

Helping Haitians Help Themselves

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A Message from the President



As I write this it is snowing very gently but there is probably 8 inches on my deck. So very grateful not to have to go anywhere! Another thing that I am grateful for is all of you!

This year Ventures In People is 45 years old. We have done many things over this time in Haiti, from healthcare to our current programs. Many amazing people have been on the board and the current members are a wonderful, dedicated group concerned for all the people of Haiti.

We would like to celebrate and thank you for your continued support for VIP with an invite to our anniversary party! Save the date June 14th to join us for an afternoon of information about the journey that Ventures In People has taken from the beginning to the present, updates on our programs, a Haitian speaker and Haitian food will be provided.

We know that the donations that you share with Ventures In People are important for our programs to work and continue, NO money that has been donated will be used for this event. We are blessed with many generous people. An anonymous person will be donating funds to cover the cost of the entire afternoon, from invitations to food to whatever else may be needed.

However you receive your newsletter is how you will receive your invitation. Please watch your mailbox (physical or electronic) sometime in April.

We cannot do it without YOU! Thank you for your support for 45 years and counting.

-Julie Stauss, President

In Honor/Memory Of

**Donation made in Memory of
Adeline Beck**

~Given by Katherine Halmi

**Donation made in Memory of
Shorty Schuett**

~Given by Nancy & Chester Jaeger

**Donation made in honor of their
Grandchildren**

~ Given by Joyce & James
Meinberg

\$10,000 Water Filter Donation

~Given by Mr. & Mrs. Milton
Staskal

A Note From Louis to the Sponsors of Children in VIP's Education Program



"I want to take some time to send to you my deepest gratitude for the big impact you are making on our children here in Mirebalais. You are making life changing differences. By sponsoring the children who are living in challenging circumstances right now you are not only helping them to get an education, but you are giving them hope for a better future. Thank you so much for everything!"

-Louis Tenior Guerrier,
Haitian Education Coordinator

Education Update

Soldiers from El Salvador and more troops from Kenya are coming to the aid of Haiti in Port au Prince to help overcome the influence of the gangs.

It has been a long time coming because of all the difficulties in the country, but Louis has been able to take pictures of three quarters of our sponsored children in school and continues to work on getting the rest. We know that you usually receive these from us much earlier, and we thank you for your patience.

There may be some changes in the children

you have been sponsoring. Because of the unrest some families have left the country so Louis has reassigned students to some of our sponsors. He has many many families who are begging him to put their children in school. This is a challenge for him, and we appreciate his determination to do what he can to honor his commitment to us to be certain that every one of our sponsors has a child or children in school. Thank you for your patience and trust in the work Ventures in People is doing in Haiti.

-Education Committee



March 2025 4-H Updates

Bernine reports that clubs are doing well, despite the city alert. They are still in crisis because of gangs in the city, which prevents her from visiting certain clubs regularly.

By the time you receive the next newsletter, we will be preparing to send our annual 4-H grants. We have a goal of providing each club with a grant of \$150 each year. Clubs use this money to kick start their own fundraising efforts, offer educational opportunities to members, make improvements in their communities, or help their members with basic needs like school supplies. 4-H continues to do much good in communities, and your help makes a difference! Please consider taking a few minutes to donate a small amount to continue to empower the youth of Haiti.

Thank you!

-Jocelyn, 4-H Coordinator



Water

The demand for clean water and water filters continues to be a high priority in Haiti. Despite the fact that we have not been able to travel to Haiti to distribute filters—the work to help provide clean water has not stopped. We have a team of Haitians led by Samuel (our Haitian water coordinator) who are hoping to distribute this month! We are exploring options to get the filters safely into Haiti and have buckets, lids, and on the ground transportation already coordinated.

We are also hoping to get some data on how the filters are changing the lives of the people who receive them. Our goal is to collect information such as how many days they spend sick, missing work, missing school, etc. as we distribute water filters and then follow up with them about 8 weeks later to see how those statistics change.

Your water filter donations have been greatly appreciated and we are excited to get the filters out to families soon!



Go Paperless

In an effort to save money please consider getting your Ventures in People Newsletter via email! If you would like to receive the Newsletter through your email instead of via USPS please visit us at viphaiti.org Click on the Newsletter tab and fill out the subscribe to our Newsletter info. Check the “Newsletter By Email” Box!

Then, send an email to Julie.stauss@viphaiti.org asking to be removed from our USPS mailing list. Thank You!



BRAT FRY

Come join us for a
Brat Fry!
All proceeds go into the
Ventures in People
General Fund.

June 7

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