story. For the rest of you, it is a story worth retelling.

In 1981 when Gladys Thomas, President and CEO of FEH, took on the job of managing Haiti Home for Children, she found the children sleeping on bug infested mattresses on the floor. Without regard for how she was going to replace the mattresses, she directed the children to haul the foul things to the courtyard where they were burned. A man from the USA was passing the home and noticed the smoke. He stepped in to see what was going on. Dr. Z. Helmer inquired if he could be helpful in the situation. Without missing a beat, Gladys

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RULE NUMBER ONE

“It’s a God thing”

We thank God for His faithfulness
& His love for FEH/USFCH

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informed him that not only were new mattresses needed, but also bunk beds to get the kids off the floor. "Ask and you shall receive!" (Matthew 7:7) Dr. Helmer did not back away from the bold request; he stepped up and made sure the children had what was needed.

So many times through the years, crisis to crisis and need to need, we have seen the Lord provide through the generosity of human hearts and hands.

Fast forward to the present. Board members for USFCH and visiting guests returned to Haiti the week after Thanksgiving. As always, Gladys was asked what was needed. And, as always, Gladys responded with a daunting list of needs. "Ask and you shall receive." With faith, the Board members put out the word in their communities; and once again the miracle of generosity was witnessed. Board members and friends loaded luggage with books, school supplies, church clothes for teenagers, computer printers, batteries, medicines, door knobs, ink cartridges, refurbished laptops, and more.

It is because of your generosity and that of others who find joy in sharing God's bounty that the work of USFCH/FEH is able to continue and to grow. We thank you for your kindness and faithfulness throughout the year.

We look forward to sharing with you in the next newsletter the good purpose for which your special donation was used. You can be sure, that with others, your donation will provide a much-needed gift for the people of Haiti who turn to the Foundation for care.

Blessings and cheer to you and yours,

Rebecca Hackworth & Karla Albert
Co-presidents, USFCH

Hurricane Update



ABOVE : The pictures are of two out of the eight homes that are finishing construction after a hurricane. The top picture is of the home that was destroyed during the hurricane and the bottom is a picture of what will be their new home.

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A Sponsor's Love

STANLEY JEAN

BY SUE BILODEAU, SPONSOR

ABOVE : Stanley and Sue in the Summer of 2017

By the time Stanley Jean was six years old both of his parents had died. He was severely malnourished, and it is questionable whether he would have survived if he had not been brought to Hope Home, FEH. Two years later when Stanley was eight, my family began sponsoring him. We looked forward to the occasional letter and pictures as he was growing up and marveled at the changes we saw in him.

Last summer when the opportunity presented itself to go to Haiti, I felt the tug on my heart to see Stanley. He is now a sweet, handsome 18 year old and the oldest student at Children's Village of Hope. We were able to spend a lot of time together during the week of my visit. He showed me his room, schoolbooks, and the computer he shares. He led me by the hand to meet each of his housemothers who clearly love him. He filled my phone with pictures of himself, his friends, and the two of us. I videoed some of his soccer moves and appreciated his help with the younger children as we did craft projects. It is an understatement to say that I was unprepared for the emotions I felt when I realized just how God has connected our lives.

“We are blessed to have a relationship with a very special young man.”

- Sue Bilodeau

Stanley loves to sing, play soccer and video games, and is very sociable. He is also very responsible and dependable. He has keys to the elementary classrooms and is responsible for locking and unlocking them as needed. He speaks Creole and French as the other children do. Difficult as it is, he is working to learn some English and Spanish. He sang two songs for me in French and English.

Despite some academic struggles, Stanley's dream is to become an attorney and a strong Haitian leader. I tried to encourage him and emphasized that his education is the key to his dreams coming true. As we communicate via Facebook, he greets me with, “Hi Mother;” and I do the best I can to offer some emotional support and motherly advice.

Stanley knows he has an American mother who prays for him and is excited to see what God's plan is for him. Being a sponsor is for us much more than writing a check. We are blessed to have a relationship with a very special young man. We pray that we can be part of helping Stanley achieve his dreams and goals.

Without hesitation I would like to encourage others to become a sponsor and friend for one of the children in the care of USFCH/FEH. It is a relationship that blesses all involved.

Sponsor a Child

Would you sponsor a child? There are children at Haiti Home who need a sponsor, someone in the big world beyond Haiti Home who is praying and caring for him or her.

In addition to the importance of the personal connection for each child, donations from sponsors are a significant source of income that enables FEH to provide food, shelter, clothing, health care, staff, and education as well as Christmas and birthday gifts for each child.

Some sponsors meet their child when they travel to Haiti on a mission team. Some have never had the opportunity. Either way, each child knows the name of their sponsor, and they pray for them each day. They know they are prayed for and loved by a caring adult. It costs just \$45 per month to make a difference in the life of a child.

Contact Karla Albert at contact@usfch.org for more information about sponsoring a child



ABOVE : Karla Albert, Sponsorship Coordinator, and her sponsored girl.

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Chat and Chew

DINNER FOR A CAUSE
BY MARIO ST. LAURENT

For a second time, Mario and Carmel St. Laurent opened their home to family and friends for the purpose of updating supporters and raising money for the work of FEH/USFCH, all in the form of a great party. The aromas of delicious Haitian food filled the air thanks to Carmel, daughter Charnelle, and friend Melissa. Caribbean music, including Haitian Compas, as well as jazz and hip hop pulsed through the neighborhood thanks to the skill and talent of UNIK, a band that once again offered its service.

Mario, a pediatrician who lives and works in the NYC area is a long-time member of the Board of Directors of USFCH. Mario grew up in Haiti and is passionate about doing whatever he can to improve the lot of those living there. Before the meal he asked God's blessing and gave thanks for the miraculous way God continues to show His power and faithfulness through the work of FEH. The building of C-Tech and the new primary school in Port-au-Prince are evidence of this. Mario also gave a short presentation and was assisted by his sons, Colbert and Cory, in showing photos of the new buildings and grounds.

Mario tells us that September 8, 2018, will be the next Chat & Chew. All who would enjoy a night of Haitian fun are invited to attend.

If you would like to follow Mario's lead to entertain your friends and gather donations for USFCH, we would be happy to send recipes for Haitian dishes, a Power Point presentation, and CD of Haitian/Caribbean music.



ABOVE : The band performing at Mario's Chat and Chew Fundraiser.



Meet the Staff

MUSSOTTE COORDINATOR : ABOVE : Daly working at
BY SUNLEY NORDALYNE : his desk in his office at
CHERY : C-Tech

It takes many minds and hands to accomplish the work of Fondation Pour les Enfants d'Haiti (FEH). We think you might enjoy getting to know a few of the members of the staff who make it all happen. It is also our way of reminding our supporters that we are blessed with many good workers; and in turn, FEH is a blessing to them. Good jobs are hard to come by in Haiti where unemployment is extremely high. Thanks to the funding by our supporters, FEH is able to be a strong employer.

In this newsletter we would like to introduce Sunley Nordalyne Chery, otherwise known as Daly. Daly is 36 years old. He was born in the southern district of Haiti in the town of Paillant, not far from Mussotte. He is the third of four children; and he is happy to tell, that despite a doctor's warning to his mother that his birth would be dangerous for her and her baby, he is thriving, and that she went on to have another child. As he says: But by the grace of the Lord I am alive until now. Sadly, his father died when he was still a student.

Ten years ago Daly married. As years went by and no baby blessed them, he and his wife decided to adopt a baby girl whose mother died in childbirth. Their much-loved daughter, Kestiah Madd-Nordalyne Chery, is called Kessie.

Daly is a man of many talents who catches on quickly and executes any job that is assigned to him. After Hurricane Matthew in the fall of 2016, he helped to identify those families of FEH school children who were left homeless by the storm. In addition, some families needed assistance repairing what was left of their homes, and some needed tools, seed, and livestock so that they could put their lives back together. Daly works with the students at School of the Good Sower in Mussotte as well as at C-tech. It is his job to build a relationship with each student and enter their information into a database. He is a general overseer at both schools and loves opportunities that come along to work with international partners by sharing information with them about the FEH schools.