



2019 IMPACT REPORT

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A YEAR OF GROWTH

Hear from Rich Harris, Road to Hope Board President and co-founder

The auditorium was packed. Proud parents of the musicians, their siblings and extended families, and various members of the Mirebalais community filled the rows of wooden benches, many using the program to fan themselves from the waves of oppressive humidity. People were dressed in their Sunday finest. The guest maestro - Raphaella Masson - an accomplished viola player and, herself, a member of the advanced orchestra - stood above the junior members of the Haiti Youth Orchestra. All of the eyes of the younger musicians eagerly darted from Raphaella's hands to their music sheets, to the strings of their instruments. The youth orchestra played Beethoven's Ode to Joy. For virtually all of these kids, and perhaps most of this audience, they had not ever seen a violin in their lifetimes before they joined HYO. At the conclusion, the audience clapped, stood, and cheered.

This, and so many moments of time during my visits with our friends and partners in Haiti, is seared in my mind. I am so proud of what we have accomplished, and so very mindful that we could not do any of it without our hundreds of passionate supporters. I am also mindful of the work ahead. Our dreams for a better future for the communities we serve never ends. Now that Haiti is facing an even more uncertain future with the arrival of the Coronavirus, our work may be more important, and more urgent, than ever. The following Haitian saying may never have been more apropos: Dèyè mòn gen mòn (Beyond the Mountains, There are More Mountains) But, we move forward. Humbly. Gratefully. And, with confidence and the support of our donors, we WILL succeed!



FRUITS OF EFFORT

Hear from Lucner Pierre, the Mathone school's administrator

Dearest Friends and benefactors,

May God keep going with you and your country in this terrible time. This is a message to keep you posted on the what going on concerning the school in Mathone. The school in mathone has 150 kids divided as follow: Preschool class has 28 kids, First year 20 kids, Second year 22 kids, Third year 15 kids, Fourth year 30 kids, Fifth year 15 kids, and Sixth year with 20 kids.

The students receive a regular lunch every day. That is 150 kids have access to food. Please understand that some of them take some food home in order to share with their brothers and sisters that are starving at home. In other words, due to your donations about 200 kids have access to some food every day. The school are free for the students because their parents cannot afford to pay tuition. The teachers only receive \$55 us per month. The list of the staff is: principal

Ivenel Sainfa, teachers Jannot Pierre, Sania Payoute, Geraldys Francois, Nardine Maxime, Youvlie Docteur, Clarisse Renelus, Bendjy Noel, security Junior Cherenfant, Jhonsky Etienne, cooks Renelus Rosane, Marilia Alcinor, planner Rose Marie Montius Pierre Jean, and Lucner Pierre, administrator. Find them on theroadtohope.org under "Who We Are" page. It is important to realize that Road to Hope is the only organization that support the school to have access to food. Usually speaking, the students eat rice and bean with sardines. Sometimes they have corn with bean sauce with meat.

I do not want to end this report without telling you that 10 illiterate parents can now write and read due to their kids that taught them. Moreover, many people of Mathone community get access to fresh water due to the well of the school. Please know that they used to drink their water from the river. Thank you so much for the big difference you are making in life of the kids and Mathone Community. We love and pray for you, your organization and your country for God's compassion in these difficult times caused by Corona Virus. Please do the same for us in Haiti.

With Love and Respect, Pastor Lucner



GROWTH MOMENTS



10th Anniversary Gala

Celebrated ten amazing years as an organization with art, auctions, good food and better friends! This fun night raised upwards of \$30,000 for RTH to start 2019 with.



Summer Interns

Four high school/college students worked on projects, grants, and M+E. **Read more on page 6!**



Full-Time Executive Director Hired

Bringing great experience and an enthusiastic attitude, Paul Limoges joined the Road Crew as the full-time Executive Director this summer. **Read more on page 8!**



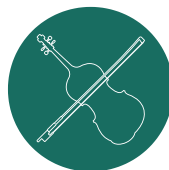
Summer Soiree

Board member Amy Millisor hosted a delightful outdoor dinner for those "who give a sh*t." It raised \$30,000 for the construction of composting toilets in Nordette!



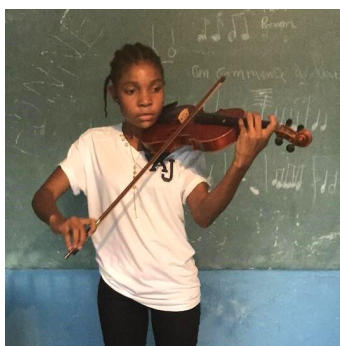
Art in Nordette

School doesn't stop in the summer in Nordette! Eager students being tutored participated in painting and sculpture.



Summer Music Camp

Coloradan and Haitian musicians collaborated on HYO's growth. Over 150 musicians from Mirebalais and Port-au-Prince attended 2019's camp. **Read more on page 7!**



GROWTH MOMENTS CONT.



School Began in Nordette!

Over 150 students began the school year at St. Patrick's School of Nordette. The school has Preschool-7th Grade and provides a daily hot meal.



School Starts in Mathone!

Around 150 students started their year at the Road to Hope school in Mathone. They receive uniforms, school supplies, and a daily lunch meal. **Read more on page 3!**



4th Annual Karnival

Hosted our fourth Karnival celebrating Haitian culture with games, food, and great company. This joyous tradition raised over \$29,000!



Halloween Haiti Run

Many families attended the Fourth Annual Denver Haiti Run in Bow Mar excited to support RTH. The student interns of RTH raised over \$4,000 during the run!



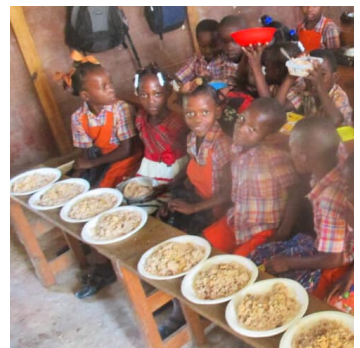
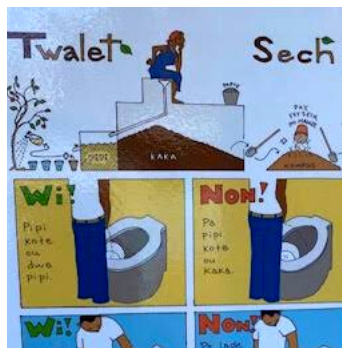
Latrines in Nordette

Building began on new, community-approved, composting toilets that were completed in Spring 2020!



Repairs in Mathone

Mathone received funding for building maintenance and repairs of the schools with community hired Haitian labor.



PLANTING SEEDS

Hear from Catherine O'Halloran, Student Advisory Board and Haiti Club Member

My freshman year of high school, I was fortunate enough to travel to Haiti and visit The Road to Hope's school in Nordette: it was on this trip that I was forever impacted by the spirit of the Haitian people and was inspired to become involved in The Road to Hope. The students at the school were so hardworking and joyful! Even though we didn't speak the same language, as soon as we arrived at St. Patrick's School and played soccer or made friendship bracelets, I was shown that the relationships we would forge could transcend any spoken language. Throughout the duration of my trip, I learned that the Haitian identity is marked by a sense of unwavering pride and determination and a true optimism for the future of the country.

After returning from Haiti, I was left with an urge to take action and continue my impact in Haiti, beyond the one week I was able to be there. Accordingly, this past May, I embarked upon my summer internship with The Road to Hope. My goal was to increase community engagement in the RTH and spend time with individuals who were also passionate about Haiti. Over the course of the summer, I conducted research on donor retention strategies; helped organize the RTH's donor database; planned the Haiti Club calendar for the coming school year; and completed various other small projects and tasks for the RTH. After this experience, I am proud to play a small role in helping RTH provide more children with the access to education and am so grateful to have this wonderful organization in my life!



LEAPS & BOUNDS

Hear from Zach Harris, Haiti Youth Orchestra's founder and leader

The Haiti Youth Orchestra's fourth consecutive summer music camp was its largest ever. Over 150 students were in attendance, coming from both of HYO's orchestras in Mirebalais and Port-au-Prince. The week was spent in classes that varied from individual lessons and group clinics to information sessions on tuning and music repair and introduction to jazz. One unique feature of this year's camp was that it was led entirely by young professional Haitian musicians that came from St. Trinity Philharmonic, Haiti's national orchestra. HYO students were especially grateful to learn from Haitians, as this not only helped to overcome a language barrier, but the students were amazed by the possibilities of a career of music in Haiti as evidenced by the success of their teachers. The productive week again culminated in grand concert for families and community members.



Looking to the future, HYO plans to amplify expansion efforts at the Port-au-Prince orchestra by hiring a full-time teacher and supplying more instruments. Also in the works is plans to send instruments to Nordette, Haiti to start a third HYO orchestra.

FOSTERING CHANGE

Hear from Paul Limoges, Road to Hope's newly-appointed Executive Director

I was fortunate to join The Road to Hope in June of 2019 as the Executive Director. My first day on the job was to attend the Summer Soiree, fundraising event to raise money to build latrines in Nordette. What a wonderful event that was. Since the beginning, I have been impressed with the organization and the caliber of people involved with it such as; the Board of Directors, the volunteer corps, the partners of the organization as well as the donors.

The Road to Hope has a strong reputation and credibility that matches its co-founders, Rich and Lisa Harris. I had the opportunity to travel to Haiti during the Haiti Youth Orchestra music camp. The work being done in Haiti blew my mind. There were over 100 musicians attending the camp and I was told that the parents of those kids keep mentioning to Maestro Mackly that since their children are learning music, their grades are better as well as their attention in class.

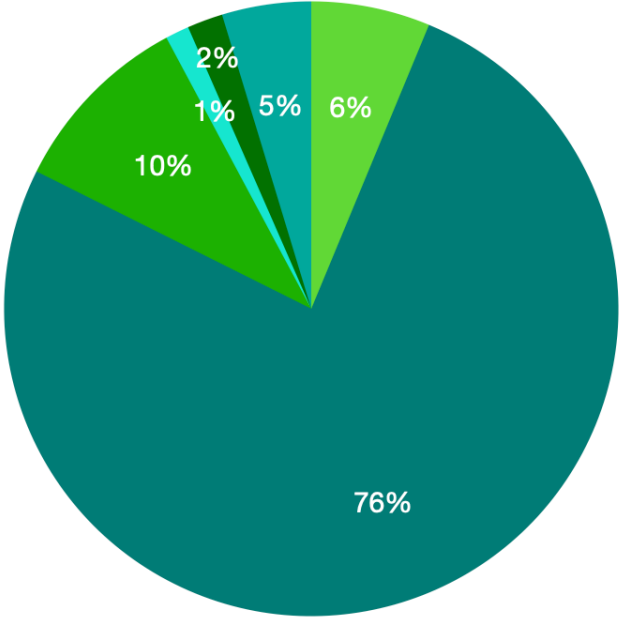
We, as a team, have been working hard to improve systems and structures so that The Road to Hope can be more efficient here and in Haiti. We are engaging more and more people to join the cause and support our work. We are poised to grow in the next few years and we have developed a strategy to raise more funds so that we can grow our impact in Haiti and in the USA even more. Thank you for caring for the people of Haiti and for making a difference to improve their lives.



GROWTH STATS

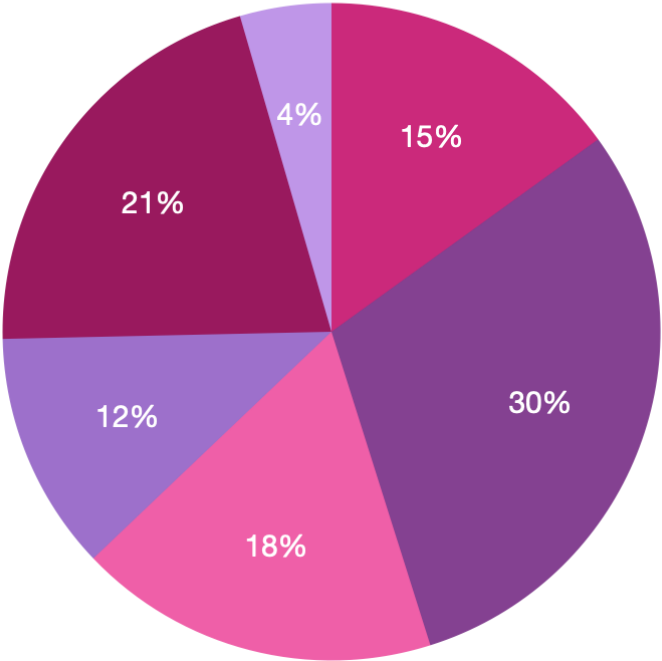
Revenue

- Campaigns
- General
- Trips
- Events
- Grants
- Haiti Youth Orchestra



Expenditures

- Administrative
- Fundraising
- Nordette
- Program Expenses
- Mathone
- Haiti Youth Orchestra



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the power of youth to change the world.**

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