



Kay St. Helene Orphanage

Kenscoff and Tabarre

St. Helene is a home to over 450 orphaned and abandoned children. Another 175 youths are enrolled in an external program where they live with family but receive academic scholarships. The facility is located on 14 hillside acres with 22 residential cottages, varied by age and gender. A pre-school through secondary school are located onsite which is operated by the Salesian Sisters. For vacations and holidays, the Sisters invite a Teen Life program to the homes and they prepare the children for holy days including excursions to other schools around the country. After a fundamental education, the more academically inclined youths give a year of service, while others are enrolled in a vocational program and help in the home on the weekends.



Kay Christine

Kay Christine is home to 35 children and adults with special needs. The majority of these residents are mobile but could never live on their own. Ten of the children attend the on-site school at the orphanage and the others perform their daily chores, explore the grounds, shell peanuts to make homemade peanut butter and participate in arts and crafts. Every Wednesday 25 children participate in horseback riding therapy which has been so successful that with the help of a benefactor, children have had the opportunity to travel to the US for competitions. Forty full-time staff attend to the children and adults.



Kay St. Helene Orphanage



Extern Program

The Extern Program is operated out of the Pétionville facility and has two coordinators managing the program. Every other week, the youths enrolled in this program meet on Saturdays to discuss issues and challenges with their academics and living situations. Once a youth has left this program and on his/her own, they receive financial assistance up to one year to help them adjust and look for employment.

Francisville



Due to lack of qualified personnel and funding, opportunities for secondary education have been very limited for the NPFS youths. The options for students wanting to continue their education in the capital are inadequate and not effective. Francisville was developed to offer secondary education, vocational training and job creation for NPFS youths, ex-pequeños, handicapped people and youths from the street schools. The facility will be located in Tabarre in an adjacent lot to the St. Damien Medical Center. The vision is to foster independence in youths, for example, to increase computer literacy and job skills.

The goal for Francisville is to be financially self-sustainable through commercial programs and partnerships with professional mentors.

University Scholarships

Only 3.5% of Haitians attend university with less than 1% holding a degree. Source: Kaleidoscope



Engaging students to achieve a university level education has been challenging. The goal for 2009 is to have 12 students enrolled. Currently there are five university students in Haiti, two in the Dominican Republic, and three in Monterrey Mexico.

Mexico cost per year per student \$10,000 = \$30,000

Haiti cost per year per student \$3,000 = \$15,000

DR cost per year per student is \$10,000 = \$20,000

Estimate \$75,000



Kay St. Helene Orphanage

Leaderships and on-going formation studies abroad

Currently there are three hospital employees in Italy learning surgery techniques, two of whom are ex-pequeños.

Estimate studies abroad \$120,000

Father Wasson Forum

The Father Wasson Forum is an internet based educational program that is geared to deserving ex-pequeños and young people to provide training in languages, access to earning their GED on-line and access to on-line universities and/or courses.

Five refurbished computers have been set up with Rosetta Stone language acquisition programs in English, French, Italian, Spanish and German. Learning a language may become a stepping-stone to the national exam in that language or confidence to pursue other educational opportunities.

Estimate \$90,000

Micro Enterprises

The micro enterprise program has been offered to eight ex-pequeños who meet certain criteria. The loans are usually between \$4,000 to \$5,000 and reimbursement is through service or direct payment. Some examples are; a mobile X-ray service for street medical clinics, assembly of paper mache coffins and rosaries for outreach burials, taxis for NPFS medical center transportation, and an internet cafe. Ideas for small businesses are presented to National Director, Father Rick Frechette and he works with each adult to establish a plan of action.

Estimate \$70,000





Staggering Facts

- 80% of the population lives under the poverty line on less than \$2 a day.
- Haiti is one of three countries with the worst caloric deficit per person at 460 calories per day.
- Food is three times more expensive than it was one year ago. The poor consume argiles, or mud cookies to satisfy the burning in their stomachs.
- Unemployment rate is estimated to be at 90% and the literacy rate is 45%.
- Slums in the capital have no sanitation or potable water.
- Life expectancy is only 53 years.
- HIV/AIDS has left 163,000 children orphaned.
- Only one in every 10,000 Haitians have access to a physician.

Source: Global Security

