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FOUNDATION, INC.

HELPING HAITIANS HELP THEMSELVES

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THE POTENTIAL OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

*“Start by doing what’s necessary, then what’s possible,
and suddenly you are doing the impossible”
St Francis of Assisi*

Chances are that if you were asked what Ventures in People does in Haiti you would probably say, “Student Education Sponsorships, 4H Haiti Club Work, Goat Care Classes, Sanitation and Clean Water Projects”, and you would be absolutely correct. Those are our basic projects.

They have impacted thousands of lives over the past 32 years, have changed community activities, brought health care to an area of Haiti that had NO health care, provided wells for clean water where non was available, provided community health improvement, provided educational opportunities for children whose parents could not afford to send their children to school, provided confidence in leadership approaches and developed future leaders.



Actually, the list goes on-, but is too long to mention them all. Many lives have been changed!

With the Global awareness we now experience, as people adapt to a changing world, one can never underestimate the power of ones’ efforts.



Perhaps the GREATEST life changes have taken place in the lives of Volunteers. The people who give of their time, talent and treasure to “help Haitians learn to help themselves”. People who share skills and special talents to enhance the lives of others and even, at times, provide a livelihood for a family otherwise impoverished.

SO, who is a VOLUNTEER ? “One who enters into service of their own free will and offers to help as needed, often venturing into the “unknown”. “It’s not for money, it’s not for fame—it’s not for any personal gain,

It’s just for love of fellow man, just to lend a helping hand. It’s that reward deep down in your heart – that feeling that you’ve been a part of helping others far or near, that makes of you a VOLUNTEER !” (Unknown)

SO, we thank all who volunteer in any way to make VENTURES IN PEOPLE the organization it has become.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE GONE and THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE LOVED ONES WHO HAVE GONE for we know “THEY ALSO SERVE WHO STAY AT HOME AND WAIT”...

THANKS FOR DONATIONS
FINANCIAL and IN-KIND

Just saying “ THANKS ” never seems adequate, but, it’s all we have to offer in words.” THANKS “

STUDENT EDUCATION

It is now mid-August, and we are in the throes of compiling our student/sponsor lists for the 2012-13 school year in Mirebalais, Haiti for Louis Tenior Guerrier, our student education coordinator there.



Gentille Allouette School Children

We want to say, "thank you", to all of our sponsors who are renewing their sponsorships and to those new sponsors who have become part of our program. In our next newsletter we will be able to give you an accounting of the number of students being sponsored for this coming school year. As we



Gentille Allouette School

have mentioned to you before, knowledge is the key to helping Haitians to help their country, and we are humbled to be able to have a small part in this endeavor.

Throughout this coming year in our VIP newsletters we are going to highlight the schools in which we have students. For this edition we bring you pictures of Gentille Allouette School. One picture is of Louis with the principal Esther, one is of the outside of the school and the other of a classroom. We think you'd like to have a visual where your student/s attend school.



*Gentille Allouette School
Louis and Principal Esther*

The group that is going to Mirebalais in November will be taking pictures of the students and meeting with them. Upon their return we will send you a picture and information about your student/s. We appreciate your patience as you wait to receive this.

ALSO, because of the generosity of many of you, this next school year we are able to have English taught in five of the nine schools in which we have students. It is being taught in grades 4-6. Our goal is to have this program in all nine schools. Throughout the year we will keep you up-to-date on how the program is progressing and hopefully share pictures of the teachers and students.

It's going to be a great school year for many Haitian students in Mirebalais. It is made possible by all of VIP's supporters of education, and because of the diligence of Louis as he oversees our programs there. THANK YOU!

VIP Education Co-chairs

Karen Hintz
Barb Seefeldt

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WE HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE

- **NEW BROCHURE:**
Recently released, colorful & attractive VIP's latest information designed by a friend of VIP
- **MAY VISIT:** Louis Guerrier, VIP Student Ed Coordinator
VIP added 50 new students and support for the English Conversation Program.
- **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:** Matching Grant to secure 40 filters & water buckets for the Clean Water Project
- **KIWANIS:** \$900 (West Bend Noon Kiwanis) for the Sanitation Project – Arbor Loos (Family Latrines)
- **4H HAITI:** has added a new club. Washington County 4H Youth and Leaders bonded with 4H Haiti Clubs, June 12 – 22, 2012
VIP-Madison group interested in forming a VIP Support Group.
- **WEB-SITE:** New look and Update – Check It Out at www.viphaiti.org



WE CELEBRATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF VIP WITHOUT IT VIP WOULD NOT EXIST .

THANK YOU --- THANK YOU --- THANK YOU !

George Schowalter, President

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MEMORIALS

**Natalie Bauer
Ruth Hackbarth
Al Scharenbrock**

*What better to Remember or Honor
Parents, Graduates, Newly Weds and
Others whom you know ?
Think about it, won't you ?*

4 H HAITI

I hope this Newsletter finds you well! I am excited to report back on our recent trip to Haiti.

As you may recall, I traveled to Haiti with a volunteer team of six 4H youth and three adults from June 12 -22, 2012.

Our group worked with the VIP Haiti 4H Program: teaching at 4H clubs, meeting with leaders, and viewing projects 4H Clubs have been working on with their VIP Grant money.



*Goat Care
Teaching trimming
of hoofs*

I am happy to say that we had a very successful visit. We were able to meet with leaders of all the twenty-four 4H Clubs at the Annual Leaders meeting. The leaders



Making Bracelets

shared information about their clubs, the demographics, projects, and stories of "How they used their grants". The 100% turnout really shows the dedication



Fun at the Falls

of our 4H Leaders and Coordinators in Haiti.

They are all VOLUNTEERS and lead a weekly meeting for anywhere from 30 to 10 youth. Some have been club leaders since VIP started 4H in Haiti 16 years ago! They definitely deserve "kudos".

We were also able to travel out to the villages to meet with the members of 16 clubs. At these meetings our youth leaders taught new skills and activities to the Haitian youth. Each youth from Washington County 4H was responsible for

choosing a project to teach, write a lesson plan and gather the supplies needed. They focused on goat care, art, woodworking & teamwork.



Woodworking Project

They each did a fantastic job !I was impressed with their flexibility and ability to adapt to many different situations.

As usual, the clubs welcomed us with songs and dance and were eager to



Artists at Work

learn new things. Visiting the clubs was a cross cultural experience and it was most rewarding to see Haitian and American youth exchange laughs, smiles and hugs!

One of my favorite aspects of the trip was seeing and hearing about how the clubs use their VIP Grants to make their communities a better place to live. They are putting their \$150 US to use in some impactful and creative ways.

Watch for more about this in the next Newsletter.

Overall the trip was very worthwhile. We were all touched by the impact 4H is making in Haiti. The trip had a big impact on those who went, too.

Finally, on behalf of more than 2000 4H members in Haiti, we say "THANK-YOU" to all of you.

The program wouldn't be what it is today without your generous support. Peace, Jocelyn Ritger, VIP 4H Coordinator. As a participant in a 4H of Sheboygan County youth in 2002 and now in 2012 I was reminded of how far we've come.

The subjects then were making "sprouts", composting, goat care(trimming hoofs) games activities, including juggling, music & dancing.

BUT THAT WAS TEN YEARS AGO. It's a long time between Youth visits. How about the future? How about YOU?

Heidi Thomas,
VIP Sec'y, hrthomas@alexssa.net



A CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AWAITS YOU

10 DAY TRIP

January 11 – 20, 2013

The group will dialogue with local people learning about their struggles, dreams and successes. When it is feasible there will be “hands on” experiences with Haitian folks.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Trip Leader, George Schowalter 262-335-3237

Participation is limited

COST:

\$750, In country expense, Plus Air fare

Approximately \$650

REGISTRATION DUE:

October 1, 2012

A recent trip participant commented, “It was refreshing to escape the hustle and Bustle of our American lifestyle and experience the more laid back “take it as it comes” feeling of the Haitians.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP 4H HAITI

The dollars you send are put to work as YOU designate. Please mark the lower left hand corner on your check to indicate YOUR WISHES!

___ **\$150 US—Provide a GRANT** for a 4H Club for a Community Improvement or Development Project

___ **\$120 US –Educate a 4H Member** on Goat Care (20 hours) & Provide a Goat to raise

___ **\$50 to \$60 US to provide an Arbor Loo** (compost toilet/family size— to improve community sanitation, protect water supplies prevent diseases.

I WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE VIP 4H FUND

Undesignated Funds to 4H are used as needed at the discretion of the VIP 4H Coordinator and VIP Board.

I/ WE WISH TO DONATE

___ \$10

___ \$25

___ \$50

___ \$100

___ OTHER/ \$ _____

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