DEAR FRIENDS,

WE COMPLETED A BUSY 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR AND ARE PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

OUR RELOCATION WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE COMMUNITY AND WE ARE NOW ABLE TO EMPOWER, STRENGTHEN AND UPLIFT MORE FAMILIES IN THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR. WE ALSO WELCOMED NEW TEAM MEMBERS WHO DESIRE TO USE THEIR PASSION IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

WE SECURED FUNDING FROM THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FOR A NEW MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AS WELL AS A YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 2018. WE JOINED FORCES WITH MANY AREA ORGANIZATIONS IN A TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN COALITION FOR COLLECTIVE IMPACT. OUR NORTHEAST CORRIDOR COALITION PROMISES TO WORK TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN, PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF NORTHEAST MIAMI Dade COUNTY ACCESS THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND IN LIFE.

 ANOTHER POINT OF PRIDE IS THE GRADUATION OF THE THIRD CLASS OF SANT LA FELLOWS, OUR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL CLASS IV.

OUR SUCCESSES ARE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE SANT LA BOARD, STAFF, OUR ALLIES AND PARTNERS, WHOSE PASSION FOR THIS COMMUNITY IS DEEP AND ENDLESS.

WITH WARM REGARDS,
GEPSIE M. METELLUS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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HEALTH & FINANCIAL WELLBEING

ASSISTED 1073 CLIENTS TO GAIN HEALTH SECURITY THROUGH MEDICAID & FLORIDA KIDCARE, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 286 WITH HEALTH COVERAGE THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT; AND 1129 FAMILIES WITH FOOD SECURITY BY ACCESSING FOOD ASSISTANCE.

03

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AND REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

ASSISTED 3,448 JOB SEEKERS INCREASE THEIR EMPLOYABILITY OPTIONS WITH RESUME PREPARATION, ONLINE APPLICATIONS, EMPLOYABILITY ORIENTATION, REFERRALS TO TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND JOB PLACEMENTS. AND ASSISTED 593 CLIENTS WITH RE-EMPLOYMENT THROUGH UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FILING AND SUCCESSFULLY PROCESSED 1,293 UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS.
02

FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES

Assisted over 969 clients through free tax preparation and counseling, mortgage modifications, consumer credit reduction, resolution of identity theft, and home-buyer education.

04

SUCCESSFUL PARENTING AND POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Fostered strong parent-child relationships for 60 families and mental health services to 72 families.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION, EDUCATION, ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

WE COMPLETED OUR 377TH EPISODE OF TELESKOPI THIS FISCAL YEAR. THE SHOW IS VIEWED BY OVER 500,000 HAITIAN-AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS IN SOUTH FLORIDA. OUR 25 NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY MEMBERS CONTINUE TO HELP EXPAND OUR EFFORTS IN COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENTS, AND ADVOCACY TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.
IN FULFILLMENT OF OUR MISSION TO EMPOWER, STRENGTHEN AND UPLIFT SOUTH FLORIDA’S HAITIAN COMMUNITY, WE SERVED 10,568 CLIENTS IN 2017-2018, 2,209 OF WHICH WERE NEW CLIENTS. 808 INDIVIDUALS WERE SERVED THROUGH OUR CORNERSTONE SERVICES, INCLUDING INFORMATION AND REFERRAL, CARE COORDINATION, REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE AND NATURALIZATION AND PASSPORT SUPPORT. THE WORK WAS DONE BY A TEAM OF 15 STAFF MEMBERS AND 18 DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS.
A VIEW OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

EXPENSES
A VIEW OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

INCOME
GOVERNMENT FUNDING          39.4%
FOUNDATION GRANTS           49.5%
CONTRIBUTIONS               4.3%
EVENTS (NET EXPENSES)      3.7%
INTEREST AND OTHER          3.1%

TOTAL                      100%
Accomplishments in the Community

The 16 Member Haitian Philanthropy Coalition continues to promote philanthropy throughout Miami Dade County’s Haitian community, especially among Haitian American millennials. Give Miami Day 2018 will be an opportunity to showcase our community’s generosity.

Class IV of Sant La Fellows graduated in June after a year filled with eager questions, deep discussions and complex answers. During the 2017 - 2018 program year, the 10 Fellows served the community by creating a legacy scholarship fund and awarded two scholarships to deserving Haitian American high school students. Class IV will begin their journey in August 2018.

The Together for Children Northeast Corridor Coalition made great strides this year in successfully securing the Children’s Trust Youth Grant Award for the upcoming academic school year. 100 children throughout the Northeast Corridor will benefit from after school enrichment activities.

Census 2020. Sant La is hard at work planning to mobilize the Haitian American community of South Florida for an accurate count. We know that immigrants are among the hardest to count populations in the U.S., as such, we’re encouraging all communities to fully participate in the 2020 Census. This campaign will continue into 2020.
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