HFHC Training Programs Expanding!

Thanks to Rebuilding Hope 2020 funding and the assistance of partner organizations in Haiti, we have been blessed to expand the training programs for our orphaned children. Haitian young adults face a myriad of challenges including lack of prospective employment, lack of access to continued education, and few productive activities. Many are at high risk for dangers such as gang membership, child trafficking, and teen pregnancy.

To combat these risks, HFHC has partnered with Hunger Relief International (HRI) on a microenterprise program for orphaned youths between 15-18 years old to have the opportunity to become part of a working business. Trained HRI facilitators and working professionals manage the program. Among the many learning opportunities, the participants experience firsthand what it means to create and build a business, interact with customers, manage finances, reinvest earnings, and save profits. The youth engage in projects which benefit their community while preparing them for a future where they can take care of themselves and earn a living.

Cazeau orphaned youth are not just learning valuable skills such as tailoring, sewing, and computer technology, but the older teens are being trained as entrepreneurs. It is exciting to see that HRI assists with microloans for the youth to work together to establish real businesses. This year our teens began a used clothing kiosk as well as a cell phone recharging business. They have established bank accounts and have learned to “re-invest” in their enterprises.

What a blessing to see our youth learn to lead businesses which can later employ others!
In January 2012, I had the privilege of being on the HFHC mission team that saw the opening of the Thomazeau orphanage and was able to meet the children the very first week of their arrival. Seeing the six little boys and six little girls all around two- to three-years-old, most of them orphaned as the direct result of the 2010 earthquake, was such a joy. Knowing that these children had been rescued from a life of unimaginable poverty and deprivation was very gratifying.

At that time, the two dormitories for the children were adequate but very small. There were four bunk beds in each dorm — two beds end-to-end on each side of the room with a narrow walkway in between. I remember thinking, “It is a good thing the kids are little.”

It has been six years since that day, and those children are not so little anymore. In January 2018, I was again blessed to join the mission team when those same children moved into their newly-completed dormitories. The brightly-painted rooms were very spacious and should provide ample area to see them all the way through their teenage years. Then I saw the bathroom and shower facilities. Wow!! They would satisfy even the most discriminating of tastes. While in the United States most of us would consider these “standard living conditions,” these sweet Haitian children consider them to be absolutely luxurious!

This new dormitory is the next step in the long-range expansion plan to enable even more orphans to be cared for. Orphan care continues to be a critical need in Haiti. The call of our Savior is clear: “Whatever you have done for one of the least of these, you have done it unto me.” Would you please open your heart and purse strings and consider this very worthy work in your donation plans?
HFHC Sponsored Child Wins the 2017 Miss Creole Pageant!

Kendaly Phele, a former HFHC-sponsored child, was awarded Miss Creole 2017 this past October in Port-au-Prince.

Contestants were judged on their poise, communication effectiveness, and economic proposals which could lead to future women-led businesses. Kendaly’s winning project featured the manufacturing of hand-made women’s jewelry, handbags, and sandals.

After the 2010 earthquake, Kendaly’s mother, a seamstress, had difficulty finding steady work. She was unable to send Kendaly and her siblings to school without the assistance of HFHC’s Child Education Sponsorship Program. Thanks to her HFHC sponsor, Kendaly graduated from Delmas Christian School in June 2014. She then applied to the University of Port-au-Prince, where Kendaly was awarded a scholarship to study Social Economics. She plans to complete her baccalaureate degree later this year, locate a microloan, and start her small business!

Don’t miss attending a 2018 Rebuilding Hope breakfast event! Spend an hour and a half enjoying great fellowship, a complimentary breakfast, and watching an awesome video of all the progress being made with our Rebuilding Hope efforts. Many thanks to all who attended our first two breakfasts this year which were held in Kerrville and Houston, Texas!

**Future Cities & Dates**

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To attend an upcoming breakfast, please register online at www.HopeForHaitisChildren.org (select “Join Us” option) or call us at (866) 314-9330 ext 302

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**Today’s Child | Tomorrow’s Leader**
Thank You for Making a Difference… One Child at a Time

2,658 Christmas Joy Boxes Delivered!

In December, Hope for Haiti’s Children delivered 2,658 Christmas Joy Boxes to sponsored students and other local children in need. The shoebox-size packages contained a variety of small items for the children to enjoy, as well as a huge bundle of Christmas cheer to remind them they are not forgotten during the holiday season. Their shining eyes, joyful faces, and happy hearts clearly portrayed how grateful they were to be given even a small box of Christmas goodies.

The Joy Box effort may be an ideal project for your church, Sunday School class, or other small group. It’s also a great way to encourage your family and/or friends to “give back” during a season typically focused on receiving. However you choose to help, please join us in bringing a bit of JOY to children who desperately need it. For many of our sponsored children, receiving a hand-delivered Joy Box stands out as the highlight of their year!

The Christmas 2018 Joy Box effort will begin again in July, and we would love for you to participate! If you or someone you know is interested, contact us at joybox@hopeforhaitischILDren.org, or call us at (866) 314-9330.
Hope for Haiti’s Children is honored and excited to announce its **fifth-consecutive 4-star rating** from Charity Navigator, “the nation’s largest and most utilized evaluator of charities.” From a pool of over 9,000 charities that were assessed, only 8% achieved this extraordinary distinction that demonstrates an organization’s strong financial health and ongoing commitment to accountability and transparency. This is Charity Navigator’s highest possible rating and confirms that HFHC “…adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way.”

Additionally, HFHC received **perfect scores** in (1) financial health and (2) accountability/transparency and a remarkable 100% overall score for the second consecutive year. Only 1% of the charitable organizations evaluated by Charity Navigator earned this impeccable score, denoting that Hope for Haiti’s Children exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its area of work.

At Hope for Haiti’s Children, we continually strive for godly excellence in every endeavor and remain committed to ensure that all donations are used in the best way possible to help the most children. We value each of you — our partners — and are eager to keep you updated on how your support is changing lives and “making a difference... one child at a time.”
A gift can be made in memory of a loved one or to honor someone special.

Enclosed is my gift of ____________________

Your Name _______________________________________

Address ____________________________________

City ___________________ State _____ Zip ________

Email _______________________________________________
Annual Child Care Clinic

One of the greatest benefits of sponsorship occurs at the beginning of each year when the children from each of our 10 schools come to our clinic to receive thorough well-child checkups. Here are just a few of the blessings the 1,736 sponsored children received at our 2018 clinic:

- Medical exam with an in-house pharmacy for those needing medication
- One-on-one interview with a U.S. team member and translator
- Gift bag full of hygiene items & school supplies
- French Bible for teens in secondary school
- Meal of rice and beans

Many thanks for all your continued donations, prayers, and support as we seek to bring hope and the healing message of Jesus to the children of Haiti.

Projects to Consider

Each Fall, our HFHC staff visits each of our schools and orphanages and prioritizes needed improvements and repairs. Please prayerfully consider donating to help us sustain/complete these important projects:

1. School Lunch Programs
   Any amount given will help purchase rice, beans, and oil, and help pay for the administration of the school lunch programs.

2. School Benches
   Children sit together on benches which serve as their desks. All 10 schools are in need of new school benches. Each bench is $125 each.

3. Window Shutters
   Shutters for the orphanage staff housing and sewing classroom are needed for protection from the rain. Cost: $2,000

4. School Security Wall
   A security wall for the Hinche Christian Elementary School is needed to protect classroom supplies and assets. Cost: $15,000

5. Fans
   The Delmas School needs seven heavy-duty fans for classrooms that have minimal airflow. Cost: $150 each
Over 1,800 Children Sponsored!

Celebrating changed lives through Christian education! Over 400% growth! From 361 kids in 2006 to 1,806 kids in 2018.

Sponsors, just see the difference you’ve made by investing in the lives of Haitian children.

For only $36 a month, you, too, can sponsor the Christian education of a child in Haiti. Every cent goes for the benefit of the child. Just visit our website or contact Amy Hughes at (866) 314-9330, ext. 5 to make a difference in a child’s life today!

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