



Fall 2021 Newsletter



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All in their places with bright, shiny faces!

The school year in Haiti started in mid-September with a lot of anticipation, excitement and promise.

After the previous school year was interrupted for months at a time by political unrest and COVID-19, the students and staff at schools all over Haiti are looking forward to a new year of learning.

At Lekòl Sen Trinite, nearly 300 students are filling the classrooms this year. Classes range from Montessori preschool/kindergarten (three-year program) to eighth grade.

The students at LST not only receive regular academic instruction, but also have classes in the arts (drawing/painting, dance, drumming, music) thanks

to our partner Broadway for Arts Education. Each day the students not only nourish their minds, but also their bodies with a hot lunch provided by LST. After-school tutoring is available to all students, and cooking and karate classes are offered as extracurricular activities.

At Wings of Hope, the 34 residents received specialized educational opportunities with emphasis on their abilities and capacity to learn. Classes in math, alphabet, history, arts and

crafts, social and practical life skills are all tailored to each student's ability. Daily physical therapy also helps those residents with physical disabilities to maintain and improve their mobility and strength.



ABOVE: Gepthe works with a group of students at Wings of Hope.
RIGHT: Sarafina and Nikola participate in alphabet class at Wings of Hope.



Wings of Hope works hard to keep the residents safe from a pandemic

Since the early days of the pandemic, the staff at Wings of Hope knew they had to act fast and remain vigilant to protect the Wings of Hope residents. Because of their multiple disabilities and health issues, the Wings residents were especially at risk for the coronavirus.

In early March 2020, when COVID-19 was first identified in Haiti, the Wings leadership immediately started mask man-

dates for all employees, spaced out activities to social distance as much as possible, encouraged frequent hand-washing and limited outside visitors.

Over the next 18 months, Wings stayed COVID-free. Prevention techniques are still in place to continue to keep the residents as safe as possible. We join our prayers with theirs for the continue protection of the Wings family.



A teacher at Lekòl Sen Trinite works with young students on the first day of class.



The upperclass students proudly show off their new books for the year.



ABOVE & LEFT: Students work on their lessons at LST during the first week of school



ABOVE: Students receive their supplies.
RIGHT: Lunch time at Lekòl Sen Trinite.



The young students at Lekòl Sen Trinite look at their books and supplies.

Bright spots in a challenging year

The past year has been a challenging one for Haiti. Escalating political violence, a deteriorating economy, COVID-19, a presidential assassination, a major earthquake and tropical storms are among the various obstacles that Haitians have had to navigate, the St. Joseph Family included.

Despite these multiple challenges, the St. Joseph Family found ways to continue their great work and had a lot to celebrate in the past year. They look forward to more great things in the year ahead.

We join the SJF in celebrating:

- All residents, students and staff staying COVID-free.
- Adding eighth grade and many new students at Lekòl Sen Trinite.
- The advancement of Lulu, Gasthy and Wislème in their secondary school placements.
- Steeven's graduation from secondary school.
- Three new residents — Givenson, Etienne and Ernestley — joining the Wings of Hope family.



New Wings of Hope residents (clockwise from left): Ernestley, Givenson, Etienne

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As in year's past, thanks to a very generous Secret Santa, all donations through the end of the year will be matched, up to \$50,000. So, give now to have your donation doubled!

All online donors to Hearts with Haiti on Nov. 30 are eligible for a drawing to win an original Christmas painting by an art student from the SJF.

What Inspires You?

Your story can inspire others to make a difference. Please share your story about why Hearts with Haiti and the St. Joseph Family are special to you. Email your responses to info@heartswithhaiti.org or share on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/heartswhaiti>

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