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# GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF LEARNING

It has been a fun summer for the children of the St. Joseph Family. At Wings of Hope, the summer fun schedule gave the Wings residents many opportunities for new experiences, including new classes in sign language, photography, dance, singing and games. The Lekòl Sen Trinite students started their summer off with the annual summer camp in Jacmel by friends of the SJF. The boys supported by St. Joseph's Home have had time to relax and spend time with their families.

In early September, the students of all the SJF programs will get back into school and learning mode when classes start back up.

As we head toward the beginning of the new school year we are preparing with registrations, the purchase of school supplies, and teaching plans for the new school year.

### Lekòl Sen Trinite

Lekòl Sen Trinite is planning on continuing their mission to educate the most deserving students in Jacmel. We are happy to say that for the 2016-2017, all of the sixth graders passed and graduated from the LST program.

For the 2017-2018, classes will continue from our multi-year Montessori kindergarten through sixth grade. We will have co-ed classes in the morning session and a girls-only session in the afternoon.

Currently registrations for the 150 spots at LST are taking place and the students will start back to classes in early September.



Joseph's Home continue to thrive in school. They know that a good education is their best past to a brighter future and they are thankful for the opportunity to go to school that St. Joseph's provides.

Both Wislème and Lulu passed their classes for the year. For the 2017-2018 school year Wislème will be in ninth grade and Lulu will be in seventh grade. We are still awaiting the final report card for Gasthy and for the ninth grade state exam results for Steevens. If Gasthy passes, he will be in seventh

grade for the next year and Wootrod will be in the 10th grade, if he passes the state exam.

### Wings of Hope

Wings of Hope will be resuming their academic classes in September, after a summer of a more fun and activity-based summer schedule. Regular classes will include history, math, alphabet, recreation, and physical therapy.

The teachers plan to offer more challenging lessons for the Wings residents who are more intellectually capable and hope to work on reading and writing skills with several students.

The Wings education staff are now also tracking the students' progress with regular testing and reports.

### St. Joseph's Home

The boys supported by St.

## Meet Jackson!



Jackson spent the first 21 years of his life just existing. His family lived in Cite Soley, the slum area of Port-au-Prince. In circumstances where any survival is difficult, the ability to care for a child with special needs is almost non-existent. Added to the challenge is the stigma of having a child with special needs.

Jackson was found by a visitor to St. Joseph's Home in a horrible living situation. The visitor asked Wings of Hope to intervene and offer Jackson a better place to live. Since he came to Wings, the staff has been working with him to increase his social skills and hygiene. He is now cared for with love and compassion.

Jackson is highly autistic and has some mental disabilities. He is non-communicative and often stares off into space. He will respond to directions, if he wants to. He also has seizures.

Jackson loves music and it is the one thing that will get him to interact. He also loves food and is learning how to feed himself with a spoon. Little by little, he is becoming more interactive with the other Wings of Hope residents and staff.

## Are you ready for a challenge?

Each month this year, the St. Joseph Family and Hearts with Haiti are going to challenge you with special social media fund-raisers. The first step is to become a "fan" of the "St. Joseph Family, Haiti" and "Hearts with Haiti" Facebook pages. Then, keep a look-out for the monthly challenge. You can "like" and "share" the challenge, but we also ask you to go ONE CLICK MORE and also respond to the challenge by giving in response to the highlighted cause that month. Challenge donors will receive a special thank you from the St. Joseph Family for each challenge.

## Be Social, Be SJF

**Make HWH and the SJF a part of your story by joining us on social media.**

You can get regular updates, on the "Hearts with Haiti" and "St. Joseph Family, Haiti" Facebook pages.

Follow the SJF on Instagram at "sjfhaiti"

Use our hashtags to post your photos and stories about SJF:

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by Erique



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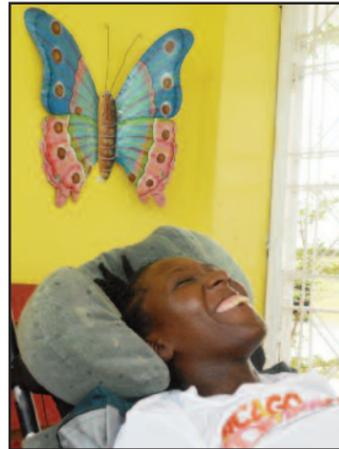


by Raoul

# THANK YOU!!!



Thanks to our generous supporters, we are happy to report that Wings of Hope is back on the road again with a new van. This was a huge need that many people rallied quickly to support; and we, and the SJF, are extremely grateful. We had enough funds to also add bumpers and a roof rack to the van to protect it in Haitian traffic, and to transport wheelchairs.



by Josephine

## HAITI THROUGH THEIR EYES

As a part of the summer fun program at Wings of Hope, 16 Wings residents took photography classes and learned how to see the world around them in new ways. The theme of the class was that we take pictures to share and remember. We will remember the summer of 2017 with the smiles of our friends, the fun times we had exploring the neighborhood around Wings and the field trips to downtown Jacmel, and the way we learned to look at the world with a new perspective.



by Teddy



by Naisha



by Frank Ely



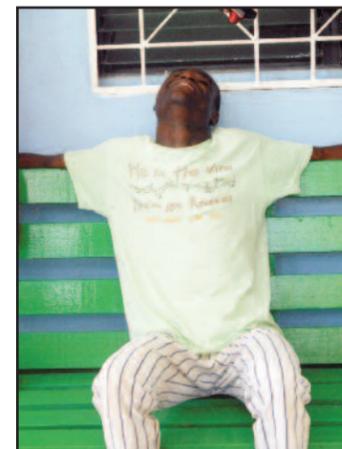
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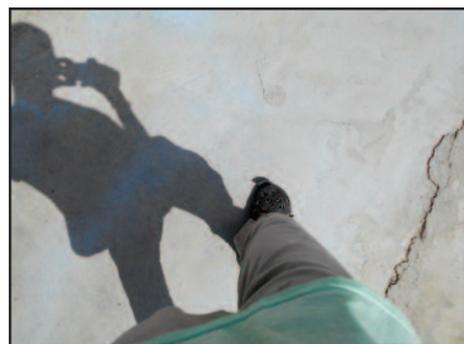
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## Saying good-bye to a brother

Wings of Hope gained another angel on June 30, 2017, when our beloved Fritz left this earthly home to go to a place where he could be at peace and shed his disabilities. A place where he can finally run and play as his body catches up with his spirit. A place from which he can watch over us he left behind, and reunite with the other Wings of Hope angels who have gone before him.

In 2002, his parents brought Fritz to Wings of Hope. They heard about Wings from their pastor. Fritz's brother was also disabled and they decided they could not care for two disabled children, so they asked Wings of Hope to take him. For 15 years, Fritz was an important member of the Wings of Hope family. He will continue to be an important part of Wings of Hope, as he now lives in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him during his time here.

Fritz loved going on the annual Wings beach trips. He also loved participating in all the activities, parties and the classes at Wings. He always wanted to be a part of the action. He loved listening to his iPod and rocking out with his headphones. He was a great brother and friend to all of the Wings of Hope residents and staff.

Although, because of his disability, his physical abilities slipped away over the years, Fritz's spirit never did. He was a jokester with a bright, sly, sweet spirit that was always the same, despite the failings of his body. Fritz was a trickster and a bit of a thief. He liked to hide things in his wheelchair, things that didn't necessarily belong to him. He got great joy out of watching the person who "lost" something run around the house looking for it, all the while knowing it was hidden in his wheelchair. When he was caught he would let out a loud, boisterous laugh.

In the last weeks of his life, as Fritz's body was failing him for the final time, his spirit was still soaring. When he lost the ability to move anything more than his eyes and his smile was lost, he still tried to reach out. Anyone who sat at his bedside got long gazes from him, as he took comfort in being surrounded by those who loved him and who he loved.

