



# United States Foundation for the Children of Haiti



Supporting the work of Fondation pour les Enfants d’Haiti (FEH)...orphanages, schools, hospital, faith.

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Changing lives!*

## Hurricane Matthew

In early October Hurricane Matthew passed over Haiti. Fortunately, densely-populated Port au Prince did not experience the full force of the storm. However the Mussotte region in the south, where the Foundation has school facilities, was hit very hard. Winds over 145 mph battered the southwestern peninsula. Over 800 people were killed in Haiti. This was the strongest hurricane to make landfall in Haiti since 1964.

Before the Haitian government reached the area, Gladys and her team were on site. They were worried about not only buildings and grounds owned by the Foundation, but also for the children and their families who are now our friends and partners in the area. With a 4x4 vehicle, and often on foot, they moved from home to home bringing word that there would be help coming and taking stock of the damage and needs.

Destruction to the schools involved a roof, windows, fencing, and ceiling tiles. Educational materials and furniture were soaked by the heavy rain. However, these were minor setbacks compared to the devastation of homes, farms, and personal belongings. How does

one move forward when all they have, shelter, food, clothing, and of equal importance, tools, seeds, and livestock are gone? The team found temporary structures being patched together with tarp scraps and branches. Already poor nutrition was made worse, especially for children under five; and cholera was a risk worsened by damage to the pre-existing minimal sanitary facilities.

Foundation staff, including Gladys, immediately mounted a relief effort to bring food and supplies to the Mussotte region. First an outstretched hand, then some food, followed by building materials, seeds and farm equipment as it can be provided. This is going to be a long-term process, but once again the Foundation is stepping up and stepping in at a time of crisis in Haiti. We are grateful to our friends who have helped support the relief and rebuilding efforts.

We and the people of Mussotte bless you and extend sincere appreciation for your generosity.

## Help Balance the Bite

*A very big bite was taken from operating funds when FEH responded immediately and subsequently to the disaster in Mussotte. People needed food and shelter, tools and equipment; and it was a high priority to help. Now we turn to you, our supporters, and ask that as you consider your holiday and year-end giving you will make a special donation to USFCH to be used in Haiti to help meet our year-end expenses.*

*FEH and USFCH thank you for being part of God's work in Haiti!*





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## Inauguration

by Steve Smith  
USFCH Board member

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”*

*Romans 12:2*

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that FEH and USFCH announce the opening of two new schools to serve the youth of Haiti. The first school is the Nouvelle Academie d’Excellence (New Academy of Excellence or NAE) in Port- au- Prince. The second school is Institut Chretien de Formation Technique (Christian Institute for Technical Studies or C-Tech) in the village of Mus-sotte located in the southwestern peninsula of Haiti. Both schools celebrated their openings with inauguration ceremonies in September. Many dignitaries from Haiti, Canada, Germany, and the USA attended the ribbon cutting events to mark the beginning of a new approach to education in Haiti.



FEH and USFCH believe teaching should focus on leadership and ambition. Our approach is to teach students to strive for more and to think and work in terms of goals. Life-time success is built on setting goals, determining a path to reach the desired end, and working to accomplishment. We believe in an education that will inspire real social and economic change across the country. We want to develop a new generation of hard-working, determined, and inspired young people who will challenge Haitian society to invest in a better future for its youth. This is our vision for each child and for the future of Haiti.

New Academy of Excellence, located at FEH’s Children’s Village, was made possible with the generous support of many individuals and two aid groups, Humedica and Cross International. With the new facility, FEH will provide primary education for children living in our homes and also for children from the neighborhood. Importantly, and uniquely

## Employment - Changing Lives

In addition to the impact FEH and USFCH have on the lives of the children living in our homes and those attending our schools, as well as the over 10,000 Haitians who are treated each year at Hope Hospital, there is another way that FEH and USCH make a powerful difference in Haiti.

FEH provides over 150 people with consistent, full-time employment. Some employees are highly skilled professionals while others are working at entry-level jobs. No matter the skill level, the jobs provide stability for those who work for us and for their families. They in turn are able to participate in the economy of their community. This employment is a very significant way that FEH is a positive force in Haiti.

Your donations enable the Foundation to create and sustain these jobs. Thank you!





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## Inauguration continue

in Haiti, NAE will educate children with special education needs alongside all our other students to provide a new social and educational experience for all.

The vision for C-Tech was born from the devastation of the earthquake in 2010. The destruction of many post-secondary schools in Port-au-Prince, and the death of many people in them, brought into focus the need for such institutions outside of the city. Additionally, placement in the countryside permits young adults without access to urban areas to pursue educational opportunities not available before. FEH put together a plan to develop a trade and technical school for the underserved area of Mussothe. Cross International and a generous private donor enabled the site to be prepared and the building to begin. Construction of the first facilities of C-Tech was completed in August, and the first class of 25 students started their studies in September.



The school is starting with classes in life skills, small business, and computer technology. Expansion into trade studies such as carpentry, mechanics, medical technologies, hospitality, and more are coming in the near future. Long-term goals for C-Tech include being able to award university level degrees in engineering and sciences.

“With God, all things are possible.” It is through God’s good grace that FEH and USFCH have made these projects a reality. We are excited about the possibilities that these schools will offer young people, and are grateful for the support we’ve received from across the world. With God’s blessing, these schools will provide a brighter future for the children of Haiti.

## 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](mailto:contact@usfch.org) for more information about sponsoring a child





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## A Better Place

Rachel Worley participated in the 2016 summer camp. Upon returning to her position as a second grade teacher, she introduced her students to how different life is for children in Haiti. They responded with passionate inquiries about how they could help.

Rachel wrote: Together we created a long list of all the different ways we could help the children at the Village. The class narrowed the ideas down to four categories and created committees based on interest. We had a Bake Sale group, a Yard Sale group, a Coin Drive group, and a Clothing Drive group. For thirty minutes every day our classroom was a busy-bee workshop. My students were driven by excitement and the idea that they were able to make a difference in someone's life across the globe. We had piles of clothing, shoes, toys, and yard sale goods filling the classroom for two months.



The Coin Drive group extended our project to the entire school and created a collection competition among the classes. The Bake Sale group baked goodies and sold items before and after school for a whole week, selling out each day.

In the end, the second graders raised over \$1000 and collected carloads of goods. Together the students decided the money would go to buy new uniforms for the Haitian students and for other supplies.

Making the world a better place wasn't just an idea anymore; it was a reality. They learned that they can make a difference.



## Suggested Ways to Help Fundraise for USFCH

### Run a Marathon for a Cause

Are you a runner? For your next marathon, ask people to support you as a runner and the children in Haiti.

### Craft for the Good

If crafting is your gift, sell your hobby items to help impact lives in Haiti.

### Party with a Purpose

Host a party asking that donation be made to the USFCH in lieu of gifts.

### Contact Your Church to Partner with USFCH

Most churches have non-profits they partner with. Let your church missions director know about your passion for the Children of Haiti. We would be happy to give you a list of ways your church can partner with us.

Over the years our donors have found so many creative ways to help make a difference in the lives of Haitians. We encourage you to brainstorm with your friends and family to find a way to use your creativity to raise funds. We need the help of every donor to make sure we are able to continue our work in Haiti. Every penny counts!

If you would like to hold a fundraising event, let us help you! Contact us at [contact@usfch.org](mailto:contact@usfch.org).