

“We can do no great things, only small things with great love”

Mother Teresa



On behalf of Village of Vision for Haiti Foundation (VVHF), we would like to express our gratitude for the support and assistance you have provide us to accomplish such great things for the beginning of 2011.

Make a difference in a child's life!



Great things can happen when you choose to sponsor a child. Child sponsorship is the best way to help a child, family and community to build

a future free of poverty. For only \$1 per day, you can give a child access to critical resources such as clean water, nutritious food, health care, education and much more. Sponsorship gives you the opportunity to develop a deeper and more meaningful relationship with a child in need, a relationship of hope nurtured through letters. You will enjoy receiving regular updates, including pictures, progress reports, letters, small gifts, etc. You will also be able to visit your sponsored child and see firsthand the benefits of your sponsorship through VVHF. Our Goal is to have at least 200 children sponsored by the end of this year.

Please help by becoming a Sponsor and make a difference in a child's life!

Our New Haitian Amputee Mother Alliance Project

VVHF received \$34939 for this project from December 2010 to April 2011! A Special Thanks to Sandra Geroux with her fundraising in New York and Suzanne Gurry, in Chicago. Because of all the HAMA's wonderful Team, 10 more women will beneficiate from this program which means they will receive their prosthetics, therapy and will be leaving at the camp. VVHF/FEJ would like to thank **Joe Mahon, his family and friends** for his dedication to these women and the **Wade foundation** which funded the infrastructure and construction of the women camps. Thanks to **Sandra Geroux, Laura Eger, Megan DeZara, Tamerin Smith, Suzanne Gurry, Eric Gurry, Maggie Grant, Lory Eger, Jeanne Atkinson, Jody Weschler, Dawn Smith and many more** that came to provide their love and support to these women. Thanks to **Bethany Christian service** who provided trauma training to the women and also to **Project Healthy Smile** who provide dental hygiene to them.

Please visit www.hamafund.org to have more information about the program.



Enfant Jesus Community Clinic (EJCC)

VVHF would like to sincerely thank **The Japanese Embassy, American Airlines & American Eagle** who funded the construction of our community clinic. The Enfant Jesus Community Clinic (EJCC), dedicated to the memory of Berthaud Duncan, opened its doors in February 2011. The EJCC will provide medical and dental care for up to 500 Lamardelle patients each month.

The celebrity golf tournament hosted in March 2011 by American Airlines & American Eagle raised **\$80K** in 2 days. Those funds will help build the second floor of the Enfant Jesus Community Clinic.

The main objectives to ensure good functioning of EJCC are the following:

- Complete the construction of the second floor.
- Raise funds to maintain operations for the next 3 years, find enough volunteers to assist the local medical staff and provide specialized service to the community.



Celebrity golf tournament



Presentation of the check by American Airlines and American Eagle

Community Reinsertion Program



The Reinsertion program (Micro Finance-CHACHE LAVI, Sewing, and Craft) is designed for women and youth who have been the victims of impoverished living conditions both prior to and following the earthquake. One hundred fifteen (115) women who have children at the school were admitted in the program from November 2009 to May 2011. This Program will help women improve their economic security and family health, increase their civic participation and empowerment. On February 2011, fifty (50) women graduated from the program CHACHE LAVI, new name of the Micro Finance Program chosen by the women in December 2010. We have now **164** women from the community of Lamardelle and **28** women from the HAMA program who are participating in the program CHACHE LAVI (FIND LIFE). The women in the Sewing and Craft program presented a fashion Show on March 3, 2011 (see picture on the left). VVHF would like to express our sincere gratitude to the **Bethany Christian Services and also one of FEJ partners DANADOPT** who helped and assisted the women in the Vocational program. This project has provided to the women necessary skills and knowledge for the sustainable in their live. Every one of them has very appreciated this project and hopes that it will continue in the community of Lamardelle. Another Special Thanks to the **US Embassy** for supporting the Reinsertion Program and helping these women

improve their quality of life.

Socio-cultural workshops Animation

This program is prepared by Paula Clermont Pean and is offered by way of socio-cultural workshops to the children of Enfant Jesus "Lamardelle."

(Singing, storytelling, reading, games and drama) is part of a series of seminars conducted by the Cultural Center "Pyepoudre"(on the go) in order to continue its work of guidance to associations and basic communities. These communities will play a role in the development of an esthetic awareness of the population.

Our pedagogical approach enables children to interact, to undertake exchange, to share experiences, and to flourish.



Help us continue to ensure the well-being of the children and women at Village of Vision for Haiti Foundation (VVHF)/Fondation Enfant Jesus (FEJ) by donating on www.vvhf.org. Visit also FEJ's website www.fondationenfantjesus.org

Project Healthy Smile – Volunteering Experience

Project Healthy Smile is a non-profit that provides oral health education and dental supplies to underprivileged globally. In May 2011 PHS worked with Fondation Enfant Jesus for the second time in Lamardelle, Haiti. Last December we worked with the creche and had an oral health lesson with the children and their caregivers. We also provided toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss. We had such a great experience that we decided to come back the following May and work with FEJ's school and women in the HAMA program. We provided oral health education to the teachers at the school followed by a lesson with the children. Each child received a dental kit which included a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and dental sticker. Every student received a fluoride treatment including the teachers. The students will now brush and floss after their meals at school. We left posters for the school to place near the sinks in the cafeteria which will visually remind students how to properly brush and floss. We spent time with the HAMA women, teaching them about oral health and providing them with fluoride treatments. We also gave the children at the creche new dental supplies and had an oral health review with the caregivers. We really enjoyed our time at FEJ and applaud the foundation for all their amazing programs that are changing lives. The staff is welcoming and always made sure we were comfortable and taken care of. We'd like to thank everyone at FEJ for their hospitality and allowing us the opportunity to work together. We look forward in continuing to work together and building a sustainable oral health program.

Michelle Patterson
Co-Founder & Executive Director
Project Healthy Smile
www.projecthealthysmile.org



Hollie doing fluoride treatment To the kids

Michelle teaching oral health



Once upon a time, Simon Simeon

Each year, the Fondation Enfant Jèsus touches the lives of many children through its various programs. There are not enough pages to fill with the many touching stories of the children of Haiti and Lamardelle but this year, FEJ and VVHF would like to highlight a particularly touching story about one child whose life has been forever changed. Simon is a fifteen year old boy who was born in Petion Ville, Haiti on June 20, 1996. He lost his father in the earthquake of January 12, 2010 and his mother was paralyzed to the point where she could no longer care for him. Simon has two living biological siblings in their twenties with whom he no longer has contact. Simon was brought to the Crèche Enfant Jèsus on February 22, 2010 and was immersed into the adolescent program in Lamardelle, Haiti in order to provide him with structure and support in an environment where he could thrive and grow. Upon his arrival at the creche, Simon lacked stability and certainty. As a part of the adolescent program, he was given a second chance at having a family rooted in love. Simon now has parental figures, Pappi Vieux and Manmi Jan who live with him at the Crèche Enfant Jèsus and provide him with love, direction, and lessons on value. Pappi Vieux is fluent in French, Creole, and English and Manmi Jan speaks English. Simon states that he loves them because they play cards with him, give him special treats, and teach him everything he needs to know about life. Simon also has a family of "creche siblings" including a brother, Gaston, 22, with whom he shares a room, and seven teenage creche sisters. These adolescents spend time as a family five nights a week during their Bible Study led by Pappi Vieux as well as during week-end movie nights. Simon is also affectionate with the 30+ children living at the crèche at any given time. Simon currently attends the Ecole Enfant Jèsus in Lamardelle, and has one year left of his primary school education. Simon finished the third and fourth quarter of his school year top in his fourth grade class! In his free time, Simon enjoys riding his bike, playing soccer, and listening to music. He expresses intense creativity and is often found copying drawings he sees as well as attempting to free-hand draw. Simon makes attempts to build his own toys such as kites or balls and he loves activities that involve following models to create 3-D objects. He also enjoys action movies with heroes such as *Batman*. Simon is learning French in school but he also expresses an enthusiastic desire to teach himself English. He is quick to pick up on memorizing words and is thriving in a world of curiosity. Since arriving at the Creche Enfant Jesus, Simon's world has expanded and come alive. He is a helpful and caring teenager who loves to make jokes and is rarely caught without a smile. He is forever grateful to FEJ and all of the staff members who have poured into his life. When asked how he would rank his year and a half spent at the creche, he smiled wide and said "Nine out of ten. Nine because he doesn't always like the food!"

Story by Danielle Nyquist- volunteer that came to offer her services in social work for a year at the Fondation Enfant Jesus. Her journey with us will end in August 2011. We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to her for the wonderful, impeccable work that she had provided to the children, the women and the staff.

We need your Help and lots of Prayers

We need all of your support for the VVHF/FEJ programs to continue to send children to school, help empower women in the village, and deliver clean water to residents. We also need your support combat child malnutrition, continue install bio-sand water filters in homes to prevent disease and increase agricultural production. We are conscious that the challenges ahead will be even more then before but we are confident, with all of your support, we can find a collective solution that will help us get through this difficult time and a sustainable one to ensure the longevity of our Mission and Vision. We appeal to all of you to help us reach our goal to raise **\$550,000 USD** to support FEJ's programs in 2011, building Hope for Haiti. So please **STAND WITH VVHF/FEJ IN 2011!**

We thank you for your generous donation and your commitment. **STAND WITH VVHF** and please share with others.-All donations should be send to our office:

**VILLAGE OF VISION FOR HAITI FOUNDATION
9100 S. DADELAND BLVD. SUITE 1500
MIAMI FL 33156**

Or you could make a donation via the website www.vvhf.org

As you may know, Gina Duncan, the president of VVHF and the Executive Director/CEO of FEJ has been seriously ill these past months. She needs lots of prayers, comfort, love to help her get through this difficult time and get her strength back. Please keep her in your prayers! She needs us to be able to continue the good work!

Some Volunteer Experience

Village of Vision For Haiti Foundation offers a great opportunity to help children and women at the Foundation *Enfant Jesus* in Haiti. The best way we can get by in this often difficult world is with the love and support of others. With even just a few days you truly can make a difference in someone's life and that's a powerful feeling! Since January 2011, thirty (30) people devoted their time to help and assist us in our different programs. We definitely need more support... **Please come join us; together we can make a difference. One precious life at a time!**

Here's some experience and pictures of a couple of volunteers these past months:

"It was an absolutely AMAZING experience to share with my daughter Lilian & friends. TO those of you who made donations of any kind for the orphanage, medical clinic or amputee camp, I THANK YOU deeply for your generosity!" *Suzanne Gurry*

During the week of March 21 to 27, 2011, Mr. Fitzroy B. Beckford, employee of the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences visited Lamardelle as a volunteer recruited by FAVACA to advance some basic agricultural training and provide technical support to the Village of Vision Haiti Foundation/*Fondation Enfant Jesus*.



Training session with Mr. Beckford



Farmers making compost with Mr. Beckford



Michelle/Hollie gave toothbrush kit to the kids.



Lilian Gurry and Lauren Eger



Precious moment-Suzanne Gurry



Hollie Mae/Michelle Patterson-Project Health Smile



Acknowledgment

Thanks to **all donors, sponsors and partners**, since January 2011, VVHF was pleased to send **three** 20 ft. containers to FEJ full of goods and supplies such as diapers, baby formula, powdered milk, proteins, rice, beans, can food, medical supplies, toys and clothing etc...Another 20ft container is scheduled to leave at the end of August 2011.



We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you who devoted their time to support and assist VVHF/FEJ in any kind. Your gesture was really appreciated and will have a good impact on the lives of the children and women of VVHF/FEJ.

As you know, needy families and individuals in our community go without proper food and essential medical care every day. With the generous support of people like you, we will be able to help many of these families and individuals not only to meet essentials daily needs but to work toward brighter future. Your assistance will make an immediate difference in the lives of the children and women of VVHF/FEJ and also their families. Thank you for your collaboration. **May GOD bless you all!**



Upcoming Trip

- The midwifery program proposes to send three faculty and six midwifery students to Haiti from July 16, 2011 to July 30, 2011 for an international service learning experience.
- Jody Weschler and 5 more volunteers will be there from July 29, 2011 to August 4, 2011 to work with the HAMA Project and at the Creche.
- On August 13, 2011, The Creche Enfant Jesus will celebrate their 10th anniversary. American Airlines and American Eagle offered to come help paint the orphanage for this occasion along with 25 more people. They will be there from August 4 to August 9, 2011. A Soccer Game will also take place at that time!

THANKS TO ALL AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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