

Joanne C. Carpenter - After hearing Gladys Thomas speak during the fall of 1992, Joanne was pleased to accept an invitation to visit Haiti with a group of women in 1993, stating, however, "I'm not going to get involved." All these years later, she can say that Haiti, the work of FEH, Gladys, and especially the children in the care of FEH really are captivating and inspiring. It was only a few years later that she joined the Board for USFCH and served as secretary and website manager for the organization until 2014. Her present interest is working to develop programs for English as a second language in the FEH schools. Perhaps this focus comes from her background as a teacher. (Master of Education specializing in Business Education, Boston University) All three of her now-adult children have gone to Haiti with her and found it for them, too, a life-changing experience.