Hope for Haiti

Mission Statement

Hope for Haiti is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the Haitian people, particularly children, through education, nutrition, and healthcare.

In the last 10 years alone, Hope for Haiti has provided $40,000,000 in aid to the people of Haiti.

Programs 2008 - 2009

Education: Supporting 37 schools with 500 teachers, educating 12,000 students.

Nutrition: Funding 4 nutrition clinics, helping to save the lives of over 5,000 children annually under the age of 5 who suffer from severe malnutrition.

Healthcare: $15,000,000 worth of medications and medical supplies were distributed to over 60 healthcare centers throughout the South of Haiti.

New Accomplishments

* Emergency Relief: Offering families hope in times of crisis.
* Hope for Haiti Infirmary: Our new healthcare facility and medical staff are providing quality medical care to the poorest of the poor.
* Clean Water: Expanding to provide clean drinking water to more communities in need.
* Cooking School: Empowering women with professional skills to better provide for their families.
* Special Projects: Improving the quality of people's lives through construction and renovation.

Lespwa Fè Viv.
“Hope gives Life.”

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History

It only took one visit for the children of Haiti to capture the heart and soul of JoAnne Kuehner. Wanting to make a difference through focusing on education, she put her trust and support into local individuals who were already striving for success. Joining forces with Dr. Keith Hussey, the focus to make a difference expanded to nutrition and healthcare. Now nearly 20 years later, Hope for Haiti prides the long-term success of its mission on the foundation on which it was built. Hope for Haiti continues to believe in people and therefore partners with those in Haiti who are doing an excellent job and supports them in furthering their work. Rather than reinvent the wheel, we work directly with those who are successfully serving the poor and who will be there for the long term. In this way, we make sure that over 95 cents of every dollar donated is used for programs that can help create a better future for the children of Haiti and their families. Hope for Haiti has held the vision since its inception that the people of Haiti are the ones who take control of their future and we are here to lend a needed hand along this difficult path.

JoAnne Kuehner, Founder and President with a young student.

Byen mal pa lannò.
“Very sick isn’t death…there’s still hope.”

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Programs

**Education**

In a country where 50% of the population is illiterate and unable to attend school, **Hope for Haiti** believes that providing access to a quality education is the keystone for providing a better life for Haiti’s current and future generations.

*Hope for Haiti* supplements teacher salaries for 37 primary and secondary schools, ensuring an education for over 12,000 children each year. *Hope for Haiti* also provides in-kind donations such as school supplies, first-aid care, soccer balls, and playground equipment whenever possible. In keeping with our mission, we ensure that all children attending these schools understand that they are the real *Hope for Haiti*.

**Nutrition**

In Haiti, 1 in 3 children will not make it to his or her 5th birthday due to malnutrition, disease, and lack of access to clean drinking water.

*Hope for Haiti* supports 4 nutrition clinics, thereby literally saving the lives of over 5,000 children annually who are suffering from severe malnutrition. Nurtured through a medical nutrition program, children who are close to death can be brought back to life. Education is once again the foundation for each nutrition clinic, providing critical life saving information to mothers and fathers regarding the health of their children.

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*Piti pitit zwazo fè nich.*

*“Little by little the bird makes a nest.”*
Community Nutrition Initiatives

Reforestation: **Hope for Haiti** supports the success of a 100,000 seedling nursery run by the local community of Aquin. Together, the community is planting fruit trees (including mango, limes, grapefruit, cashew, and banana), in addition to hard wood trees to help with soil conservation and new growth to protect their community from landslides and to plan for the future nutritional needs of their families. (Plant a tree in Haiti for only 50 cents)

Bakery: **Hope for Haiti** is proud to support a bakery started by Fr. Luc Jolicoeur intended to help support his school and orphanage and to provide quality bread at a wholesale price to his community. Today, the bakery works 24 hours a day and produces over 10,000 loaves daily. Fr. Luc gives the bread to his school, orphanage, and staff, and sells the remaining loaves to his local community at a low cost. The bakery has also provided 300 women with jobs who now can buy bread at a wholesale cost in the morning and sell individual loaves on the street during the day. The bakery not only provides families with food, but also with a sustainable source of livelihood.

Healthcare

**Hope for Haiti** works hard to provide healthcare facilities in Haiti with the supplies they need to provide quality care. This year, **Hope for Haiti** tripled distribution of medications and medical supplies, providing over 60 healthcare centers with more than $15,000,000 worth of needed medications, and touching the lives of over 500,000 men, women, and children.

- Shipping costs are one of our largest expenses.

A $500 donation allows us to send $25,000 worth of needed medications and medical supplies directly to Haiti.

**Hope for Haiti** has also created a healthcare network in Les Cayes, Haiti. Organizations, private and public, that work within the healthcare field in Les Cayes and the surrounding areas meet once a month to share information, provide advice, and collaborate with one another. **Hope for Haiti** strongly encourages local and international partnerships between organizations that have similar missions. By working together, we can streamline our resources to better benefit the men, women, and children of Haiti.

**Kat je pa koupe bwa kwochi.**

*“Four eyes don’t cut a tree crookedly…working together gets the job done better.”*
New Accomplishments

Disaster
In the wake of multiple destructive hurricanes, on August 29th 2008 Hope for Haiti developed an immediate emergency relief response to aid the needs of thousands of storm survivors in the Les Cayes region. As an immediate action, Hope for Haiti staff bought local recycled 5-gallon vegetable oil buckets in Les Cayes and filled them with all the survival supplies that were available locally for purchase. Each bucket was assembled for a family (5 people on average) with emergency relief supplies including; personal sanitation kits, candles, matches, water purification tablets, and fortified dry meals generously donated by Kids Against Hunger of Southwest Florida. Hope for Haiti’s goal is to have 1,000 survival buckets always prepared for immediate distribution in a time of crisis. (A donation of $100 will deliver a survival bucket to a family in need.)

Medical
Hope for Haiti has established a small program to respond to emergency medical cases needing financial assistance. For a typical Haitian family, living day to day is a constant challenge, leaving no resources available to respond to emergencies, especially medical emergencies. For nearly 20 years, Hope for Haiti has witnessed families undergo terrible tragedies and lose loved ones, simply because they lacked the appropriate resources to receive proper medical assistance. Far too often, the medical procedure needed to save a life can be less than US$500; but for a Haitian family that amount is impossible to provide. In cases of medical emergencies, Hope for Haiti works with families and individuals to help them receive the immediate medical assistance they need. For medical cases needing specialized services, Hope for Haiti coordinates with physicians and medical facilities, locally and abroad, to find the patient the best care possible.

“Take Action. Don’t just talk about it, do something.”

Ou dwe pise pou pise.

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Hope for Haiti welcomes medical and dental teams on a monthly basis who volunteer their time and services to benefit the Haitian people. Medical teams set up mobile clinics in some of the most rural communities in the south, and use the Hope for Haiti Infirmary as a referral site for continued or follow-up care.

With the combined efforts of our medical volunteers, healthcare partners, and dedicated staff, Hope for Haiti medical teams can see over 800 patients a week, the majority of whom otherwise would have little to no access to medical care. If you are interested in joining one of our next medical mission trips, please contact the Hope for Haiti office to receive more information.

Dr. Steeve Victor, Healthcare Director
Cooking School

Each Saturday, the Hope for Haiti Guest House welcomes women from Les Cayes for culinary lessons, taught by Hope for Haiti’s one and only “Chef Spectaculaire” Carmene Alverbe. Women learn the professional skills needed to work for private employers or local restaurants, as well as learning proper preparation techniques (including clean water, sanitation, and hygiene), recipes, food presentation, and nutrition. Each course lasts 15 weeks and culminates with students receiving a certificate of completion that they can present to their current or future employer. Not only does this program provide women with the professional skills needed for employment or increased salaries, but it also improves the health of their families thanks to the specific attention placed on nutrition and proper food preparation.

Clean Water

Hope for Haiti has the goal of installing 14 water purification systems in partner program locations (orphanages, schools, and clinics) by the end of 2009. This goal will help provide 7,000 gallons of purified drinking water a day and over 2.5 million gallons a year to Haitian men, women, and children, who otherwise would lack clean water to drink. The solar powered Ultra-Violet (UV) water purification systems provide energy independent, chemical free, 99.99% purified drinking water to local communities. Providing access to clean water is one of the most important investments one can make in the overall health and wellbeing of a community.

Anpil ti patat fè chay.
“Many sweet potatoes make a load…many small things amount to much”

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Special Projects

For the past 20 years, Hope for Haiti has chosen one to two projects a year to fund in addition to Hope for Haiti’s on-going programs. These are considered “special projects” and are all one time funding commitments that significantly improve the quality of people’s lives. These special projects provide Hope for Haiti with the flexibility to address the needs of communities that may be outside of our set programs. For 2009, Hope for Haiti is proud to have three special projects including the renovation of a nursing home and the construction of two new school buildings.

Nursing Home Renovations

This project was chosen in 2008 to provide a better quality of life for the elderly men and women living at Foyer St. Jospeh D’Aquin. Staff members had come across this run-down nursing home facility housing 30 abandoned grandmothers and grandfathers, and knew that something needed to be done. Hope for Haiti completed renovations to the facility to make it handicapped accessible, secure, and better protected from the elements. Hope for Haiti also provided all new mattresses, sheets, pillows, and clothing. In addition, Hope for Haiti’s Healthcare Director, Dr. Steeve Victor, now provides the residents of Foyer St. Joseph with needed medical care.

School Construction

Hope for Haiti is happy to be partnering with buildOn again this year in constructing two new school buildings with the rural communities of Tete Source and Ravine Sable. This year Mrs. Helen Marks, dedicated to education, sponsored the school in Ravine Sable. buildOn is an international non-profit organization centered around promoting education and self-reliance. Each school entails a $20,000 financial commitment and will provide a better education to over 300 primary school students. The project is only successful with the dedication and hard work of local community members, who are responsible for bringing all the raw materials; rocks, sand, and water to the building site. By working together, this project not only creates a beautiful school, but also empowers the community to have hope for their children’s future and tremendous pride in themselves.

Se anpil dlo ki lave kay tè.
“It takes a lot of water to wash a mud hut.”
With over 100 partners and project locations throughout the southern regions of Haiti, **Hope for Haiti** continues to improve the quality of life for the Haitian people, particularly children, through education, nutrition, and healthcare. **Hope for Haiti** is dedicated to supporting the most remote communities, often located on mountaintops hours away from even the most basic of dirt roads. For nearly 20 years, **Hope for Haiti** has proven to rural and urban Haitian communities that no matter how difficult the journey, they will not be forgotten.

*Piti piti zwazo fè nich.*

*“Little by little the bird makes a nest.”*
Contribute with Confidence

For nearly 20 years, Hope for Haiti has helped the poorest of the poor through education, nutrition and healthcare. Through our local partnerships we receive in-kind donations of medications and supplies. Our generous donors provide us with the ability to ship them to Haiti. For every $1,000 donated to Hope for Haiti, we deliver $50,000 in medications and medical supplies to our clinics and hospitals.

Our promise to you….  
More than 95 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to benefit the men, women, and children of Haiti.

Hope for Haiti has received the highest possible rating from Charity Navigator which sets the standard for charity accountability.

Sa ki fè pwomes bliye, sa k’ap espere sonje.  
“Those who make promises forget, those who are hoping remember.”

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“We don’t always recognize how hard other people work for what they have.”

Ou wè zwazo ap vole, men ou pa wè traka van ba li.

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**Many Ways to Give**

The majority of Hope for Haiti’s funding comes from individual donations and private foundations. Every donation, small or large, enables us to help Haitian families who need it most. We are so thankful for the generosity of our donors and volunteers and are committed to making your participation as easy as possible.

Please consider giving to **Hope for Haiti** by using one or more of the following methods:

1. Pledge a monthly donation: Help with our budgeting and yours.
2. Give online, by credit/debit card by visiting our donation link on our website, www.hopeforhaiti.com.
3. IRA or 401k rollover: Please consult your tax advisor for more information on your tax benefits of designating a donation to **Hope for Haiti** when you are rolling over an IRA or 401K.
4. Planned gift: Designate a donation to **Hope for Haiti** when you are planning your estate.
5. Combined Federal Campaign: **Hope for Haiti** is eligible to receive donations designated by federal employees through the CFC. Our 2009 CFC code is 40089. Please tell friends and family who give through the CFC!

**Together we can make a real difference!**

With: We can:

- **$2,500** Fund the operations of a nutrition clinic for 1 month, saving the lives of over 400 children under the age of 5 who are suffering from severe malnutrition.
- **$1,000** Provide an education to over 30 children by subsidizing their teacher’s salary for one year and supplying school supplies for their classroom.
- **$500** Send $25,000 worth of life saving medications to healthcare centers providing care to the poorest of the poor.
- **$250** Pay for a CT scan for a hydrocephalic child in need of surgery.
- **$100** Deliver a Survival Bucket to a family in need after a natural disaster.
- **$50** Pay for x-rays for an emergency orthopedic case.

Please contact **Hope for Haiti** for more information about ways you can become more involved.

*Tout chay gen twòkèt li.*

“Every problem has a solution.”