

Helping Haitians Help Themselves

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A Message from the President



I hope that you are all enjoying your summer with family and friends. I wanted to let you all know that Karen Hintz, one of our education committee coordinators, has

decided to step down from the board. Thank you Karen for all you have done for the education of the Haitian children for countless years. You will be missed.

We will be reactivating our website www.viphaiti.org. There will be some information on each program available. We have decided to remove all of the old newsletters from the website in order to continue to keep our friends in Haiti safe. As always I can be contacted at anytime for any questions you may have. My own email address is julietauss@vip.org. If you would prefer you can contact me at 262-677-4408. No one from the board has been able to travel to Haiti for several years but that does not mean we have abandoned the Haitians! We employ several people for our different programs and they oversee the programs in person. Your continued support is making a difference in the lives of so many. Thank you from all of us at Ventures In People.

Please join us at a brat fry this summer!

~Julie Stauss—VIP President



BRAT FRY

Come join us for a
Brat Fry!

All proceeds go into the
Ventures in People General
Fund.

July 22

Piggly Wiggly—Kewaskum
940 Fond Du Lac Ave.

August 19

Piggly Wiggly—Jackson
W194N16774 Eagles Dr.

In Honor/Memory Of

**Donation made in Remembrance of
Don & Marion Lang**

~Given by Janice & Richard Lang

**Donation made in Honor of
Joyce Schowalter's 90th Birthday**

~Given by Rich & Sheryl Peshek & Barb
Seefeldt

**Goat donated in Memory of
Sue Steckel**

~VIP Board Members

Education: Help Wanted



Sixty-five students from the Ventures In People Education Program from the 2022-23 school year have not yet been sponsored for the upcoming 2023-24 year.

Please HELP us in our planning by notifying us if you no longer plan to be a sponsor. We understand that these are very difficult times for many people, and we are grateful for all the support we have had from so many of you in the past. Thank you! All we ask is that you notify us of your wishes so that we can move forward in our search for new sponsors, and that our education coordinator in Haiti can plan class lists accordingly.

Please contact us by mail at Ventures In People, P.O. Box 1062, West Bend, WI 53095 or either of us as listed below.

If anyone knows of a family member or friend whom you think may wish to support a child in school for \$175 a year which pays for their school tuition, books, and a uniform, please pass along information about our program to them. We would

appreciate your help in getting the word out about the need for education in Haiti.

“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.”

Sincerely,

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Water

Clean water continues to be a need in Haiti. In January we had a team of Haitians that were able to distribute 1,200 water buckets with filter assemblies in the Central Plateau region thanks to your generous donations.



Each pin on this map shows a location the team was able to distribute some of those water filters this year. Please continue to consider donating a water filter or two. The need is still great and the team is eager to get out again in 2024.



4H Update

- **Grant money** will be sent down this month. We have 31 eligible clubs this year. The funds are intended to help clubs with community service projects and educational opportunities. We aim to reach full funding at \$150 a club. **This year we did not receive as much money for 4-H, so we will be awarding \$25 grants to each club.** We hope to build this back up and are looking for donors to step forward and give any amount. Your help is greatly appreciated!
- The **goat project** has reached 10 sponsors allowing us to **have enough funds to hold a goat class this summer.** Summer is the best time for Haitian youth to attend a week-long goat seminar because of school schedules. We are excited to hear about how the classes go this summer.
- Finally, here are a few pictures from one of our clubs recently:



Desvarieux I's club garden

Desvarieux II members
*Bernine (our 4-H coordinator) and her assistant, Vieux pictured in the back row, left side



Turn Your Trash Into Cash and WIN, WIN, WIN!

VIP is starting a new and exciting Ink Cartridge Recycling Program!

This ink cartridge recycling program is a

WIN for VIP!

WIN for decluttering your home and office!

WIN for the planet!

We are hoping to expand this exciting program later in the year. But for now, you are welcome (and encouraged) to bring your ink cartridges to the

VIP brat fry at Piggly Wiggly Kewaskum on July 22

or the

VIP brat fry at Piggly Wiggly in Jackson on August 19.

The ink cartridges can be new, used, any brand, and in any condition. Funds raised from the initial ink cartridge collection will be contributed to the VIP General Fund.



Please note: this recycling program does not extend to toner or laser cartridges, or large print cartridges at this time.

VIP will take care of the collection and shipping of the ink cartridges. We will follow up with more detail on the program and the success of our initial collection in later months.

For now - Bring them one and bring them all! See you at the brat fry!