You Saved a Life!

MORTEL HIGH HOPES FOR HAITI FOUNDATION SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER



FEEDING & EDUCATING, DESPITE COVID

Because of your generosity, even during this past year of unexpected circumstances and challenges, our schools were open-feeding and educating 892 students every day.

That's what YOU did this year.

Haiti continues to suffer from political instability following the assassination of the President in July. That tragedy occurred in the context of already rampant inflation, violence, and increased levels of malnutrition, **but in Saint Marc, YOU changed the narrative and fed the needy. Thank you for saving a life!**



A Note from Dr. Mortel...

Haiti is a country that is spared no challenges-- from poverty and corruption, to inflation and natural disasters. You may still wonder, what can possibly change Haiti, but I can confidently tell you that the answer to that question is YOU.

Education is not a quick-fix solution and doesn't offer instant gratification but it is THE only effective means to change the course of Haiti.

Thank you for investing in education and in the future. These children will learn compassion, citizenship, teamwork and the academics they need to make ripples that will be felt throughout their family, town, and country.

Thank you for joining us on the long road to change that Haiti so desperately needs!.

LIFE-CHANGING

The story of one preschool student

Mrs. Pierre-Louis, the principal of the Preschool recently visited the home of rising-kindergartener Bergeline. After crossing a river by foot, Mrs. Pierre-Louis found the mother who expressed how much difficulty they have had this year in finding enough food for their family.

"Bergeline was cared for and fed daily at the preschool and this was such a gift for our family and community. If not for this school, Bergeline would have stayed home and hungry," the mother stated.

Despite challenges worldwide this year, and especially in Haiti, your sponsorship provided critical assistance to combat hunger and malnutrition.

Your support provided life-changing hope to Bergeline and many others, one meal at a time.



"EDUCATION IS THE PASSPORT OUT OF POVERTY."

Dr. Rodrigue Mortel, July 14, 2021

FROM FARM...TO TABLE

New Agriculture program in Haiti!

Worldwide, the statistics of child malnutrition and food scarcity grow more and more bleak.

Thanks to the new agriculture program on the land behind James Stine College, we're investing in more sustainable food production for the schools and the community.





Nancy (pictured above), the feeding program manager at LBS, explained that this year, the cost of food was so much higher than in past years, but the farm really helped to balance the expenses and allow us to continue to feed the students 2 substantial meals each day.

Osnel, the HHH agronomist, raises chickens, tilapia, and produce that partially support Nancy's team in the kitchen at LBS, a new direct example of farm to table, thanks to your support!

For \$30 a month, <u>YOU</u> are the passport out of poverty.

Sponsor a student today! Every dollar makes a difference!



STUDENTS 2020-2021

179

Preschoolers

88 Sponsored / 91 Unsponsored

535 Elementary
409 Sponsored / 126 Unsponsored

High School
163 Sponsored / 15 Unsponsored

171,200 Meals Served / 892 Families Reached

BY THE NUMBERS

SAVE THE DATE

October 16, 2021 / Elkridge, MD **CRAB FEAST FOR HAITI**

January 9-10, 2022 / Zoom & Hershey, PA ANNIVERSARY GRAND FINALE **TWO-DAY EVENT**

> April 2, 2022 / Hershey, PA **SPRING EVENT**

www.highhopesforhaiti.org/events for tickets & details!

THE CERTAINTY OF HOPE

As Haiti continues to face many unknowns, one thing that we know for certain is that YOU provide hope everyday by supporting our students.

Education is not a quick-fix solution to Haiti's problems, but it is the ONLY solution that will have lasting impact.

Now more than ever, you can invest in the future of one of these suffering children and provide the certainty of hope.

FEED & EDUCATE A CHILD TODAY FOR LESS THAN \$1/DAY!