Empowering  Credible
Responsive
Impactful  Advocate
Life-Line  Stabilizing
Compassionate

Strengthening Community for 15 Years

2014-2015 Annual Report

Sant La

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Our Mission and Programs

Sant La’s mission is to empower, strengthen and stabilize South Florida’s Haitian community and to ensure its successful integration. To that end, we provided 9,376 units of service to the community in 2014-2015, and served 2,050 new clients. 1,334 individuals were served through our cornerstone services, including information and referral, care coordination, application assistance, review of correspondence, and naturalization support. Below are our core program areas. The work was done by a team of 11 staff members, 18 dedicated volunteers and interns, and in over 25,000 hours.

From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I am very proud to say that Sant La celebrated 15 years of quality and efficient service to South Florida’s Haitian community this year. We could not have made this far without your unwavering support or that of Sant La’s marvelous team.

This year, I thought long and hard about the importance of uplifting Generation Next. To that end, Sant La proudly launched Sant La Fellows, a community leadership Fellowship program. We must prepare the next generation of community leaders by giving them the lay of the community and provide examples of how best to surmount obstacles.

I thank the visionaries who have invested in this important endeavor that will secure the leadership of our community, and I extend my deepest appreciation to the Sant La Board for their commitment; our loyal staff, who continue to devote themselves completely to achieving our mission; and our community allies, whose partnership advances our shared vision of a self-sufficient and fully integrated Haitian community.

Forever Sant La,
Gepsie M. Metellus
An Overview of our Financial Stewardship

Philanthropy, Advocacy, and Leadership

Philanthropy begins with me and You!
The Red and Blue Book of Philanthropy, a publication dedicated to recognizing and celebrating philanthropic leaders in the Haitian-American community, was printed in May 2015. The book features corporations, community members, friends, family and clients who support the community with their time, talents, and treasures. Through this yearly publication, we aim to remind everyone that Philanthropy is an investment in our community and therefore in our future.

Progress and Unmet Challenges

Progress and Unmet Challenges: Sant La’s Profile of the Haitian Community of Miami-Dade, 2010-2015 was published in June 2015 in partnership with the Florida International University Metropolitan Center. The report offers a detailed statistical look at the ups, downs and challenges experienced by the community.

Generation Next

Sant La Fellows was formally launched in July 2015. The primary goal of this fellowship program is to prepare the next generation of insightful, dedicated civic, academic, business and political leaders who are organically grown in the Haitian-American community. The inaugural class consists of 13 enthusiastic young professionals of Haitian descent.

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2014-2015

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2014-2015

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