



**NFL Star Marcell Dareus of the Jacksonville Jaguars
Continues Charitable Efforts in Haiti with Return Visit
& Partnership with Hope For Haiti for Second Consecutive Year**

**Two-Time Pro Bowler Set to Attend Dedication & Groundbreaking of the
“Marcell Dareus School Wing” at the Christ-Roi Primary School of Cammy
in Southern Haiti**

**Dedication to Take Place Wednesday, June 20
In Recognition of the Continuing Generosity by The Dareus Foundation
for Haitian Education Funding**

JACKSONVILLE, FL. (June 12, 2018) - Jacksonville Jaguars defensive lineman **Marcell Dareus** is set to return to Haiti for the second consecutive offseason and will once again partner with the highly respected U.S.-based charity, [Hope for Haiti](#). The humanitarian trip will see the groundbreaking and dedication of the “**Marcell Dareus School Wing**” at the Christ-Roi Primary School of Cammy on Wednesday, June 20 in front of school officials and the community.

The two-time Pro Bowler, whose Haitian-born father lived in the country until early adulthood, made his first trip to Haiti last offseason where he met over 800 children and was struck by the emotions he felt upon his first visit.

“I’m overwhelmed with appreciation that Hope for Haiti and the Haitian community are welcoming me back with the dedication and construction of a school wing in my name,” said Dareus. “More importantly, giving back to the Haitian children is so important to me because I see myself in them. Meeting the children last time has stuck with me and motivated me to continue to give back and do as much as I can to help them receive the best education possible.”

Along with the dedication of the one block, three-classroom school wing in his name, Dareus, through his charitable Dareus Foundation, will make another substantial donation to Hope for Haiti, which will serve as an implementing partner for the school construction, teacher training, teacher salary subsidies, mobile clinics and back-to-school support for students.

“We are incredibly honored to have the continued partnership of Marcell Dareus and the Dareus Foundation,” said Hope for Haiti CEO, Skyler Badenoch. “We all share a fundamental belief that this type of support for education is one of the best possible ways to help Haitian children thrive. Mr. Dareus’ continued commitment to Hope for Haiti and to Haiti is inspiring and will make an immediate and lasting impact.”

"This new school building will revolutionize education in the whole community. For the first time the Cammy children will have a nice, standardized and safe place to learn," said Cammy School Director, Augustin Bertrand.

Upon arrival in Haiti on Monday, June 18, Dareus will be welcomed by Haiti’s Prime Minister, Dr. Jack Guy Lafontant, at the Prime Minister’s private residence before a meet and greet reception with other high-level government officials, Hope for Haiti board members and media members.

“I’m thrilled to have the chance to meet with Prime Minister Lafontant and talk about more ways we can continue to lift the island up,” said Dareus. “I know what it’s like to struggle, but to see the Haitian people’s hope and gratitude, even though they have so little, is a real message of courage in life and why it makes me feel so good to continue to give back to them.”

Dareus has had an exceptional offseason training in Jacksonville, garnering praise from Jaguars Head Coach Doug Marrone, who said of Dareus, “He’s done a great job, he really has, but I’ve always seen that in him,” during the team’s organized team activities.

Dareus will return to Haiti following last year’s trip that gave him a chance to explore his family’s roots for the first time while also seeing firsthand where his donation would be put to use. By continuing to work with Hope for Haiti, Dareus is setting up the groundwork for long term charitable endeavors in Haiti.

“This is something I’m extremely passionate about and something I hope will be part of my legacy long after I’m finished playing football,” said Dareus. “My first trip there was an eye-opening experience for me. There are so many selfless people there who are working to make their lives better. It’s amazing what they’re doing and I’m glad to be a part of it.”

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About Hope for Haiti

Hope for Haiti (HFH) is an innovative and creative international development organization that has been working in Haiti for 29 years. The organization partners with private donors to create community-based sustainable change through a grassroots and strategic holistic approach. Our vision for the future is one of strategic growth in creating healthy, sustainable communities. At our core, we are working to improve the lives of the Haitian people, particularly children. Hope for Haiti’s holistic approach focuses on five key areas that foster long-term growth and sustainability, including: Education, Healthcare, Water, Infrastructure, and Economy.

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