



2020 Year End REPORT

A word from the President

The year 2020 will be remembered for different things by different people. While it certainly had its challenges, and more than its share of sorrows, 2020 had an abundance of blessings as well - if you knew where to look.

Alongside Families in Haiti Society applied for charitable status in August 2019 and we received notification in early March 2020 that our application was approved and we were granted the designation of a Charitable Organization, effective January 1, 2020. We were incredibly grateful that the approval came before the process was slowed down due to COVID-19.

We are also very grateful for the opportunity we've had to touch the lives of almost 100 families in Haiti in just a few short months. Rebecca and Renel have poured their energy into rolling out our programs and they have worked closely, almost daily, with our two Program Administrators in Haiti - Luckner & Garry.

Your support has been generous and we appreciate your willingness to partner with us. We will be growing and expanding our reach in Haiti in 2021 and we look forward to continuing to work with each of you.

Scott Napier
President of the Board

In 2020 we had...

1st

YEAR AS A
REGISTERED
CANADIAN CHARITY

6

BOARD MEMBERS

84

GENEROUS
DONOR PARTNERS

91

FAMILIES IN HAITI
TOUCHED BY ONE OR
MORE OF OUR
PROGRAMS

Sponsorship Program

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The 2019/2020 school year was intermittent because of political unrest and the COVID-19 pandemic so we had less tuition fees to pay than anticipated. This allowed us to provide our families with food hampers throughout the year. Not only did the food help them physically but it was a tangible way to show them our intent to strengthen them as a family unit.

We were also able to give every sponsored student a hygiene kit at Christmas! These kits were either purchased by the student's own sponsor or by a donor who purchased a kit for a community member.


We look forward to helping you get to know your sponsor child this year. We will be sending you a picture of them at school in the coming weeks, and later in the year you'll get a letter from them.

One of the things we will be focusing on this coming year is increasing our donor partners for 'in transit' students so that we will be able to take on more Post Secondary students.

Together we can make a difference!

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ALFRED, Cedline

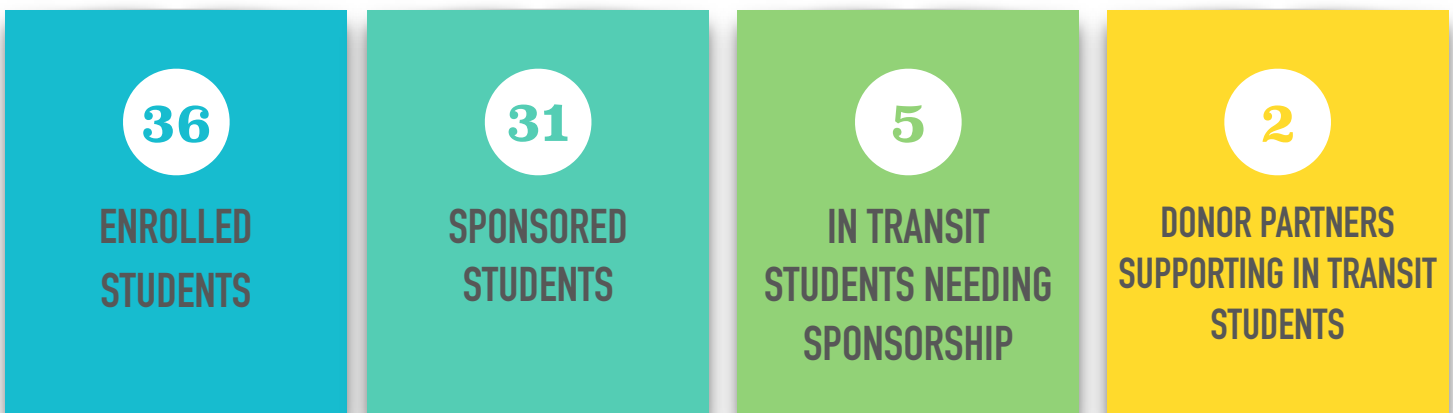
Birthdate: May 6, 2003
Place: Cap-Haïtien
Gender: Female
Grade (2020/21): 8
School: Collège Maitre Pasteur Raphael

BIO:
 Cedline is a very sweet young girl who she was very young and she has grown up with her Aunt and Uncle in Bèkou, a small mountain village in northwest Haiti. She has a sweet nature and she likes to be with her Aunt. Life in a rural mountain community has taught her a variety of important life skills. She has been to school throughout her life. She has been to school for 10 years. She can do a lot of things on her own without getting help from her Aunt and Uncle. She can build a fire in the woods, and she can make a meal for a respected older neighbor of hers in her garden. Despite having a lot of responsibilities, she is confident, strong, and hard working. Cedline loves to sing and will often be heard singing or humming as she works.
 Cedline went to Elementary School in Bèkou but had to move to a larger city to go to High School. She lives with her Aunt and Uncle who she visits often and goes back to Bèkou on the weekend and school breaks. While she loves going to school she misses the mountains when she is away.
 Cedline, Aunt and Uncle have been paying for her schooling with the profits they make from their small business and even they sell from their garden. However, the past year has been so tough that they are not able to continue to do so. What young girl in Bèkou, Haiti would not want to finish school, they would be resigned to a life of a beggar if not sponsored. Making her high school would not only be a blessing for her Aunt and Uncle but it would help validate the living wage her Aunt and Uncle have earned for her and would serve as a powerful example to others in the community.

Together We Can Make A Difference!



At the end of 2020 we had...



Meet a couple of our 'in transit' students!

PIERRE, Davidson Grade 10



It was so much fun to interview Davidson. He had us laughing the whole time! His three favourite things are playing the trumpet, playing soccer, and eating goat stew... if he gets to do all these things in one day he sleeps smiling.

Davidson is the tallest boy in his school... so tall that he often gets questioned about being a student by new staff members. He fondly recalls a time when he "allowed" a new yard supervisor to accuse him of trespassing, and escort him from the school yard so that he could skip a test.

Davidson's sense of humour is unique in Haiti and it shines through everything he does. Sometimes it gets him into trouble, but we think it's a positive character trait that allows him to bring joy to difficult circumstances.

Davidson's parents live in the mountain community of Tetebef and most of his seven siblings still live in the small community with them. Davidson is very bright and was so set on going to school that his parents had him move down to the city of Grand Goave when he was young. He lives with his Aunt and she helps his parents by paying for his tuition. School tuition increases with each grade and the cost is now too much for them to afford. Helping Davidson finish school will provide him with increased opportunities.

Davidson's dream is to graduate High School, become a general mechanic, and have the ability to look after his parents as they age. It is our dream to come alongside him, and his family, to help that become a reality.

Occilene was born in Mount Blan, a small community in northern Haiti that is established on the side of a sand mine. Mount Blan means 'white mountain' and the dust of the fine white sand that is mined there covers everything! The community has no access to school and they need to walk hours to collect fresh drinking water.

Both of Occilene's parents passed away when she was young and she moved in with her adult cousin in Grand Goave. She got a late start at school but she had dreamed of going to school and she seized the opportunity. The hard work and determination that had been engrained in her so early in life helped immensely and Occilene gave school her full attention right up until she graduated.

Occilene's transition into her cousin's family was tough at first but their loving environment quickly drew her in and she found a place to flourish. She has dreamed of being a nurse for as long as she can remember and would like to return to her home community at some point to provide them with public health, and help them establish regular access to health care.

Occilene is perseverant and empathetic. She also has a solid work ethic and is compassionate and we believe she has the potential to become a great nurse one day. Will you help her get there?

TERMOT, Occilene Nursing (4 years)



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPONSORING DAVIDSON, OCCILENE, OR ONE OF OUR OTHER 'IN TRANSIT' STUDENTS?
SEND US AN EMAIL AND WE WILL SEND YOU A LINK!

Small Business Loan (SBL) Program

It has been exciting this year to watch our SBL program unfold. Donors are excited about this unique opportunity to empower a family, and loan recipients are grateful for a chance to pursue their dreams. We can't think of a better way to celebrate the close of our first year than to introduce you to Brigitte.

NAME:	Brigite
INDUSTRY	Market
LOAN AMOUNT:	\$410
LOAN DATE:	Nov 2020
REPAID:	\$85

Brigite Charles is a 58 year old mother of seven who is as hard working as they get. She was born and raised in Tetebef, and so were her children. She never attended school and has spent her entire life gardening and helping to raise animals.

For as long as she can remember Brigitte has been selling fresh produce - either her own, or for her neighbours. She is a master at knowing how to price and how to barter. Her market day routine is to walk down the mountain before sunrise (which takes approximately 2 hours) and set up most of her produce by the side of the highway. She send her daughter to their regular market stall with the best of the produce & any non-perishable items they have to sell. She sells the majority of the produce (by the highway) in bulk very quickly, to regular clients or to other merchants who will resell in their own stalls. Brigitte then joins her daughter to help sell the remaining produce at a higher price. They take turns touring the market to buy what they need for their family.

At the end of the day she packs up and spends the night at a family members house before returning to the mountains the next day. Brigitte does this for two reasons - she's afraid of walking back up the mountain with an empty mule (on market day) as thieves will know she has sold her goods and has cash... and she's exhausted!

In addition to being hard working, she is also kind, friendly, honest and exceptionally wise. Her priority is always her family but she knows the importance of living in community and she looks out for her neighbours with a mothering touch.



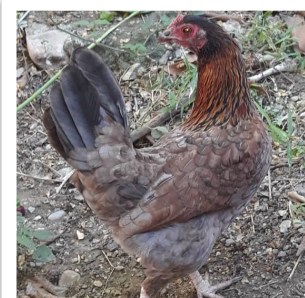
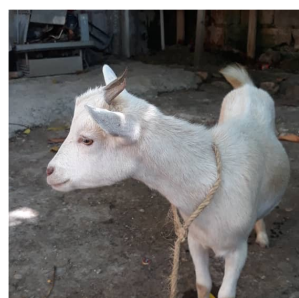
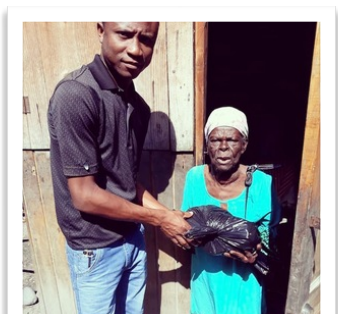
Brigite applied for a business loan as she would like to expand her business to include more non perishable goods. Her eldest son now has a house close to the market so she'll be able to store her items there and just bring the produce down the mountain. She would also like to expand her business to enable her older daughters to be more involved.

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Gift Catalogue & Projects

Rolling out the gift catalogue has been a lot of fun this year! It has allowed us to respond to urgent needs in a way that gives our donor partners a glimpse into life in Haiti... highlighting both the struggles and the beauty of a complex country. We are looking forward to growing this program in the coming year.



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RELIEF FOOD
PACKAGES

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HYGIENE
KITS

6

GOATS

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CHICKENS

A word from our founders

Many of our life experiences have prepared us, and led us, to start Alongside Families in Haiti Society. We are grateful for each experience and for each person that has played a role along the way. This organization would not be possible without your inspiration and support.

We know that many of the donors that have partnered with us this year have done so because they know us and our passion to help our friends and family in Haiti. We appreciate the trust you have shown us and look forward to deepening our relationship and earning even more of your trust. Thank you for your generous support this year!

We recognize that people have different philosophies about how best to empower while breaking the chains of poverty. We welcome your opinions as we believe that different points of view will widen our perspective, sharpen our vision and ultimately make our organization more effective.

We want to say a special thank you to our Board of Directors. Scott, Albert, Teresa, Diane & Leanne - your willingness to collaborate has enabled our vision to take flight and we appreciate your presence and friendship very much.

So as we close our first year, we want to say thank you again for choosing to partner with us! Please reach out to us at any time.

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