



# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

## Dear Friends,

Since 2001, Hearts with Haiti has been devoted to creating a better future for the resilient people of Haiti, hand in hand with the St. Joseph Family. Our shared mission has empowered us to establish a nurturing family for those grappling with poverty and disability, while fostering skills and opportunities within the community.

In both Port-au-Prince and Jacmel, the ministries of the St. Joseph Family tirelessly serve the most marginalized. Our initiatives encompass a diverse range of needs, from providing education to children whose families struggle to afford schooling, to supporting young men in completing their education, and providing a home, family and care to individuals with physical and mental challenges.

At the heart of our efforts lies the drive to effect lasting change. We've woven a safety net of sustenance, shelter, medical care, and education for Haiti's most vulnerable populations, aiming to uplift them toward a brighter future. Through the unwavering commitment of our programs, we've achieved milestones that define our commitment to progress:

**Wings of Hope:** Within its walls, this residential haven has blossomed into a sanctuary for children and adults with mental and physical disabilities. Here, we provide not only a roof and medical care, but also educational opportunities, therapeutic support, clothing, and nutrition.



**Lekòl Sen Trinite:** The seeds of knowledge are sown in this tuition-free institution, spanning from preschool to 9th grade. But our commitment goes beyond academics—arts education and other programs enrich the lives of our students, nurturing creativity and expression.

**SJ Community Outreach Center:** Offering a haven from the chaos on the streets of Port-au-Prince, the SJ Community Outreach Center offers a safe place for the community to gather for meetings and worship. The SJCOC also allows students to be enriched through dance classes and recreation offered at the facility. A neighborhood school rents space in the facility to educate the young people in the neighborhood.

As we look back on another year of collective achievements, we invite you to join us in celebrating the power of unity, compassion, and resilience as we strive to build a brighter tomorrow for Haiti, guided by our unwavering commitment to the St. Joseph Family's vision.

Fran McDermott  
President

Emily Everett  
Executive Director

**Mission Statement:** *Together with our Haitian partners, we create opportunities for Haitians affected by poverty, instability, and disability to build a sustainable future.*



## More Than A Residence:

Within the walls of Wings of Hope, a heartwarming family thrives, one that transcends mere professional roles. Jacky and Gephte, two figures at the forefront of this nurturing haven, exemplify the spirit of dedication and care that defines the St. Joseph Family's mission.

For Jacky, Wings of Hope isn't just a place of work—it's been a lifelong journey. From his days as a young resident at St. Joseph's Home for Boys to becoming the director of Wings of Hope in 2010, he's witnessed the transformative power of this sanctuary. He's overseeing the residents' well-being with unwavering dedication.

"Wings is a home that cares," Jacky said. "When you enter into the home, no matter the abilities you have, we welcome you as a brother, as a sister."

As a product of the St. Joseph Family himself, Gephte's journey from a community member to a lead teacher is a testament to the profound sense of purpose that Wings of Hope ignites. For both Gephte and Jacky, Wings of Hope extends far beyond job descriptions; it has become a calling, a way of life.

Each resident is treated not as a charge, but as a beloved family member. Wings of Hope isn't merely a residence; it's a true home, a safe haven where people's lives are transformed.

**Adapting to Serve:** As times change, so do our approaches. Our Welcome Centers, once a haven for foreign visitors, have gracefully adapted to embrace their new roles as hubs for local groups to convene, connect, and collaborate.

**Forging Connections:** The impact of our partnership with the St. Joseph Family resonates far beyond the walls of our projects. Through community-based activities, we've woven a tapestry of togetherness that fosters growth, ignites creativity, and nurtures the bonds that uplift society.

- A workforce of 83 individuals is engaged in sustaining the ministries.
- More than 1000 people in the community reap the benefits of the St. Joseph Family's outreach and programs.

## Empowering Through Unity:

Together, we have crafted a nurturing haven for those grappling with the intersection of poverty and disability at Wings of Hope. This sanctuary embraces not just the physical needs but also the emotional and educational aspirations of its residents, fostering a true sense of belonging.



### BY THE NUMBERS:

- Capacity for up to **40 residents**
- Each resident receives care based solely on individual needs
- **6 staff members** live at the home
- Nights of shelter provided (2022): **12,045**
- Meals for residents & live-in staff: **42,705**
- Comprehensive medical check-ups & medicine (needed as a result of exams) **\$4,800**
- Current sponsorship rate (to cover annual cost per resident)= **34.4%**



**Per resident annual cost  
(33 residents in 2022):  
\$6,690**

## A Beacon Of Possibility

After a government-mandated three-month delayed start due to safety concerns, the students at Lekòl Sen Trinite began their school journey in late November 2022. The new academic year was brimming with promise and excitement. With gratitude to our big-hearted donors, the students were equipped with essential school supplies and books to sustain them throughout the year. These vital materials were procured in Haiti itself, a testament to the transformative power of local support.

Adding an extra touch of kindness, each student was presented with a brand-new backpack, courtesy of one of our dedicated church partners. This thoughtful gesture not only lightened their load but also symbolized the unwavering support they have from a broader community that believes in their potential.

*"I am happy the school is open. I wish to pass all my classes. I am happy to see all my friends, they are beautiful."*

—Djoulie, student since 2016

As the doors of Lekòl Sen Trinite swung open once again, a wave of hope washed over the classrooms, carrying with it the promise of a brighter future and the assurance that, together, we can overcome any obstacle on the path of education.



## Seeds of Learning:

Our initiatives at Lekòl Sen Trinite extend to the very core of education. By championing access to education for those who often find the doors closed, we are sowing seeds of empowerment that will continue to bear fruit for generations to come. In 2022, Hearts with Haiti elected to increase its financial commitment for Lekòl Sen Trinite to support education initiatives.

### BY THE NUMBERS:

#### Teachers/staff employed:

- **22** Classroom teachers
- **2** Classroom teachers who are also administrators
- **1** Administrator
- **1** Librarian
- **4** Arts education teachers
- **2** After-school teachers (cooking and karate)
- **8** Support Staff (1 classroom helper, 3 cooks, 2 cleaners, 2 Security guards)



**Students educated:  
(2022-2023 school year) 227**

## Empowering Through Life Skills

At Wings of Hope, every day is a canvas for growth, and life skills are the brushes with which these young souls paint their futures. Through a diverse array of activities, they're not just learning practical abilities but also discovering their potential to shape their own lives.

Cooking classes become not just a lesson in culinary arts, but a gateway to independence and self-sufficiency. As they master the art of preparing meals, they're also cultivating a sense of accomplishment that transcends the kitchen. The chores that may seem mundane to some carry a deeper significance at Wings of Hope. Sweeping floors, tidying up spaces, and tending to daily tasks are not only about maintaining their environment; they're about nurturing a sense of responsibility and pride.

The garden, a living tapestry of growth, becomes their classroom for life lessons. Through nurturing plants, they learn patience, dedication, and the beauty of watching something flourish under their care.

Occupational therapy is more than a session; it's a journey of self-discovery. Through activities tailored to their unique needs, they're unlocking abilities they may not have known they possessed. Each step forward is a triumph over challenges.

## A Bright Future: Wings of Hope's Solar Project Illuminates Change

The vision of solar power at Wings of Hope has been realized! This transformative initiative offers a future illuminated by the power of the sun. The new solar power system ushers in a new era of electricity availability at Wings of Hope, Leköl Sen Trinite (LST), and the Wings Welcome Center. Mounted upon the Wings of Hope roof,



Health classes led by the nurse provide invaluable knowledge, nurturing not only their physical well-being but also their understanding of their bodies and how to care for them.

But life is not just about learning; it's about living. Movies, games, field trips, and arts and crafts infuse joy into their days, fostering friendships and creating cherished memories.

These are not mere activities; they're stepping stones to independence, self-discovery, and a future of limitless possibilities. At Wings of Hope, life skills are more than just tools; they're the keys that unlock a world of empowerment and transformation.

solar panels are not just about cost savings—it's a resolute step towards reliability, reducing dependence on an unreliable power network prone to erratic outages. In a world grappling with fuel price fluctuations and availability, this accomplishment resonates as a beacon of change for the St. Joseph Family. We offer our deepest appreciation to the generous donor whose vision sparked this transformation.



## Sarafina's Journey: A Shining Star at Wings of Hope

Sarafina's role in the Wings of Hope family has evolved from a day student to a beloved full-time member. Her impact radiates far beyond her physical disability; she embodies the qualities of a nurturing guardian, always watchful over others and fostering an environment of care. Through her unwavering determination, Sarafina has mastered the art of self-advocacy, ensuring that her thoughts, desires, and opinions are understood.

Her charisma is infectious—forming friendships comes naturally to Sarafina, who graces every

interaction with a captivating smile. Her room echoes with joy, adorned with a collection of cherished toys she's gathered over time, a testament to her generous spirit.

Yet, it's Sarafina's connection with the divine that truly captivates those around her. A fervent prayer leader at Wings of Hope, she expresses her faith in a language all her own. Her prayers may be unintelligible to others, but their impact transcends words, a reminder that faith speaks beyond language barriers.



## A Collaborative Effort

Hearts with Haiti seized a unique opportunity to join forces with Love Takes Root to share a shipping container destined for Haiti in July 2022. With swiftness and dedication, we launched a collaborative effort to swiftly gather essential supplies for the journey. Among the pressing needs were waterproof mattresses and wheelchairs for the residents of Wings of Hope—a crucial requirement unavailable for purchase within Haiti.

*“When I saw the container it made me very happy to see all the supplies you guys sent to this wonderful family, Wings of Hope. And those supplies are really helpful.”*

—Jacky Asse, director of Wings of Hope

The response was heartwarming. Generosity flowed as 40 waterproof mattresses and 26 wheelchairs were donated, addressing immediate needs that would significantly impact the lives of



those at Wings of Hope. But the outpouring of support didn't end there.

Hundreds of articles of clothing, diapers, household items, physical therapy supplies, healthcare essentials, art supplies, chairs, and an array of other items also were contributed. Wings of Hope was able to share surplus wheelchairs and clothing items with local community members.

Despite unforeseen delays, the container arrived in late November, a timely Christmas gift for the St. Joseph Family. We extend our gratitude to all who contributed, whether through purchases from the SJF wish list on Amazon.com or through other generous donations. The impact of this collaborative effort extends far beyond the physical items shipped; it's a demonstration of solidarity, compassion, and the enduring drive which exemplifies the commitment to the St. Joseph Family.



## Responding to Emerging Needs

Water, food and provisions are in short supply and the costs rise daily. Movement throughout Haiti is restricted because of the threat of gang violence and protests. Governmental safety nets such as Medicaid and other assistance programs are absent, so the impact of foreign non-profits like Hearts with Haiti cannot be overstated.

Amidst the daunting challenges posed by political turmoil, gang activity, and economic instability, the resilience of the Haitian people continues to shine. The unyielding dedication of the St Joseph Family's leaders and employees is admirable, even in the face of escalating prices, daily violence, and relentless uncertainty.



### Food & Water +74%

Calculations for the 9 of the staple foods and drinking water at Wings of Hope — Average increase was 74%. Monthly costs raised from \$1,404 to \$2,443 for these select items.



**Laundry +52%**  
\$84 to \$128 per month



**Non-Potable Water +64%**  
\$448 to \$736 per month



**Propane + 33%**  
\$240 to \$320 per month



**Diapers +114%**  
\$844 to \$1,806 per month



**Medicine +10%**  
\$373 to \$409 per month.\*\*



## Enrichment Through the Arts

The students at Lekòl Sen Trinite and Wings of Hope are fortunate to go beyond their basic academic classes and also get a rich education in the arts—dance, drumming, music, and painting.

This is all due to our long partnership with our friends at Broadway for Arts Education (BAE). BAE provides teachers' salaries and art and music supplies for the classes. The students perform in exhibitions and celebrations, and their paintings are available for exposition and purchase.

An education in the arts provides enrichment and talent development, and also allows the students to develop self-esteem and to increase their pride in their country and culture.

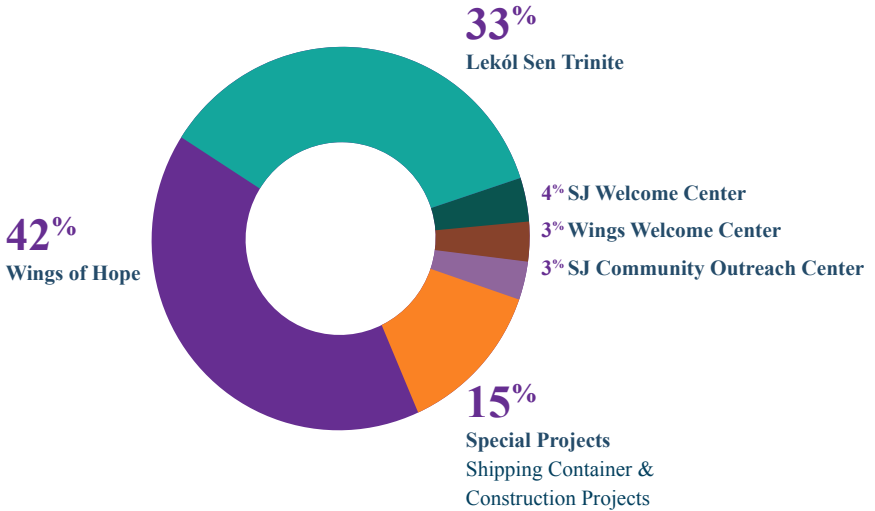
\*Average inflation Feb - Sept 2022: 68% for the staple items needed at Wings. Prices in Jacmel are much higher than Port au Prince due to the difficulty of getting supplies into Jacmel.

\*\* PLEASE NOTE this is for regular monthly maintenance medications ONLY. It does NOT include acute/emergency medicine. It does NOT include medicine prescribed as annual check-up follow-up treatments.

## Hearts with Haiti 2022 Expenses



## St. Joseph Family 2022 Expenses by Ministry



## How we invest our donor gifts:

Hearts with Haiti provided 71% of the funding for St. Joseph Family's 2022 total expenses



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