

# ANNUAL REPORT



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# Note from Executive Director

In 2021, Haitians were faced with the assassination of their president, followed by a devastating earthquake in the country's South. In 2022, the level of insecurity and inflation quickly escalated to a level that Haitians described as having "never experienced before in their lives."

Due to damage to schools, damage to homes, trauma from the earthquake and family savings being used elsewhere, it was a challenge for many students to return to school following the 2021 earthquake. In 2022, fuel shortages, nation-wide lockdown, and a crippling high cost of living postponed the opening of the new school year. The past couple of years have brought more instability, challenges and suffering to Haitians than anyone should have to endure.

These challenges increased the risk of children being separated from their families. Disturbingly, with the increase of gang activity in Haiti's capital, children – especially street children – are being recruited and even trafficked into armed gangs. Children in orphanages in which neglect and abuse have been documented are facing even worse conditions with the increased cost of living in Haiti.

Following the 2021 earthquake, many families remain homeless. During the prolonged lockdown that happened in August & September 2022, many families used up their business capital and savings to survive... and as a result, are now suffering long term setbacks. The increased cost of fuel, costs associated with insecurity, and severe inflation of over 50% have resulted in a cost of living that most people simply cannot afford. This means that most families are struggling to meet their children's basic needs.

Life is currently very difficult for many Haitians. Everyone is also deeply affected emotionally and mentally. Yet amidst these challenges, I have learned some deeply valuable lessons:

1. **It is more important than ever that we empower individuals, families, and communities towards becoming self-sufficient.** If we truly want to combat poverty – which is the root cause of so many of the issues mentioned above – we must lift underserved people up to a point in which they no longer rely on our support to survive, nor to thrive.
2. **Communities are so important! Families and communities are positioned to be the first support network present for children in times of need.** We must work to engage and reinforce families

and communities if we want to create truly sustainable and impactful change. There are so many Haitians dedicating their time and energy – with limited resources – to creating positive change in their communities. When we come alongside and join such initiatives, we can support them in having an incredible impact!

3. **We must look deeper, and listen harder.** News highlights and government press releases do not explain the full story behind what is happening. The majority of Haiti's population is suffering – despite the incredibly rich potential and natural resources of their country, the "Pearl of the Antilles" – due to the greed of a small group of individuals continually seeking more wealth and power. Haiti's government must be held accountable for the treatment and conditions of Haiti's people. To understand Haiti's reality, we must listen to the experiences and understandings of the Haitian people (Haitian Civil Society).
4. **Our greatest strength in challenging times is our team's persistence.** I am continually blown away by my colleagues' motivation and dedication – they inspire me! At times when other organizations were closing their doors, our team was reuniting children. When the entire country was on lockdown, we had staff members choosing to walk through road blocks for hours to reach vulnerable children. Their persistence, and the extent to which they truly care about making a difference, has allowed us to continue having an impact despite all of these challenges.

I am so grateful to every single donor who has allowed us to keep our team employed, and supported us in giving so many families hope that brighter days will come. Having witnessed first hand the difference this makes during very dark times, I don't have the words to express how impactful your support of Little Footprints is. Please know that being able to offer support to children, families and communities in turn gives our team strength, motivation and hope. Thank you for being a part of the driving force behind this!

The extreme inflation in Haiti has affected our organization as well, and we are so incredibly grateful to each of you who contribute to allowing us to continue making a difference during these critical times.

**Morgan Wienberg, M.S.C.**

Co-Founder & Executive Director

# Leadership

**Morgan Wienberg**

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*Director of Philanthropy and Communications*

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*Manager of Logistics &*

*Procurement*

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*Governance Committee*

*Member*

**Radhika Sahdeva**

*Communications Volunteer*

# 2021–2022 Activity Highlights



Working together with Haitian child protection experts is critical in ensuring that we are learning from and supporting their initiatives – not unintentionally undermining them! LFBS strives to stand together with Haitian authorities and other child protection actors in a collective effort for change.”

As the Haitian proverb states, “men anpil fe chay la pa lou” or “many hands make the load lighter”!

— LFBS Co-Founder & Executive Director, Morgan Wienberg  
on the importance of collaboration & supporting Haitian-led initiatives

## 1. NATIONAL DAY OF THE CHILD & RELATED ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Haiti’s National Day of the Child is the second Sunday in June. Each year, as part of the regional Working Group for Child Protection in the South (Groupe du Travail pour la Protection de l’Enfance / GTPE-Sud), LFBS accompanies Haitian Social Services (IBESR) in facilitating various activities throughout the week leading up to this date.

Following are some of the highlights of this year’s activities, and information about how they relate to other initiatives taken on throughout the year:

### 1(a). ANNUAL STREET CHILD MEETING ACTIVITIES

Each year, the LFBS team mobilizes street children in Les Cayes to share their reflections, reality and dreams with their peers and community organizations. We invite former street children to give inspirational speeches, and assist Haitian Social Services in documenting the current street children.

These sessions have inspired children to reconnect with their families, return to school, envision a better future for themselves, and/or connect with other services. This year had a special focus on educating and empowering children and youth not to join armed gangs.

**Over a third of children attending decided to leave the streets and return to their families.** LFBS hosts this event every year with the help of Haitian Social Services (IBESR)



and several other child protection partners.

Following this year’s meeting, 6 street children were placed in the LFBS transitional safehouse. Our social workers worked extensively with these children to provide psychosocial trainings and support both for the children and their caretakers. Even amidst nationwide lockdown and turmoil, our determined staff members continued working with these children.

After tracing the former street children’s families and facilitating much-needed family mediation, **we were able to reunite all 6 of these children with their families!** Moving forward we will ensure these youth are integrated in vocational training opportunities, and their families are empowered with income generating activities.





## 1(b). WORKSHOP WITH CHILD PROTECTION AUTHORITIES

LFBS and Terre des Hommes co-facilitated a workshop for various child protection partners, including local authorities, in Southern Haiti. **The focus of this workshop was to prepare a joint plan to address the growing issue of street children being recruited into armed gangs**, focusing particularly on those children in the streets of Southern Haiti.

As part of the regional Working Group for Child Protection in Southern Haiti, the majority of these partners – including LFBS and IBESR (Haitian Social Services) – **meet on a monthly basis** to discuss arising issues and follow-up strategy related to child protection/ child welfare.

## 1(c). TRAININGS FOR CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES

LFBS was able to support and accompany Haitian authorities in providing follow-up training for volunteer Protection Committees in numerous rural communities, in addition to facilitating training sessions with community leaders.

Three of these committees (in the communities of Arniquet,

Ducis and Chantal) learned the protocols for making referrals for child protection cases. This training is especially important as we mobilize communities to work together against the ongoing recruitment of street children into gangs.

## 1(d). PUBLIC EDUCATION SESSIONS IN HAITIAN CHURCHES

The National Day of the Child always falls on a Sunday. The LFBS team volunteered to support education sessions in churches across Southern Haiti (in La Savanne, Renaud,

Peleren and Vernet), joined by LFBS partners. Together, they helped raise awareness on children's rights and the importance of ensuring children grow up in families.

## 2. LAUNCH OF HAITI FAMILY CARE NETWORK

Little Footprints is one of five organizations who have come together to form an initiative called the Haiti Family Care Network (HFCN). The Haiti Family Care Network aims to be an educational catalyst and advocate for the shift towards family-based care in Haiti. Our vision is that all Haitian children and youth are given the opportunity to thrive in families.

As members of the leadership council of this network, Little Footprints and four other organizations met regularly for over a year before officially launching the network in May 2022. Since the launch, the network has actively been offering and sharing resources through social media and the

network website. We have also been offering free online workshops and trainings. If you haven't already, check out the HFCN website and social media pages!

<https://www.haitifamilycarenetwork.org/>





### 3. LONG-TERM RECOVERY POST-EARTHQUAKE

Well after the August 2021 earthquake – into early 2022 – aftershocks continued to cause damage and spike alarm for affected communities. The LFBS team continued to provide emergency supports such as nutrition, tarps, water filtration

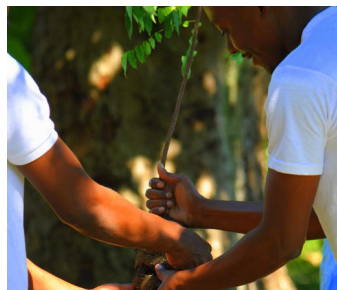
systems and hygiene supplies (thanks to the support of our donors and partners including Global Empowerment Mission & Hope for Haiti). However, in 2022 we began to focus primarily on more long-term recovery efforts.

#### 3(a). SUPPORTING FOOD SECURITY & INCOME GENERATION

Thanks to the Trees that Feed Foundation, Little Footprints received several hundred fruit tree seedlings. We were able to hire one of the agronomy students we support to take care of the seedlings. Once the trees started to grow, the LFBS team distributed them to families across Southern Haiti and helped plant them. As they grow, the fruit from these trees will help families with food security.

In addition, our team was able to provide business start-up capital to 32 families! We begin with evaluating the family's needs, resources, experience and capacity; our team then provides financial literacy training before providing the parents with business start-up capital, and following up to ensure their business is well maintained.

**Empowering families with food security and income generating activities will continue to be a main focus for LFBS moving forward. Ensuring parents have the means to care for their children is critical to ensuring successful reunification as well as preventing family separation.**



#### 3(b). CONSTRUCTION OF 19 PREFABRICATED HOMES

This year, the LFBS team completed construction of nineteen prefabricated homes for victims of the August 2021 earthquake! In 2023 we will build a twentieth prefabricated home for an additional family. Our Logistics Manager and the rest of the construction team worked very long hours to provide these families with homes as quickly as possible, at times driving for hours and carrying supplies by hand into the mountainside to reach regions in which construction is challenging.

These homes were generously donated by our partner, Digicel Foundation. Digicel Foundation purchased the homes from Maxima, a company in Port-au-Prince, and paid to ship the homes from Port-au-Prince to the South of

Haiti. LFBS has supported families with Maxima houses in the past following Hurricane Matthew in 2016; these homes have since withstood hurricanes and the most recent earthquake.

With support from our incredible network of donors and our partner Child Hope International, LFBS was able to purchase cement and other supplies necessary to complete foundations for each home, and to hire local workers to build them. Not only did this provide safe shelter for families who lost their homes in the earthquake – but it also provided employment to at least 7 contractors during challenging economic times.





Many individuals were traumatized post-earthquake, especially after seeing cement structures fall and kill neighbors and family members. The tin roofs on Maxima houses granted families a greater peace of mind as aftershocks continued to rock Southern Haiti through the end of 2021 and early 2022.

One vulnerable family was identified by the LFBS team during outreach efforts in Camp Perrin, a town slightly

outside of Les Cayes, during the aftermath of the earthquake. The family's cement home had fallen in, killing relatives underneath. With nowhere else to go and little access to machinery to move the debris, the family camped out on top of the rubble for weeks. LFBS staff were deeply troubled by the family's situation and worked tirelessly to construct a Maxima home on the family's land nearby so that they could move to a safe location and begin to process their trauma.

#### 4. CONSTRUCTION ON LFBS PROPERTY

Several years ago, thanks to a very generous donor, we were able to purchase property for LFBS! This is important to us for many reasons. Having a more stable presence in the community sends a message to authorities, partners and families that we are in this for the long run. In addition, for over a decade we have been renting facilities for our office and transitional safehouses! We look forward to one day being able to invest the funds previously used for rent in creating more sustainable impact in the communities we serve.

So far we've been able to make exciting progress in developing the property: we've already built a bridge, retaining wall, septic field and well. This year, we were able to build a security wall around the entire property! This added security will allow us to use the property for storage and other means as we raise funds to build structures.

As always, we prioritize hiring locally. Each time we move forward with developments on our property, we are also thrilled to offer employment to contractors and construction workers during these challenging economic times. Our next steps: buildings!





# Our Vision



“Every child in Haiti grows up in a safe, loving and self-sustaining family, supported by empowered, informed and secure communities.”

## Our Mission

LFBS empowers vulnerable families that have been separated, or who are at risk of separation, by supporting local protection authorities in building a stronger child protection network. LFBS works to keep families together by addressing the root causes of separation and poverty through programming in child well-being and development, family and community development, advocacy of child rights, and medical outreach.

### WHAT WE DO

We support vulnerable children and youth to regain their physical and mental health, to access educational opportunities, and to reconnect with their families. We empower families toward a future of dignity and self-sufficiency. We reinforce the child protection and deinstitutionalization efforts of Haitian authorities.

### WHY WE DO IT

Over 80% of children in orphanages have living families. They are “poverty orphans”, separated because their families can’t afford to care for them. Over 750 orphanages exist in Haiti – most of which are “for-profit” businesses, exploiting children in order to receive foreign aid. Only 4.6% of those orphanages meet the minimum standards of care according to the Haitian government.

Children raised in institutions are 6 times more likely to be a victim of violence and 500 times more likely to commit suicide (compared to children raised in families). Children should not be separated from their families due to poverty.

Children living in corrupt orphanages, the streets, or the restavec (modern slavery) system are all easily exploited because they have been separated from their families. However – when children are separated from their families, there is a reason for it. To truly change these children’s lives we must not only reunite them with their families, but also address the issue that caused separation in the first place. This is why following up with family mediation and strengthening, while facilitating preventative efforts in vulnerable communities, is so important.

## HOW WE DO IT

The secret to our work is the passion and dedication of our staff. Our team of local employees continually receive training to reinforce their capacity, yet their personal investment in our work is what makes the impossible possible. We work very closely with local Haitian authorities such as Haitian Social Services (IBESR), the Child Protection Brigade of the local police (BPM), and the Ministry of Women's Rights (MCFDF).

Our main focus is on family reunification of children who have been separated from their families. This includes children living in corrupt orphanages, children living in the streets, restavecs (modern slaves), victims of sexual assault, lost and abandoned children. When referred by local authorities, we receive these children in our Transitional Safehouses while their families are being traced or a long term placement (such as a foster family) is being prepared. During their temporary stay in our Transitional Safehouses, children receive nutritious meals, medical care, counseling, literacy tutoring, life skills training, and a safe space.

Once children have been reunited with their families, we continue to follow up with them. We provide access to education, vocational skills, small businesses, agricultural development, and medical care for vulnerable families in order to empower them to care for their children, and to ensure their children have the opportunity for a brighter future.

Together with local authorities, we facilitate community training for the prevention of violence and exploitation. We work alongside community leaders to ensure those workshops have a long lasting impact. We raise awareness globally about the value and effectiveness of deinstitutionalization, and the importance of ensuring that international aid truly helps – not harms – children.

## WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

We have lengthy, strong and respected relationships with the people, families, communities and partners we work with. Our team is deeply invested in our work. Our staff are Haitian, led by our Cofounder/Head of Haiti Operations who lives and works alongside them. We work closely alongside local authorities such as Haitian Social Services and the Child Protection Brigade of the local police and support their initiatives. Our programs have a vast geographical reach as we follow up with families wherever they've been reunited - which has brought us to over 25 different communities across Haiti. We continually strive to improve and better serve the Haitian community – which means we are continually learning from our beneficiaries, as they are the experts on their own needs. Our intervention for each child is personalized, based on their own situation, needs and dreams. Our focus is being a catalyst for sustained change.





# Our Newly Defined Programs:

## LFBS Thematic Areas:

### 1. CHILD WELL-BEING AND DEVELOPMENT

We focus on physical and emotional well-being of vulnerable children and youth while providing them with access to education, including vocational learning opportunities. Our transitional safehouses provide protection and healing for children who are separated from their families and in need of temporary placement before being reunited. This is key in reinforcing the capacity of local authorities to react when children are in dangerous situations.

### 2. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Our outreach programs help empower vulnerable families by providing the training and resources they need to preserve the family unit. This may include assistance with family mediation, medical care, access to safe housing, and development of income generating activities such as agriculture or small businesses. Empowering families strengthens communities.

### 3. ADVOCACY OF CHILD RIGHTS

In collaboration with Haitian authorities we raise awareness against child abuse and abandonment. We work to protect and empower victims of abuse and exploitation, changing Haiti's child protection landscape and advocating globally.

### 4. MEDICAL OUTREACH

Vulnerable children who cannot afford medical care are either identified when our staff visit a local hospital or through a referral from local authorities. This helps to prevent abandonment and separation by providing care to families who cannot afford care themselves



## LFBS Programs:

### 1. FAMILY TRACING, MEDIATION & REUNIFICATION

In the family tracing, mediation and reunification program we work with local authorities to trace and reunify children with their families or to provide alternative family based care. These children are often rescued from emergency situations, including corrupt and abusive institutions that authorities are shutting down, domestic slavery, and dangerous street conditions. Our transitional safehouses operate 24-hours a day and serve as a temporary placement to provide protection and healing out of these situations while children's families are being traced.

### 2. EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Our Education & Vocational Training programming provides support to children in primary and secondary school, through to the post-secondary level. This includes basic education support for school registration, tuition, uniforms, books, and literacy tutoring. Additionally, we provide older youth or parents with vocational and trades training. We help coordinate apprenticeships and provide support with fees for practical training costs and required materials. When necessary, we support the medical, housing and nutritional needs of the children and youth in this program stream in order to ensure they can pursue their academic success without interruption.

### 3. INCOME GENERATION OPPORTUNITIES

Addressing the root causes of separation involves a variety of programming initiatives to support Haitian families with training and resources to preserve the family unit and pursue self-sufficiency. LFBS runs two initiatives that promote income generation; our business start up programming and agriculture and livestock farming programming.

Our business startup programming empowers and provides tools for local individuals to create income generation opportunities for parents in addressing the goal of child separation.

Our agriculture and livestock farming programming promotes increased food security, personal health and well-being, and nutritional support through providing individuals training and support to manage their own livestock and grow their own food.

### 4. HOUSING ASSISTANCE

In the housing and assistance program, we endeavor to work together with families to complete housing repairs or build the necessary home units for families within our reunification program.

### 6. ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS RAISING

We work with Haitian government agencies and international organizations to educate, promote and activate change for children, women, men and families who are prone to abuse and exploitation. LFBS has become a recognized champion and change-agent for human rights in Haiti and around the world.

### 5. COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT

We work holistically with entire communities to raise awareness and facilitate community training in the prevention of violence and separation and promotion of community health and well-being.

### 7. EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

Our emergency programming after disasters includes emergency kit distribution, supporting local child protection authorities in their response to protect children and prevent trafficking and separation, psychosocial support for separated children, and mobilizing and distributing supplies to address the needs of the most deeply affected survivors.





# Our Results

A QUICK GLANCE AT OUR IMPACT FOR THE 2021 – 2022 FISCAL YEAR:

**32**   
families provided with business  
start-up training and capital

**3**   
families' homes repaired after severe  
damage due to the August 2021

**19**   
homes built for families affected  
by the August 2021 earthquake

**6**   
children transitioned off of  
Haiti's streets

This year we provided **91** patients with access to medical care.  
The breakdown of the types of medical concerns addressed is as follows:

**15**   
pediatric  
consultations

**27**   
general  
consultations

**18**   
ophthalmology  
consultations

**11**   
dental  
consultations

**4**   
orthopedic  
consultations

**4**   
gynecological  
consultations

**6**   
dermatology  
consultations

**6**   
urological  
consultations



## Meet Wattson...The LFBS Accountant

Promoted to the position of full-time accountant in 2021, Wattson is an incredibly dedicated, inquisitive, and hardworking member of the LFBS team. He originally started his journey at our organization as the expenditure reports manager, but now holds the sole responsibility of managing and documenting our finances. Savvy with our new Sage accounting software, he also ensures adherence to all accounting procedures, including the timely reporting of expenses, making bank transactions, and filling out any necessary requisitions. Before he became the head of this one-man department, there were several people handling this role which resulted in a lack of consistency and structure. Today, Wattson's competence and professionalism have ensured we have zero discrepancies. He has ensured the accounting documentation and accuracy needed to build our capacity while maintaining our financial responsibility and transparency.

Wattson goes above and beyond what is expected of him. He is knowledgeable about our various programs, participates in all trainings and workshops to ensure that LFBS' expenses are relevant to our mission, and consistently works evenings and weekends. After the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that shook Haiti in 2021, he was on the ground distributing goods with the rest of the LFBS team – while continuing to work after hours to ensure new accounting procedures were still respected and all expenses were accurately recorded. After his brother's passing, Wattson took responsibility of his niece and works endlessly to support his family. Wattson's kind-hearted nature, impeccable performance, and genuine dedication to serving his community make him a key member of the LFBS team!





# Financials

Ensuring that expenditures are focused on children, families and key objectives is integral to the work and values of LFBS.

We are a Registered Canadian Charity under the Canadian Income Tax Act with CRA #84792 2101 RR0001 and in the United States as a 501(c)(3) 981224282.

Every dollar is accounted for and works toward making a difference – now and into the future. Our detailed expenditure reports are available upon request.

\*Land Development Project donations and expenses are separated from funding for our programs and operations. Donations to our programs and services are not used for the land development project.

## Fiscal Year Expenditures:

November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022

### ADMINISTRATION:

**\$187,840**

Includes Haiti office expenses and supplies, banking/ exchange fees, accounting, legal fees and staff wages.

### ADVOCACY:

**\$10,711**

Both within Haitian communities and globally, we strive to raise awareness about issues related to child protection and family-based care.

### EDUCATION PROGRAM:

**\$93,138**

Includes tuition for access to education, uniforms, books, supplies, tutoring, and access to vocational training.

### OPERATION OF SAFEHOUSES:

**\$133,546**

Includes food/water, rent, staff wages, maintenance, medical/ dental, furnishings, clothing, recreational activities, etc. for children while in our Transitional Safehouses as part of our Family Research, Mediation & Reunification program.

### OUTREACH & COMMUNITY:

**\$200,976**

Includes expenses for our main programs facilitated within communities: Family Research, Mediation & Reunification; Community Reinforcement; Income Generating Opportunities; Housing Support; etc.

### EARTHQUAKE RELIEF:

**\$207,528**

Following the earthquake that hit Southern Haiti on August 14th 2021, our team provided emergency relief to communities affected. We then transitioned to long term recovery efforts focusing on housing, income generating opportunities, and mental health support.

### \*LFBS LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:

**\$217,033**

Ensuring an efficient, sustainable future, we are building a permanent home for our offices, medical consultation clinic and Transitional Safehouses. We also use the land to produce food crops for use in our Transitional Safehouses. Funding for this work is separate from funding for LFBS programs and operations. General donations are not used toward the land development project, only those donations made specifically for construction will be used as such.





To our cherished donors, sponsors and supporters.

# Thank you, to each and everyone of you.

**FOR** being such generous and consistent catalysts for real change.

**FOR** hosting and attending fundraising events.

**FOR** sharing information about our work.

**FOR** following us on social media.

**FOR** being part of our team, mobilizing children, youth and families toward a life of dignity and self sufficiency.

**FOR** caring.



# Moving Forward

Moving into a new year, our focus will be on the following priorities:

- 1. Reunification & Reintegration of street children:** Due to the heightened cost of living in Haiti, unfortunately many children have taken to the streets in an attempt to care for themselves and/ or to provide for their families. These children are easily targeted for recruitment into armed gangs and other forms of crime. Our team continually focuses on street children's reunification with their families and reintegration into their communities - but in light of increasing insecurity and gang activity in Haiti, it is now even more of a priority. For each child that is reunited, it will be critical that we provide the necessary support to economically empower and strengthen their families.
- 2. Reunification of children in "red" orphanages:** Several years ago, Haitian social services identified a group of 14 orphanages, in which there are just over 500 children, in Southern Haiti that have been categorized as "red" due to documented neglect and/ or abuse. Due to the extreme inflation and increased cost of living in Haiti, the conditions in these orphanages have become even worse. Although authorities have identified the closure of these orphanages as a priority, this has not yet been achieved due to lack of resources necessary to provide follow-up

support to families once children are reunited (which is critical in ensuring the reunification is successful and sustainable, preventing children from simply being sent elsewhere and addressing the root causes of separation - which, in most cases, is poverty). One by one, we will be supporting Haitian authorities in the reunification of these children with their families, and the necessary follow-up support to strengthen and empower these families.

- 3. Community trainings:** Changing mentalities is one the most powerful ways to create lasting change. In the communities where we will be facilitating reunification, we will also focus on providing community trainings. These trainings will focus on prevention of family separation as well as prevention of violence (in particular, prevention of sexual abuse, which has become an increasingly alarming problem). Engaging communities and families in child protection is one of the most powerful ways to keep children safe and prevent separation in the first place!

We can only do this with your support! Thank you so much to each of you who have contributed to this important work our team is taking on in Haiti! Each child and family we are able to reach is making a difference during this time of great

## YOU make the difference. YOU can be a catalyst.

### Donate:

- \$25** pair of shoes
- \$70** school books for a student
- \$36** uniform for a student
- \$30** backpack & notebooks
- \$250 - \$500** school tuition
- \$27** medical consultation
- \$180** emergency nutrition kit for family
- \$500** business start-up for a family

### Share Us:

- Spread awareness**
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