



# United States Foundation for the Children of Haiti



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Supporting the work of Foundation for L'Enfants Haiti (FEH)... orphanages, schools, hospital, faith.

## Letter from Gladys Thomas

Dear friends,

Summer is over, and our children begin the school year with happy memories of day camp, the big birthday party, a day at the beach, and time with family for those lucky enough to have relatives. Several children have been reunited with their families, and in their place we have new children bringing the present number to 136 in our care in our three homes.

We at FEH (Fondation Pour les Enfants d'Haiti) have come to focus on education as the key to the future not only for our children but for the community at large. We believe education has the best potential for addressing the perpetual state of poverty and poor economy with which Haiti struggles. When all the neighborhood children are back in school in October we expect to have over 500 children in our three schools.

Most exciting this year is the progress we are making on the construction of the new school at Children's Village. Working as we can within God's timing and His provision of donations, we now have the foundation in place and metal studs up. Funds are running short at present, and we may once

again have to be patient; but we know in time this will be one of the finest schools in Port-au-Prince serving not only our children, including those with special needs, but also many from the neighboring area. We trust God, and we continue to seek more funds to complete the project.

Another aspect of our commitment to education is the launching of a technical school in the small village of Musotte in the southern end of Haiti. The project is still very much on the drawing boards, but we are encouraged that Cross International is partnering with FEH in this endeavor.

Hope Hospital continues to provide inpatient care and many outpatient clinics. Soon the hospital will be blessed with a new pediatric ward donated by friends. We thank God for this gift. While we are in a dry financial season, we trust God to touch the hearts of those who walk with us so that we can continue to ensure the welfare of our children, our staff, and their families.

The children join me in extending our deepest gratitude to our sponsors and friends who keep this work moving forward. As God's happy servant, I stand in awe at what He is doing, and we thank Him for His faithfulness over the past 33 years.

## Prayer Request from Gladys Thomas, Founder of FEH

Wisdom and strength to continue the work of the Foundation.

Our children and their families. The management staff and the home workers caring for the children.

The different construction projects project going on.

For financial breakthrough for the on-going work.

The teams helping us with the care of the children and various ways, direct or indirect.

For myself, my health and my family.

We pray for you as we ask your prayers for us as we work together to better lives in Haiti...one life at a time.

Sincerely,

*Gladys Thomas*



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## New School for the Village

Ground breaking has commenced at the Village, for the new school! We are so happy to see all that God is doing to make all the plans come together the children. The school will run from Kindergarten to Grade 6. Children living at the Rainbow of Love Orphanage will attend the school along with children from the neighborhood, which is under-served with regard to primary education. The school will be wheelchair accessible, allowing higher functioning residents living at Hope Home to attend.



Aerial view of the Children's Village site. Site boundaries are the yellow lines. Blue rectangles are the Rainbow of Love (left) and Hope Home (right). Site of the new school building is the green rectangle. Additional parcel purchased in 2012 is outlined in a dotted yellow line.

The main floor will have 6 classrooms, the office, washrooms, and an outdoor courtyard. The second story will be accessible by way of a ramp as well as stairs, allowing some of the special needs residents at Hope Home to attend classes. The second floor will have 4 classrooms and a multi-purpose room. The two larger classrooms will have dividers to allow the rooms to be split to accommodate smaller classes.

We were able to start construction after receiving a significant donation from Humedica – a European charity that we have worked with at Hope Hospital since the earthquake in 2010. The Humedica funding will cover about 40% of the cost, so we are still actively seeking additional funding.

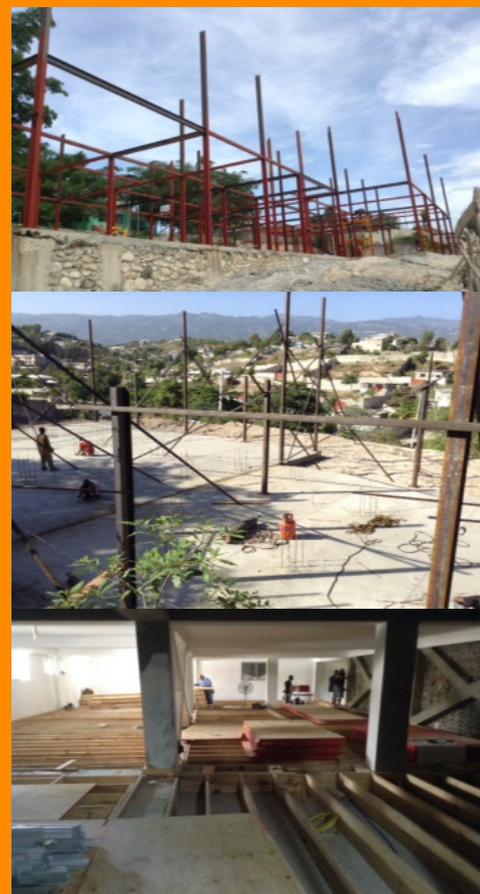
This project is not about a new building – as impressive as it will be. It is about providing children like these with the tools they need to one day provide for themselves and their families, and be part of a generation that will build a brighter future for Haiti.

## Help Us Finish Building the New School

**How you can help!**

*Donate at [www.usfch.org](http://www.usfch.org).  
Spread the word about the need.  
Pray for God to provide the needed funds.*

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## USFCH Summer Camp Mission Trip

Bidwell Presbyterian Church, Chico CA, hosted our fifth annual summer camp and birthday party for 140 children in early July. Fifteen people from California, Massachusetts, and Oklahoma were on the team that brought backpacks stuffed with school supplies, clothes, shoes, candy, and a toy to every child at the big, annual birthday party. Many thanks Bidwell, the team, friends, and sponsors who sent gifts or funds to make it all possible. The camp marks the beginning of summer break, and it is now a tradition that the children really look forward to each year. Child Evangelism did a wonderful job each day with Bible stories, songs, and verses. They are master story tellers, and the kids' enthusiasm was fun to watch. Each camp day was full of games, crafts, sports, and dance. Lots of fun! Lots of joy!

On Saturday we loaded over eighty children (from babies to twelve year olds, along with ten of our severely disabled kids) onto a bus and vans and headed off to the beach. To see the faces on the kids and their house moms as they had the time of their lives frolicking in the shallow waters of the beautiful Caribbean Sea was a memorable and joyful moment for each of us.

We are grateful for all the support we received to make this trip happen. Our hope is that these beautiful children will feel loved and have some special memories of their childhood.

Gladys and her staff at FEH are working to provide the best education and supportive home life possible for these children in what continues to be very difficult and challenging circumstances in Haiti. God bless you all for your prayers and support over the years. We are making a difference one child at a time!

Serving Him together, karla and Mike and the Haiti Team



## Sponsor a Child

Would you consider becoming a sponsor for one or more of our children?

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 \$40 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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## Upcoming trips to Haiti

Christmas Gift Mission Trip  
November 22-29, 2014

Spring Break Vision Trip  
March 13-23, 2015

Summer Camp Mission Trip  
July 10-20, 2015

If you are interested in  
traveling with us, please email  
[contact@usfch.org](mailto:contact@usfch.org) for more  
information about each trip.

## Running for the Hope Home!

The idea to raise money for Hope Home came to Dora Nemere, Director of Hope Home, after a terrifying incident in Port au Prince when she was shot in the leg. As a way to fight through the fear and anger that followed, Dora decided to move her focus to exercise and raising money and awareness for her beloved, special needs children at Hope Home. It is her passion for each of them to have an enriched life, to help each child maximize his or her potential.

Stephanie Minister, a member of the Board of Directors for USFCH, talked with Dora; and the plan was put in place: Stephanie would train in Massachusetts, Dora in Haiti; and together they would find other runners and sponsors. In time, Becca Crawford and Ishmeet Singh joined the team and did their training runs in Florida and California. On July 27th, the team came together in San Francisco, put on the team shirts provided by a friend at Puma SE, and successfully completed the course to the cheers of many including USFCH friends Karla Shelly and Carissa Irving.

In response to the team's effort and commitment to the children in Haiti, donors contributed over **\$12,000**. Thank you donors! Dora has plans to add teaching and therapy staff as well as improvements to the Hope Home facility. More news about implementation of her plans will follow in upcoming newsletters.

The team reports that they are considering a return run in 2015 in San Francisco, or perhaps another city, to carry the momentum and success.. and the fun... forward. If you would like to join the team or be a runner for USFCH in another race, please go to [www.usfch.org](http://www.usfch.org) for more information and to contact us about your interest.

Go team!!



A special thank you to runners  
Becca Crawford, Dora Nemere, Ishmeet Singh, and Stephanie Minister!

## Going Green!

As part of the "going green" campaign, USFCH has now made newsletters accessible via email. If you are interested in helping us with this initiative please visit our website at [www.USFCH.org](http://www.USFCH.org) and send us your email through our contact us page.

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