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2021

OUR MISSION

To Help Haitians Help
Haitians through **healthcare,**
education, recreation, and
wealth creation.



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A WORD

from our Executive Director

“2021 was an incredibly tough year for Haiti. Every month, it felt more and more like we were experiencing some Hollywood-esque type of trauma. A presidential assassination, earthquakes, tropical storms, and gang violence made Haiti an even more difficult place to call home in 2021. We are blessed that our friends in the rural Southeast are largely removed from much of the danger in 2021. But we also pray and hope that Haitian leaders can turn the situation in the country around. Sooner or later, if unaddressed, the problems of the capital and the big cities will end up affecting every Haitian regardless of where they reside.

Despite all of this turmoil, we still choose to focus on the beautiful things happening in our little corner of Southeast Haiti. 2021 was our most impactful year yet ([check out our 2021 Impact video if you haven't already!](#)), and we look to keep that momentum moving into 2022. Haiti is our home, and even when some organizations are deciding to pull out of Haiti, we are committed to continue partnering with communities and to help Haitians help Haitians. I am blessed to be a part of this story with you all, and to have Bob, my incredible and hard-working counterpart in Haiti, by my side. My wife Caroline is pretty great too.”



- Shay Foster



2021 IMPACT

-- BY THE STORIES



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-- BY THE STORIES



Nehissa

Nehissa lives in Cascade Pichon and is one of the 73 students in our Kindergarten classes. She is shy at first to new people but quickly opens up her silly and playful side!

(For example, she's pictured here being goofy with the label off of an energy drink bottle)

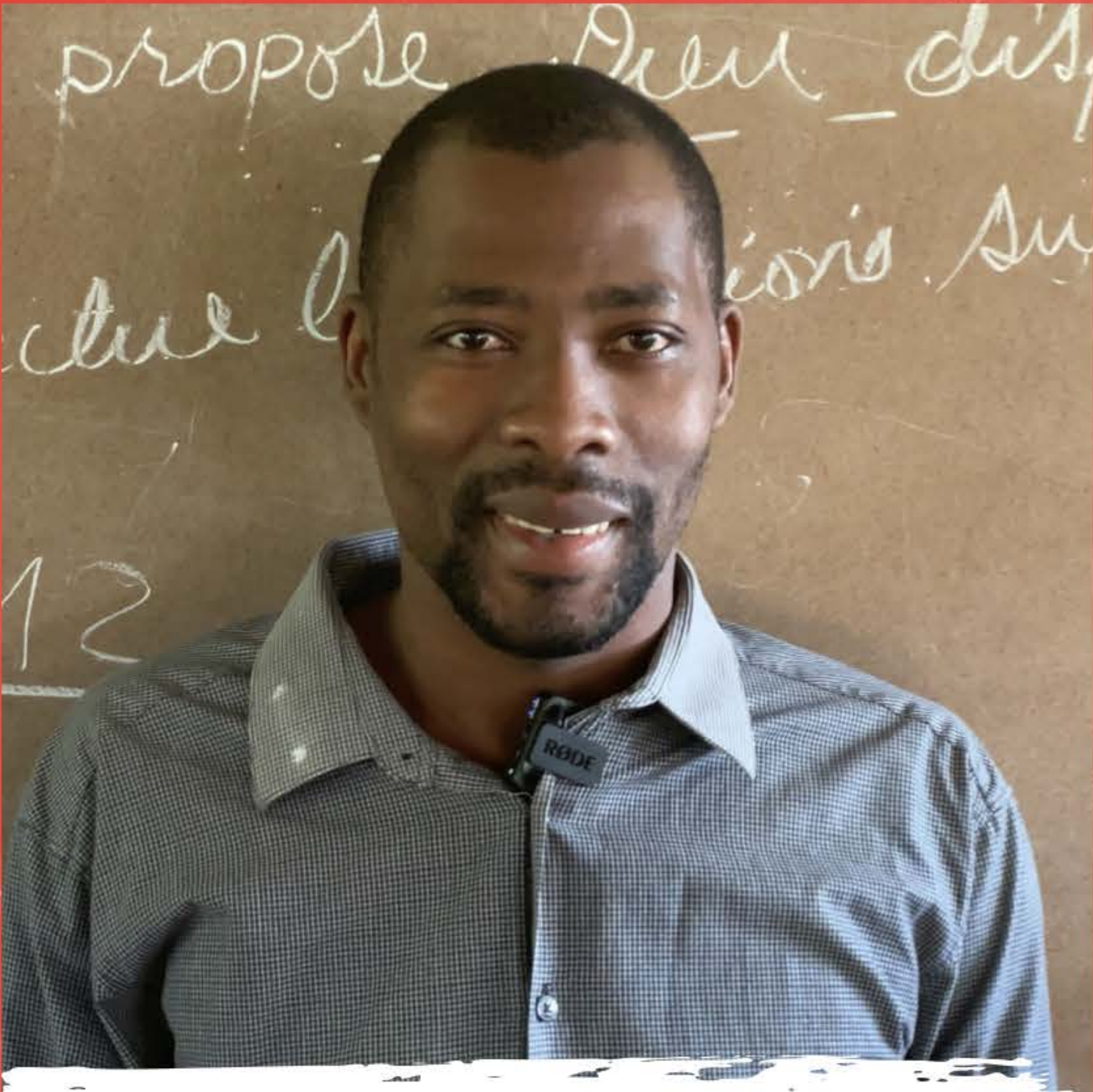




Vanessa Pandora

Vanessa plays Left Wing for Jeunesse Sportive de Thiote, one of the girl's soccer teams that that played in our girls' tournament last summer. Vanessa says, "Playing soccer is something that I love to do a lot. Whenever I see people playing, I immediately have the urge to play. I was not in town when I heard about the tournament, but since I love to play soccer, I came to town just to play and have fun with the community. Bringing together competition for girls' teams is such a good thing, and I love that a lot."





Professor Miriam Saint-Louis

“I was about ready to pack up and head to the Dominican Republic to look for work.” After his school was not given a contract with the Haitian government for the 2021-2022 school year, 5th-grade teacher Miriam Saint-Louis was about ready to leave his hometown of Cascade Pichon and look for work in the DR. Luckily, we were able to step in just in time to pay all of the teacher salaries at the school for this school year!

A special shoutout to Emily H. For supporting Professor Miriam’s 5th grade classroom!





Nurse Maryse

Nurse Maryse has been working with us since 2016. Last summer she told us this story -

“I recently had a sick patient who felt awful and thought that she was trapped in some sort of Voudou activity, that someone put a spell on her. I told her that I thought it was something different, not Voudou related. We would come to find out that her blood sugar was 508, and I told her that ‘the devil is the sugar in your blood!’ I gave her some medicine and advice, and when she came back a couple days later, her blood sugar was 160, which is a good thing.”

2021 IMPACT

- BY THE NUMBERS



2021 IMPACT

BY THE NUMBERS



2,261
patients
seen

4,000
people
provided with
access to
running water



373
elementary
school kids
given an
education

172
micro-loans
given to families
and community
entrepreneurs



2021 IMPACT

BY THE NUMBERS



180

children engaged in our malnutrition program

500
Haitian migrants assisted



5

soccer tournaments hosted

44
Haitians employed



Healthcare

Healthcare



Health Clinics

What more can we say about Nurse Maryse? Maryse has been partnering with us and loyally serving the communities of Cascade Pichon and Bel-Air for 5 years now. In 2021, Maryse saw 1,477 patients and treated people afflicted with hypertension, diabetes, and anemia, among other things. The incredible thing about Maryse's long-term commitment to Southeast Haiti is that she is now accepted as an honorary citizen of both Cascade Pichon and Bel-Air. Even though she lives in Port au Prince, her consistent and friendly work within these communities has built trust and deep friendships.

Her rapport with the community has allowed her to help people in ways that would be impossible for an outsider. Kids look forward to seeing her roll in on a motorcycle throughout the week, and she is trusted by local leaders to run her clinic well!



Healthcare



Earthquake Response

On August 14th, 2021, a 7.2 Magnitude earthquake struck Haiti's Tiburon Peninsula. Unfortunately, more than 2,000 people lost their lives, and tens of thousands were left wounded and without a home. We didn't exactly know how to help right after the earthquake, but we knew we could do something to Help Haitians Help Haitians even in these extreme circumstances.

We reached out to some healthcare professionals we knew in Haiti, and within 72 hours after the earthquake, we were on the ground facilitating and funding the Jackson Response Team (JRT). JRT was comprised of 1 Doctor, 3 Nurses, an EMT, and an MPH, all Haitians. Through our partnership with the JRT, we were able to care for 784 patients in Maniche, Haiti and the surrounding area over a 3-week period following the earthquake. Treating cuts, breaks, bruises, and even chronic illnesses, the JRT is the perfect example of how mobilized and equipped Haitians can make the biggest difference in their country.



Healthcare



Mabriole Malnutrition Project

Last summer, one of our Nurse friends from Southeast Haiti, Nurse Nathalie, reached out to us and told us about a community called Mabriole experiencing severe child malnutrition. We would come to learn that Mabriole and the surrounding area had 180 children under the age of 5 afflicted with acute malnutrition. Unfortunately, one child in Mabriole even passed away at the end of the summer in 2021 due to complications from malnutrition. We knew we had to do something before this tragedy became even worse. After talking to some of our partner organizations, we decided to enter into a 10-month program to help these families rehabilitate their children led by none other than Nurse Nathalie.



Healthcare

In partnership with Heart to Heart International - Haiti and Food for the Poor, we have been providing nutritional supplements, nutritional education, medicine, and a full-time nurse stationed in Mabriole. We were able to fund 50% of this project through our Giving Tuesday campaign where our supporters helped us raise over \$3,000! We recently began training “community health agents” in Mabriole as part of the long-term sustainability initiative for this issue. These 10 Mabriole locals are learning from Nurse Nathalie and Dr. Bien-Aimé (Heart to Heart International - Haiti) on how to identify cases of malnutrition in the future and at what point children should be referred to a specialist.

This training is an integral part of our malnutrition project, focused on sustaining children’s health in Mabriole long after our program has concluded. Because of our staff and our great partnership with Heart to Heart International - Haiti, 15 children have already reached “healthy status” and have completed their time in the program!



Healthcare



Baguette Water Project

At the beginning of 2021, a friend of ours in Southeast Haiti introduced us to the community of Baguette. Baguette is a highly remote village at the base of a mountain looking out over the bay of Jacmel. What Baguette lacks in terms of access, it more than makes up for with its natural beauty. Leaders in Baguette approached our team with an issue they were facing. For as long as they could remember, they've had to hike up to the top of the mountain to collect water from the spring. It's a little over a mile of hiking straight up to reach the spring from the community. Our Executive Director made the hike over the summer when visiting Baguette and subsequently broke his leg on the way back down because of how steep it is!



Healthcare

We helped Baguette create their own community “Federation,” a diverse group of local leaders who collectively make development decisions for their own community. After starting up this Federation, we’ve partnered with Baguette on constructing a piping system that brings water down from the top of the mountain to a handful of strategically-placed communal faucets and cisterns at the base of the mountain. Every paid worker and volunteer for this project lives in Baguette, meaning this community truly built their own water system! We estimate this water system is now giving more than 4,000 people in Baguette better access to water.



Education



Education



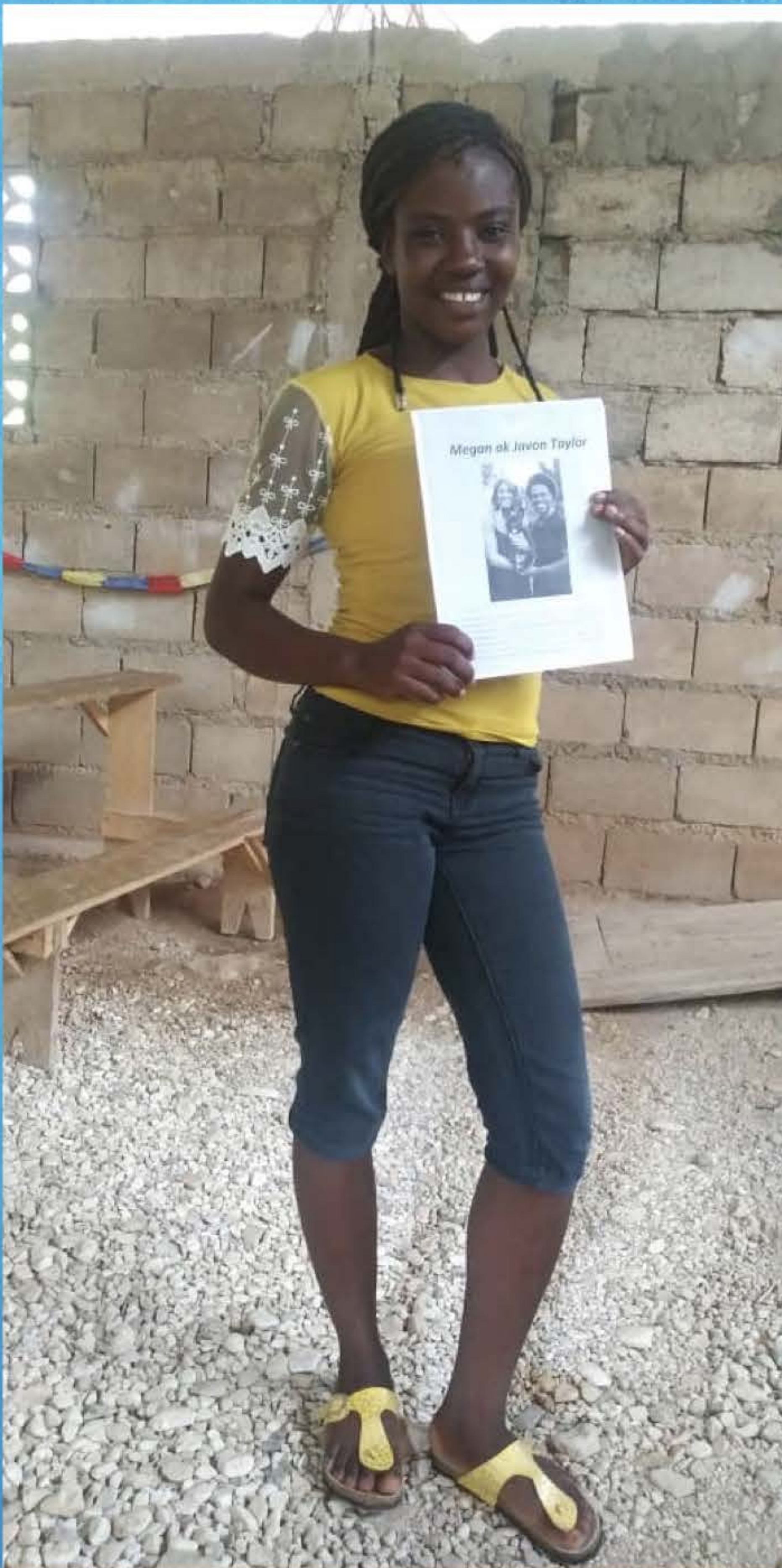
Cascade Pichon Community School (CPCS)

In the Summer of 2021, Principal Chango of Cascade Pichon Community School discovered that the Haitian government would no longer be able to financially support his school. With a last-ditch effort to keep the school from closing, Chango reached out to LQVE Haiti to see if we could fund the school's 8 classrooms and 373 students for the 2021-2022 school year. We've partnered with CPCS for different projects and small, intermittent partnerships over the years - but never had we entered into such a critical endeavor with CPCS! It was quite a daunting task, but we asked around and were able to find donors to "adopt" each classroom and keep the school open! Not only that, but each teacher was actually able to "adopt" their donor, as opposed to the donors picking and choosing what teachers they would want to support.



Education

We're so blessed to be a part of keeping this school going. It's the only community school in the area, and teachers are already brainstorming about providing night classes for students who want to attend secondary school in Cascade Pichon! Education is such a crucial cornerstone for community development, and we're looking into more ways we can continue to partner with pre-existing schools in Southeast Haiti! Below you can see Professor Yvona of one of our Kindergarten classrooms - she chose Javon and Megan to be her supporters!



Recreation



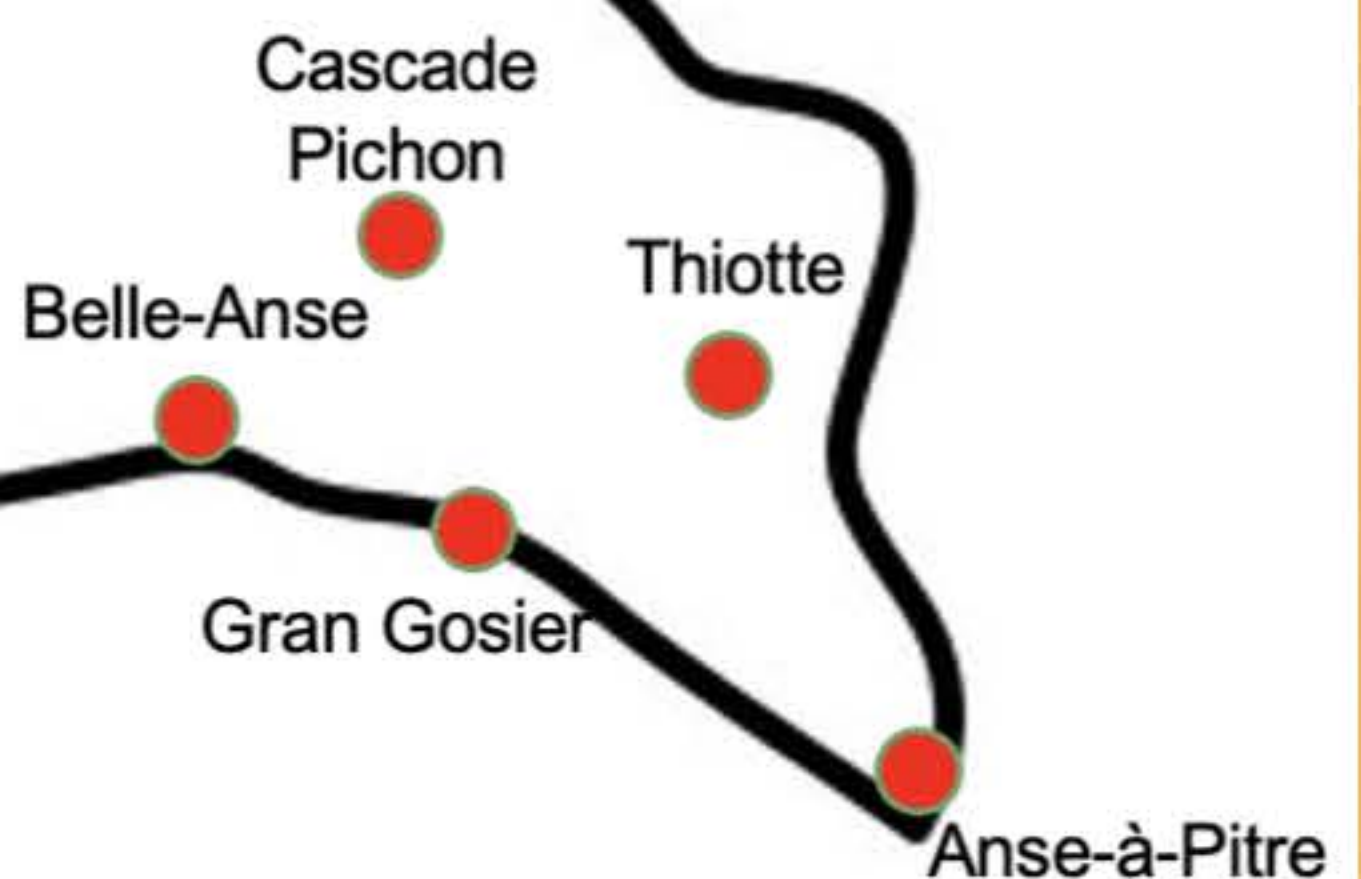
Recreation



Annual Soccer Tournament

We hosted our *6th Annual Quincy Foster Soccer Tournament* this summer in Southeast Haiti! Every year, this tournament brings together hundreds of athletes and several communities to compete for the championship trophy. This tournament we've hosted has always been very special because these community teams in Southeast Haiti typically cannot play against each other because of the distance and lack of adequate roads between each community. But, through our partnership with the coaches and players, we're able to help them play on one another's home field for several weeks every summer.

Participating communities in 2021 Quincy Foster Soccer Tournament



Recreation



In 2021, 8 teams from 5 different communities across Southeast Haiti participated in our annual tournament. The Men's Championship game was played between Thiotte and Anse-à-Pitres, with Thiotte winning 4-3 in penalty kicks. The Women's championship game was a battle between Thiotte and Belle-Anse, and Thiotte came out on top with a 2-1 victory!

We're even more excited than usual for our 2022 tournaments, as we're shifting our focus to hosting school-partnered soccer events and tournaments! Not only will we support more schools by doing this, but we will also mutually reinforce our emphasis on both education and recreation! The principals are also very excited about this, as they hope the school tournaments will attract more and more students to attend school.



Recreation



Other Tournaments

We also were able to help host a handful of other tournaments throughout the year in different communities and helped put on little “mini-tournaments” for the K-6th graders at the Cascade Pichon Community School. Shoutout to the girls’ soccer team from Pinnacle High School in Phoenix, AZ for donating the jerseys for our girls’ teams!



Wealth Creation



Wealth Creation



Micro-finance (MUSO) Groups

In 2016, we financed the training of 2 MUSO (Mutual Solidarity) Microfinance groups in Southeast Haiti. Since their initial training, these MUSO groups have given out tens of thousands of dollars in micro-loans to families, entrepreneurs, and even for community emergencies. We keep up with these groups and host annual training sessions to continue to help people in Southeast Haiti learn about financial literacy and how to run a successful Microfinance initiative. Many people request loans to pay for school fees, improve or repair their homes, pay for family emergencies, or even to help start up a business.



Wealth Creation

Outside of funding the initial training and hosting annual training sessions, we don't give any money to these MUSO groups. Every loan these groups hand out is made up entirely of locally aggregated money. This means that these groups are comprised of Haitians loaning to, and creating wealth for, other Haitians in their own community. The interest rates on MUSO loans are extremely low, so loan repayment rates are extremely high!



In 2021 alone, our MUSO groups loaned **\$23,240 USD** to people in their community through **172** individual micro-loans.



Migrant Response

Trips to Acuña, Mexico



Trips to Acuña, Mexico



In September of 2021, more than 10,000 Haitian migrants arrived at the Mexican-American border in Del-Rio, Texas (American side) and Acuña, Mexico (Mexican side). Unfortunately, we're not very proud of how our border patrol agents in the U.S. responded to these migrants seeking asylum. Every human being is given the right to seek asylum at legal ports of entry at any country. But, by utilizing Title-42, an order intended to protect the U.S. from COVID-19, the U.S decided to detain and deport thousands of Haitians back to Haiti without allowing them to legally seek asylum. Once the deportations started, many of these migrants fled back into Mexico by crossing back over the Rio Grande river. [You can watch a video here](#) to hear these stories directly from our new friends.



-Trips to Acuña, Mexico

In response to this migration crisis, we decided to head down to Acuña with Youthfront KC in the weeks after the September border crisis to visit with 500 Haitian migrants residing in a migrant camp there. Our first trip in October of 2021 was very bleak. Even though volunteers and churches in Acuña were doing their best to care for these migrants, the living conditions and overall situation wasn't great. We helped restock food supplies at the shelter, bought some tents for some of those who didn't already have them, and listened to migrant stories to better understand their situation. Many of these migrants haven't lived in Haiti for years, and their journey to the US/Mexico border was spurred in part by some new anti-immigrant policies in some South American countries. While every story is different, each migrant walked and bussed thousands of miles through South America and Central America, including through the Darien Gap, arguably the most dangerous stretch of jungle in the world. They each liquidated assets and saved up between \$8,000-\$12,000 USD to survive the long journey. Each of them also experienced unspeakably tragedies and loss throughout their dangerous journey.



-Trips to Acuña, Mexico



On our second trip to Acuña in December of 2021, we were delighted to find out that the last several months had drastically improved the situation for our new friends. Acuña churches and volunteers, the Mexican government, and the UN have significantly helped these friends of ours by giving them legal working status in Mexico and by supplying small living stipends so they can find homes outside of the shelter. We hope and pray that our assistance isn't needed much more in Acuña for the long term, and we are excited and hopeful to continue to see these friends resettle in Mexico!



-Trips to Acuña, Mexico

(Some of) Our New Friends in Acuña, Mexico



-Stanley

Stanley has been attempting to immigrate to the U.S. to see his grandparents, who acted as his parents and caretakers in Haiti when he was growing up. Unfortunately, Stanley's grandfather recently passed away while Stanley was in Chile, and he wasn't able to attend the funeral in the U.S. He is determined to see his grandmother again before she passes away, even if it is just for one day.



-Sourì

Sourì traveled to Mexico with her son, Chi-Chi, from Chile. Sourì's name quite literally means "smile" in Haitian Creole. Even though she's not pictured here smiling, Sourì and Chi-Chi lit up the room with their smiles all week when we met with them in December of 2021.



-Trips to Acuña, Mexico



-Adessa

Adessa and her mother Fabienne traveled to Acuña from South America. She speaks both Haitian Creole and Portuguese. We played a couple different games with Adessa and quickly realized that she is such an extroverted, fun-loving little kid.



-Enald

Enald had been living in Chile for years, trying to formulate a plan to reach his wife and child someday in Canada. Last year, he decided that the time was right to try and make his way up to Canada through the United States, but he was turned away at the U.S./Mexico border like so many others.



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FINANCIALS



2021 Financials

We take pride in using our resources as efficiently as possible so we can have the greatest impact possible in Southeast Haiti. Even though 19% of our 2021 expenses were not spent directly on programs, every dollar we spend in every category goes towards achieving our mission in some way. Because of donors who give specifically to our Administration Fund, we can still put 100% of every general donation towards program expenses!

Last year, we earned a *Gold Seal of Transparency* from [guidestar.org](https://www.guidestar.org/)!



Total Income - \$192,383.43

Individual Donations - \$120,288.54

Grants - \$6,932

In-Kind Donations - \$65,162.89

Expenses - \$159,690.44

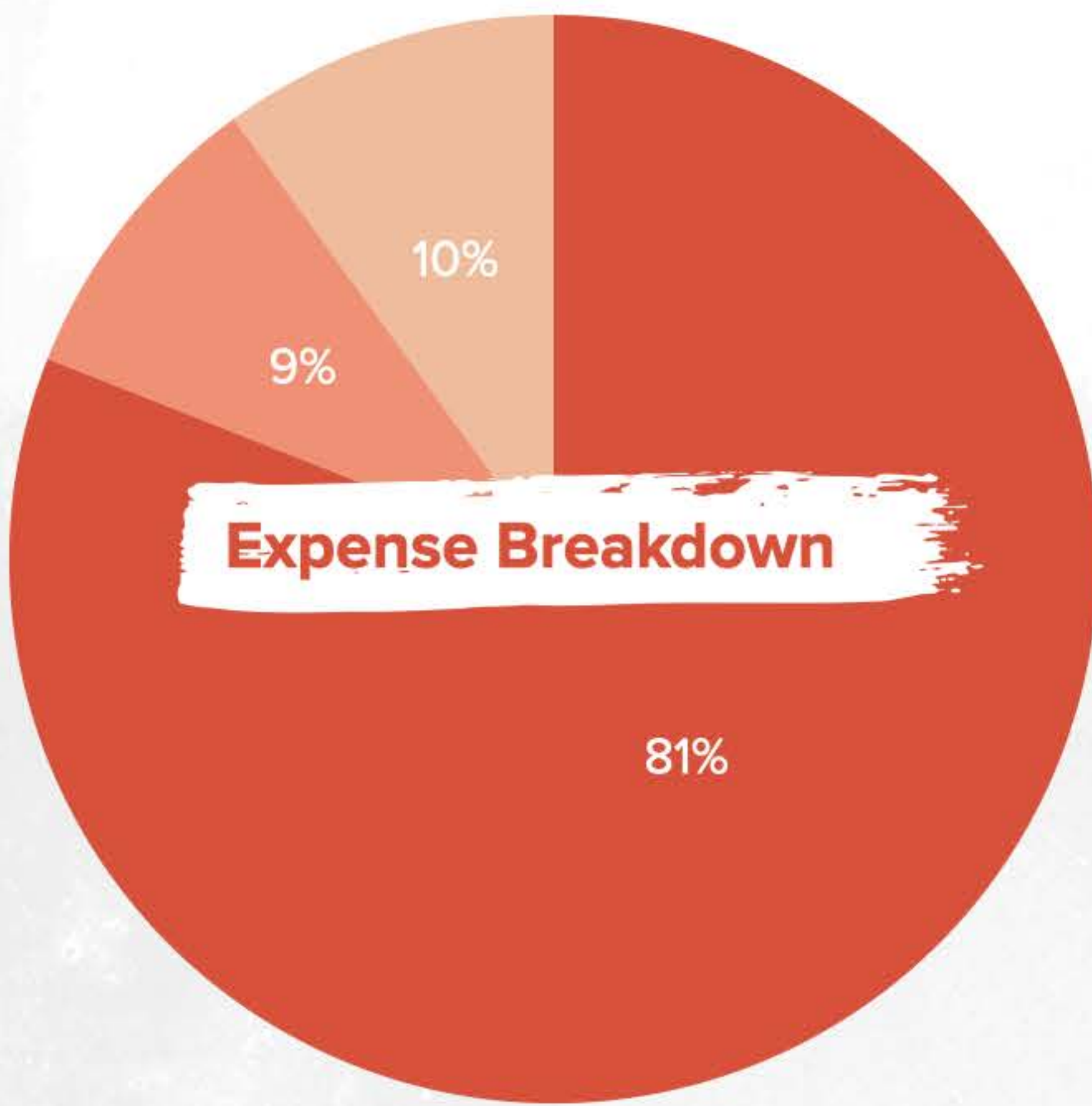
Program - \$131,000.24

Fundraising - \$13,555.24

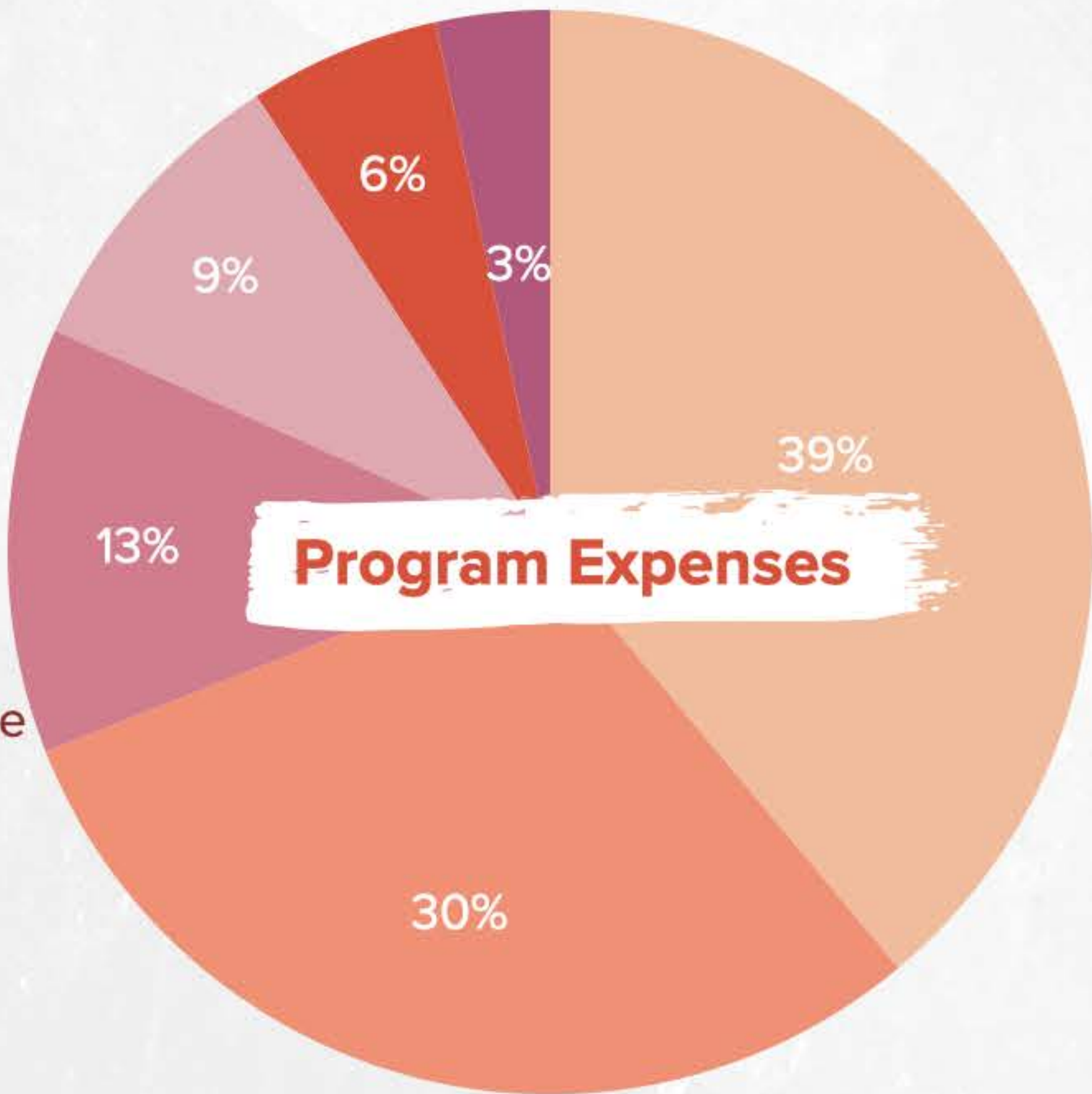
Administration - \$15,134.95



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- Fundraising
- Administration



- Water Projects
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Spotlight



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Cade

Cade (blue shirt) is a 1st grader from New Hampshire. Cade heard about the earthquake in Haiti last August, and he really wanted to figure out a way to help the people affected by it. So, Cade and his friend decided to open up a "lemon-aid" stand in their neighborhood to raise money for our relief efforts (and also for an animal shelter in their hometown)!

Because of awesome people like Cade, we were able to help more than 750 people in the impacted area receive medical care from Haitian healthcare professionals. We think Cade's pretty cool, and we wish there were more people like him in our world!



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Naomi & Jason

This is Naomi and Jason and their awesome kids Claire and Josiah! Naomi and Jason are from Phoenix, Arizona, and they choose to support Nurse Maryse and our health clinics in Haiti every month. Naomi says, "We just want to help a community with the resources and relationships that will empower them to thrive. LQVE Haiti is an organization that seeks to partner with people rather than push an agenda, and we totally support that mission!" Thank you so much Naomi and Jason!



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Matt

Matt has given as many volunteer hours to our organization as anyone. Matt and his wife Kasey live in the Kansas City area with their 3 boys. He has helped us with countless logo designs and other graphic-design-related projects. Go check out his company [Ruckus Group](#)! And if you see Matt on the street, make sure and buy him a taco from Torchy's.



MOVING INTO 2022

As we move into 2022, we're so excited to continue partnering with communities in Haiti. 2021 was our most impactful year on record and is paving the way for an incredible 2022! We are in the process of purchasing property and building a headquarters in Southeast Haiti, as well as fundraising to buy a company car to trek across the rugged mountains to reach our partner communities.

We will never ignore the ongoing trauma and adverse events that are ongoing in Haiti. However, our focus and vision is centered around the positive, beautiful things that we see happening here despite the negative.

At our core, we believe that only Haitians can develop Haiti. The longer we do this work, the more we realize how much Haitians love and appreciate our ethos and the work that we are doing *with* Haitian communities. It's an exciting time for us at LQVE Haiti; thank you all for joining us on this beautiful journey.

Psst. hey, also - here's a sneak peak of our new logo we will be unveiling to everyone this year! We're pretty excited about it.

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