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Aerial View of La Vallée de Jacmel

The Year 2022

It has been more difficult than all previous years, imposing more challenges and more restrictions on our partners in Haiti: COVID-19 is still ongoing and there is a resurgence of cholera. Inflation causes prices to rise and increases poverty. In addition, insecurity forced the postponement of the start of the school year, which took place in December, even in calmer regions such as *La Vallée de Jacmel*.

It is in this context, the Foundation managed to give support and assistance. The SLG64 Louis-Philippe Guérin Foundation continues to bring relief to those in desperate need. The partnership between the Foundation and *École Moderne de La Vallée* remains dedicated to carrying out projects that ensure the success of children!

OUTSTANDING VICTORY DESPITE THE ODDS!



In this time of deep crisis, children are too often the most vulnerable. Our support has continued uninterrupted. In August, the success rate at the *École Moderne* was 100% in the exams of the Certificat d'études! It was with great pride that the 9th-grade students received their results. They all graduated!

We present our sincere congratulations to the students and their parents also to the teachers, the staff and the management of the school who led them to the path of success.

Bravo! And thank you!

REGULAR SCHOOL MEALS ARE STILL PROVIDED

The all-important school meals continue to be provided, this year to even more students. In this context, school meals are also a real lifeline of support beyond the boundaries of the school. The families and extended families somehow benefit more or less. It is often daunting to accept the reality that things in the country are not getting better.

Around 200 students and staff are presently benefiting from the school's well-balanced meal program at *l'École Moderne*. Some of the food is grown by *Femmes en Action*, a cooperative initiated by the school principal Paulette Payen.



OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT: ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP!



In 2022, our beneficiary of the four-year academic scholarship at *Quisqueya University*, in *Port-au-Prince*, continued his progress toward his bachelor's degree in accounting but not without a few disruptions. He nevertheless continued to excel in his classes. This year, however, things got more difficult. Gang clashes were frequent in his neighborhood. When it was suggested to him that he might have to interrupt his attendance given the life-and-death risks that he was facing, he chose instead to move to a possibly less dangerous location. In his single-minded dedication to learning, succeeding in school remained his sole focus.

We pray for him.

THERE WERE CELEBRATIONS!

On December 8, *l'École Moderne* celebrated its anniversary. The school had chosen the Immaculate Conception as its patron saint. With the performance of the School Choral, ceremonies took place at the Saint John the Baptist Parish, and the celebration was enjoyed by all. Festivities also took place at Easter, Christmas and the new year. These happy events brought joy to all and help maintain a strong sense of community.



STILL MORE PRESSING NEEDS!

The financial challenges of the parents keep getting worse. The value of the Haitian Gourde kept falling and consequently, prices of goods kept rising. Every day, our assistance becomes more and more critical. Grants provided by the foundation to students had to be increased. Similarly, our assistance to the teacher's salaries was also increased.

SOME MUCH-APPRECIATED DONATIONS

The foundation sent a full box of materials to support educational activities: a microscope, books, notebooks and pencils, materials for art class and economics classes and classroom management, hole punches, staplers, pencil sharpeners etc. It took some time to get there but at least they were available when the school year 2022-2023 begins. The Foundation also provided desks for the students of the New Secondary 2 level and 10 new blackboards for the other classrooms.



Through requests to the government of Canada, the Foundation also received classroom management supplies, organizers and punchers etc. that she will send to the School when the situation improves on the roads of the Capital.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY AND MEETING WITH OUR PARTNERS IN HAITI.

All meetings and assemblies took place on the Zoom platform. This year, the Foundation invited donors to meet the recipient of the Francisco Lemy University Scholarship. He talked about his educational background and actual challenges and his career plans.

Paulette and Benoît Payen also met with the Board at the start of the year to inform them of the way the school operates and to speak about the projects that are close to their hearts.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS A WORTHWHILE EVENT!



The annual meeting was held via Zoom on July 17, 2022. The board pays tribute to Roger Bélizaire who chaired the foundation for the past 11 years. He was present as a surgeon after the earthquake and went to Haiti every year to support the school and ensure project evaluation visits. The community of La Vallée also owes him a great deal since he was a volunteer surgeon at Saint-Jean Hospital during all these years.

Thank You Roger!

The Board of Directors: a new President, Guillaume Sévère and a Vice-President, France Bernard were elected. Managers have also been appointed to various committees. The foundation is always looking for a younger generation to ensure its sustainability. Regular meetings are held every two months by Zoom.

The communication committee undertook three fundraising campaigns: in January, June and November. This introduced us to new donors. The website was modified to better transmit messages and make online donations easier. The addition of Zeffy helped in collecting the donation in full. Registrations with *Giving Tuesday* were very helpful this year.

The project committee formulated sustainable projects to initiate in the years to come: the introduction of solar power, UV treatment of water, and aquaponics. Grants have been applied to involve *Les Femmes en Action de La Vallée* and their participation in a project with SOPAR and AQANU in Quebec. Unfortunately, the grants were not awarded.

The Finance Committee worked with banking advisers in Canada on the investment of monies accumulated for the creation of an endowment fund. This fund is intended to ensure the sustainability of the Foundation. The objective of an initial investment of US\$10,000 was reached, which made it possible to invest in a so-called balanced fund administered by RBC Global Asset Management Inc. Additional donation of US\$3,361 was received this year.

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A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

Thanks to our loyal group of donors, we raised C\$10,535 to cover charitable expenses. Taking into account the cost of living mentioned above, our expenses amounted to C\$12,921. It is thanks to the balance of the funds collected in 2021 that we were able to end the year with an amount of CAN \$5,522 in cash intended to cover tuition fees and meals from January 2023. We are counting on the campaign for May and June to end the school year and start the next one well.

FINANCIAL STANDING AND ANNUAL REPORT

The financial standing of the Foundation for the year 2022 has been submitted to the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) and will be published on their Web site. The public can review the activities and financial reports. Since all operations of the Foundation are on a volunteer basis, 100% of all contributions received are spent toward the realization of projects in Haïti.

WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL, THANK YOU!

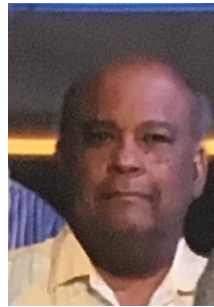
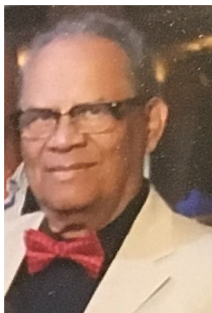
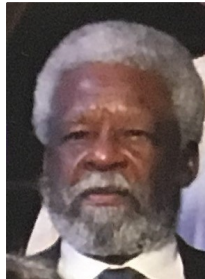
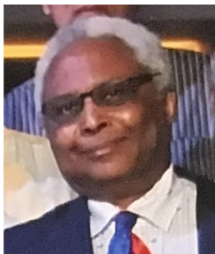
Many thanks to all our donors whose contributions have made possible the continuation of the projects initiated twelve years ago. Your loyalty and your unfailing support have made it possible not only to maintain the school canteen but also to advance the initial school career which reached up to the second cycle of the fundamental years (9th grade) and which now reaches the New Secondary II. Your donations are well-invested and we urge you to continue supporting this noble cause.

Finally, the Board of Directors would like to give special thanks to those who work behind the scenes, provide their assistance and put their skills to good use so that the Foundation can preserve its integrity; increase public awareness and ensure its sustainability. Thank you to our webmaster, our accountant, the members of the Council and the committees. We also thank the *Marco Depestre Foundation of Ottawa* for the annual donation received for a third consecutive year.

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