

## HOPE 2020 IMPACT REPORT



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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

"Rekonesans". It is a Haitian Creole word meaning gratitude. I have been thinking a lot about gratitude lately. Gratitude for my own safety and health. Gratitude for my family and friends. Gratitude for the amazing opportunities that we have in our country, especially as we begin to emerge from the Pandemic.

We at The Road to Hope are also acutely aware of the "rekonesans" we have for the connections that we have made with our dear friends and partners in Haiti. Our relationships with them, and our opportunities to work alongside them to help them build on the dreams that they have for their own families and their nation is a cause for our "rekonesans".

But, none of our opportunities to serve this cause we love so much for our partners in Haiti would be possible without the generous and steadfast support from each and every one of you – our donors. And, we are perhaps no more mindful of our "rekonesans" to you, our donors, than over this past year. As you will see in the pages ahead, we have been so fortunate to not only keep our work alive, but to build on and grow it. And, we are humbled and honored that so many of you continue to dig deeply to provide us with this support throughout the pandemic and beyond!

### **Rich Harris**

CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT OF THE ROAD TO HOPE

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: EDUCATION



- 2 full K-9 campuses ran tuition-free with school supplies, furniture, and building maintenance
- 420 students educated
- 54,000 meals served
- 23 passed national exams
- · 25 teachers and school staff employed
- 6 cooperative agreements signed
- 6 laptops distributed to key partners



**Rachel Harris** led the inaugural **Haiti Summer Camp** where students learned Haitian Creole, history, cuisine, culture, and religion.

Haiti Club continued to meet virtually with 20 attending members and launched their Virtual Education Program where they live-streamed cooking and culture lessons. Hear from club presidents

Catherine O'Halloran & Jordan Mills,

In 2020, the Colorado Academy Haiti Club continued its goal of increasing community engagement in Haiti and bolstering support for the Road to Hope by starting cultural livestreams. In the first livestream, we hosted a cooking segment teaching viewers how to make Haitian chicken and rice with pikliz. After that, club members conducted a presentation on various forms of Haitian art. Moving into 2021, we have created opportunities for students to take on a greater level of responsibility by designing projects for Haiti Club. In the winter and spring, we hope to livestream a Haiti Youth Orchestra concert, hold a Haitian documentary movie night, and cater a Haitian lunch for club members at school. Though this school year looks different than we had imagined, we are excited for the upcoming projects on the Colorado Academy Haiti Club's agenda.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: HEALTHCARE





This year, The Road to Hope launched their Community Health Program in Nordette with partners, Bridge of Life and Double Harvest. The team currently consists of six trained Community Health Workers. They were able to promptly respond to COVID-19 in Haiti through the provision of masks and other PPE, as well as preventative education. Since then, they have provided lifesaving community health work to dozens of families in Nordette, most notably treating the severe hypertension that many Haitians suffer from. Hear from program director

Dr. Dieuvais Gracia, \_\_\_\_ During the pandemic, our

- 588 individuals COVID-educated
- 500 masks distributed
- 188 hygiene sets distributed
- 105 blood pressure & sugar tests
- 58 individuals identified with diabetes or hypertension
- 58 individuals receive monthly medication





CHWs were very motivated and appreciated the works. In the beginning, because of COVID-19, we were afraid of each other. But now, thanks to our trainings, things are changing and becoming better. Before, people were unable to buy medicines or didn't have access to the hospital. Now thanks to Bridge of Life and The Road to Hope, they get medicines with counseling at home monthly; someone taking their blood pressure and blood sugar several times monthly and sharing food to the very needy people. Our 2021 goal is to make it huge; to enroll more patients in the program. Finally, with BTL and RTH, despaired people in Haiti get a new life.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: THE ARTS



### 5th Annual HYO Camp

- 10 professional Haitian musicians
- 110 students attended
- 2 hot meals served daily
- 400 community members at concert
- Roof repaired due to high wind

### Peter Clairvoyant in CO

Spent 6 months living in Colorado training with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra and developing an extensive plan for Nordette's upcoming Haiti Youth Orchestra.

### ESPWA Documentary Filmed & Premiered

### Hear from documentary star, Raphaella Mason:

It was an honor to participate in the documentary ESPWA for a whole week of work and a new experience. It allowed me to develop my abilities and help in one way or another the orchestra and the whole country. It also allowed me to encourage supporters to continue to help our compatriots who are in need.



#### **VOCA Films**

Special thanks to Kody Kohlman, David Chang and Marshall Winter for their amazing work on ESPWA.

## BEHIND THE SCENES: EVENTS & GRANTS

#### **Grants**

- ABC Foundation Healthcare Grant
- Help Haiti grants for:
  - Equitable payment for teachers
  - A drinking well in Nordette
  - Teacher training
- Paycheck Protection Program Loan
- Small Business Association Loan

### **Programs**

- Registered for Colorado Gives
- Registered for King Soopers philanthropy
- Updated sponsorship and promotional documents
- 2 visionary sponsors
- · Started and lead the Haiti Thinktank
- Continued Amazon Smile
- Successful Facebook Gives iniatives

#### **Events**

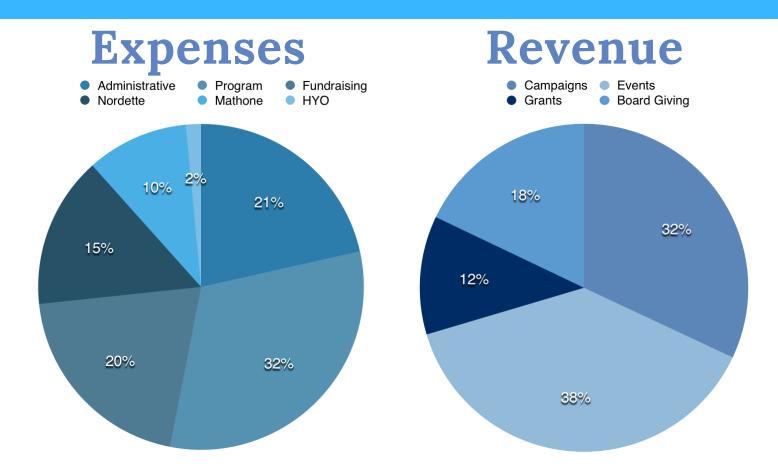
- A successful year of fundraising despite virtual programming
- ESPWA Documentary virtual premiere
- 3 virtual Haiti runs
- Superbowl Squares
- Online auction
- Bow Mar Haunted House







## 2020 FINANCIALS



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## GET INVOLVED

What a year this has been. Because of you who continue to support The Road to Hope, we made progress in our work in Haiti. We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your commitment to growing with the organization and helping to increase the impact of our programs in Haiti.

We are looking forward to 2021 with our commitment to provide professional development to the teachers in Nordette, Mathone, and the music teachers in Mirebalais. We will also start a "microloan" program where women will receive business training and a small loan to start a business in their community. We will also pursue the health care initiative in the Nordette area as well as grow the Haiti Youth Orchestra in that region as well. Finally, we will continue to grow our Haitian education program in the US, so people can learn about the beautiful culture of Haiti and be inspired to make a positive difference in their own community.

Stay tuned to join The Road to Hope with fun events such as The Road to Hope Run in April and an outdoor ESPWA documentary screening event in October"

### **Paul Limoges**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ROAD TO HOPE



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