

## Helping Haitians Help Themselves

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### A Message from the



### President

I hope that with the warmer temperatures you are finally able to enjoy the beautiful outdoors here in Wisconsin. Those of you who have been having

warmer to hot temps already in other places, are probably ready for something cooler. Sorry, can't control the weather. The only thing we can control is ourselves.

We at Ventures In People are asking you to help others, the Haitians. 'Helping Haitians Help Themselves' has long been the idea of Ventures In People. I thought I would share a little bit about the way our General Fund works. I have had some questions lately about what exactly gets paid from the General Fund. First of all, no one on the board gets a salary, all of us are volunteers. Second, the cost of the newsletter is also paid from the General Fund. We recently decided to publish newsletters 3 times a year (March, July and November) instead of 4 to save money. Third, all of the Haitians we employ in Haiti are paid from the General Fund. We have coordinators for 4-H clubs and goat classes, water filter distribution, English Teachers and Student Education. Sometimes

with all of our specific projects, contributions to the General Fund get overlooked. Please consider donating to the General Fund.

This year we have two brat fries! If you are in the area on July 30, please visit us at Piggly Wiggly in Kewaskum. On August 27, we will be at Piggly Wiggly in Jackson. All of the money that we earn from our brat fries also goes to the General Fund.

Thank you for your continuing support of Ventures In People. We can't do it without YOU!!!

Julie Stauss—VIP President



### BRAT FRY

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

July 30

Piggly Wiggly—Kewaskum  
940 Fond Du Lac Ave.

August 27

Piggly Wiggly—Jackson  
W194N16774 Eagles Dr.

## 4-H Sends Grants & Names Assistant Coordinator



June is the time we send our salaries and grant money, and this year is no different. We will be sending \$125 grants to 29 eligible 4-H clubs this year

(just shy of our \$150 goal per club). Grants are used for education and community service purposes.

We also will be sending funds to hold two goat classes over the summer. Each class has 10 students. Students spend a week learning about goat care and handling from a vet tech, then receive their own goat. Participants are selected from the area 4-H clubs.

Finally, we have reinstated a 4-H Assistant Coordinator position. We feel that it's important to have an additional person who understands 4-H to ensure continuity of the program long into the future. (Fun fact: Bernine actually used to be the assistant years ago under the late coordinator, Senevil.) Now Bernine's brother, Mirassin Collin (who goes by "Vieux") will step into the role. We're excited to have him join the team!

That's all for 4-H news! Stay cool this summer and stop out to one of our brat fries!

Regards,

Jocelyn Ritger  
4-H Coordinator

## VIP Water



Over the years Ventures In People has distributed thousands of family size water filters to people in Haiti. The benefits have been tremendous. People consistently report they and their families no longer have diarrhea from drinking contaminated water.

We will again distribute water filters in the Central Plateau area of Haiti next winter. Now we are raising funds to be able to purchase as many as possible. I have a goal of 1,500 for next January. We are halfway there. Please consider contributing to this cause.

Ken Schumann

## A Message from Louis Tenior Guerrier



“This is the end of the school year. It was a good one even though things were difficult. It will be more difficult this coming year because of the huge inflation we have down here. I need to get material for uniforms and books now for

the next school year because things are going to get even more expensive. Also, people who sew the uniforms have more time now to sew than they will have later in the summer.”

Louis Tenior Guerrier  
(Education Coordinator in Mirebalais, Haiti)

## Greetings from VIP's Education Committee

In light of Louis' message to us that he is already preparing for the next school year we, too, are working on sending him the list of students who are receiving continued support for the 2022-2023 School Year!

However, there are 19 sponsors that we have not heard from yet. We appreciate everyone who has responded to our renewal letter. Thank you. We realize that for some people these are difficult times and we certainly understand that. We ask that if you are

unable to continue to sponsor your student or students for this next school year that you please let us know. You can notify us by phone, email, or send a note to PO Box 1062 West Bend, WI 53095. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## A Proud Moment for a VIP Former Student

Louis has informed us that one of our former students, Randy Montinard, just graduated from dental school in the Dominican Republic. Throughout the years that he was in our program he was sponsored by Steve Peters, Debra Ford, and Kiki & Vanessa Buettner. Thank you for helping him reach his goal! Dr. Montinard's future plans are still on hold. Ventures in People is proud of him and wishes him well.



Lucienne Estime: One of the schools VIP sponsors students in.

## Check out the Work of the Savane la Coup 4-H Club!

Bernine, our 4-H Leader, just shared some of the projects being done by one of our 4-H clubs, Savane la Coup.

Quite a few 4-H clubs own sewing machines and teach members how to sew. Sewing is a life skill that is not only practical, but can also provide an important income for the youth and their families.

Members of this particular club have made some incredible items to sell, including: purses, hair accessories, shoes, and jewelry. Take a look at the amazing talent of these youth!!!! A lot of credit is owed to the youth and their creativity, but also to all of the generous donors like you, who provide a financial backbone for our 4-H clubs. So THANK YOU!



### In Honor Of

English Teacher donation made in honor of **Barb Seefeldt**  
~Given by Her Children

General Fund donation made in honor of **John Kletti**  
~Given by Andrew Mortenson

Haiti Memorial Plaque donation made in honor of **Heidi Thomas**  
~Given by Gayle Van Ess