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Change a Life Through Sponsorship

Sponsorships and monthly donations enable Hearts with Haiti to provide steady support to the residents at Wings of Hope and students at Lekòl Sen Trinite, ensuring they receive ongoing care, education, and resources.

Hearts with Haiti offers three sponsorship options:

Wings of Hope Resident Sponsorship:

For \$480 per year (or \$40/month), your support helps provide food, shelter, daily personal care, medical care, therapy and education for the permanent residents at Wings of Hope. As a sponsor, you will receive updates, photos, and progress reports on the resident you champion. These connections remind the residents they have friends who care about them.



Lekòl Sen Trinite Classroom Sponsorship

For \$960 per year (or \$80/month), sponsorships (groups and/or individuals) provide critical classroom needs, including supplies, teacher salaries, and the lunch program. Sponsors receive updates that show the difference they are making in students' lives and learning experiences.

Fanmi Nou (Our Family)

Hearts with Haiti advocates passionate about sustaining all aspects of the St. Joseph Family can join the Fanmi Nou (Our Family) Monthly Giving Program, a convenient way to make a consistent impact. Monthly contributions provide reliable funding that strengthens every program, ensuring ongoing support and growth across our entire organization.

HEARTS WITH HAITI

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

VISION STATEMENT:
Hearts with Haiti transforms lives by investing in and empowering Haitians to create a more sustainable future.

CORE VALUES:
Compassion
Empowerment
Collaboration
Respect for all
Transparency



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Rewriting the Story of Education in Haiti

In a country where fewer than 10% of students complete high school, **Lekòl Sen Trinite is changing the story — one student at a time.**

This summer, for the third year in a row, every single ninth grader graduated from LST. Just days later, all 15 graduates sat for the rigorous, four-day government exams required for entry into secondary school. Nationally, only 50–70% of students pass. At LST, the results speak volumes: **for the third straight year, 100% of LST graduates passed.**

This remarkable achievement reflects not only the dedication of the students, but also the strength of the education they receive. “They come with attitudes, but the school transforms them,” said Wilner Saintélus, LST’s director. “They come from challenging circumstances, but the school lifts them up.”

And the success doesn’t stop with the ninth graders. In the 2024–2025 school year, 213 students completed their studies, with 78% of first- through eighth-graders advancing to the next grade. Each promotion is a step toward possibility, confidence, and a brighter future.

Behind every milestone is a team of 44 dedicated teachers, administrators, arts instructors, and support staff. They are more than employees — they are a family, working together to ensure every child has what they need to learn and thrive. “There is a connection between the



students and staff. It is a family,” added Wilner.

Every day around 10:00 a.m., students gather for a nourishing hot meal — often the only one they will receive that day. Whether it’s rice and beans, bouyon, or spaghetti with salami, the food fuels both body and mind, making learning possible.

At LST, education goes beyond academics. From preschool through ninth grade, students not only learn math and reading, but also discover creativity through dance, drumming, music, painting, and drawing. After-school programs in cooking and karate build skills and confidence.

This fall, **220 students are already registered for the 2025–2026 school year.** As classes begin in October, the promise of transformation continues. At Lekòl Sen Trinite, hope is not just imagined — it is lived every single day.

Persevering Together: Celebrating the Strength of the St. Joseph Family

Life in Haiti grows more difficult as gang violence spreads beyond Port-au-Prince, bringing fear, chaos, and uncertainty into daily life. Yet even in these challenging times, the St. Joseph Family continues to shine as a beacon of hope.

Children are receiving an education. Residents with disabilities are treated with dignity. Every person served is encouraged to dream — and given the tools to make those dreams possible. These accomplishments are nothing short of extraordinary.

Rising costs in Haiti and ongoing fundraising challenges in the

Shopping List	
Price increases July 2023 vs. March 2024	
Cost per week for Wings of Hope essential items	
Rice (+56%)	= \$100
Flour (+42%)	= \$85
Fish (dried) (+28%)	= \$97
Sugar (+47%)	= \$47
Propane (for cooking) (+37%)	= \$85
Laundry soap (+52%)	= \$71

U.S. remain obstacles. But Hearts with Haiti is committed to ensuring the St. Joseph Family has the support needed to keep transforming lives.

As we approach the final months of 2025, we invite you to make a year-end gift. Together, we can sustain this vital work through the close of the year and into 2026 — proving once again that perseverance, partnership, and hope can overcome even the hardest of times.

Hope Delivered by Sea

In July, Wings of Hope received an extraordinary gift thanks to the Haitian Timoun Foundation, one of their mission partners. For the first time, the St. Joseph Family was able to receive supplies shipped by boat directly to Jacmel.

With costs soaring and transportation from Port-au-Prince becoming increasingly difficult, these donated supplies were

nothing short of a blessing.

What arrived was remarkable: **8,000 diapers, 4,000 pounds of rice, 1,000 pounds of beans, and 50 large jars of peanut butter** — staples that will nourish and sustain Wings of Hope for months.

These gifts not only meet immediate needs, but also free up precious funds for other vital expenses. Yet more than diapers, rice, beans, or peanut butter, what truly arrived that day was love and hope. Everyone at the St. Joseph Family felt the support of friends who, though unable to visit, made it clear they are never forgotten.

The success of this first shipment has sparked new possibilities. Together with Hearts with Haiti and other mission partners, the St. Joseph Family is already envisioning a larger-scale project in 2026. **Stay tuned for how you can help make it happen!**



Capturing Haiti Through New Lenses

This summer, Wings of Hope residents once again picked up cameras to share the world as they see it. The photography class — a cherished summer tradition — drew more than half of the residents, who eagerly participated in weekly sessions. From everyday moments at Wings, to scenes in the neighborhood, to field trips at the beach, park, and historic sites around Jacmel, the photos told powerful stories. Through their eyes, Haiti is revealed in all its beauty, hope, perseverance, and joy.



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