

Helping Haitians Help Themselves

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A Message from the President



We have receive many questions about how things are in Haiti. Right now it appears that most of the violence is in larger cities (like Port au Prince). It is a day to day struggle

for some and others continue to deal with the same daily issues they have always endured.

While board members have not been able to travel to Mirebalais (where most of our programs take place), we continue to support the people of Haiti. Water filters, 4-H clubs, goat classes, English teachers and student education are still in full swing with your continued support. My wish for each of you would be to see the faces that light up when their lives are touched by your generosity.

Please visit the website for information to `Help Haitians Help Themselves` at www.viphaiti.org.

Look for dates to join us at a brat fry in July or August in this newsletter.

Enjoy this summer and we will be in touch in fall.

~Julie Stauss—President



BRAT FRY

Come join us for a
Brat Fry!

All proceeds go into the
Ventures in People
General Fund.

July 20

Piggly Wiggly—Kewaskum
940 Fond Du Lac Ave.

August 10

Piggly Wiggly—Jackson
W194N16774 Eagles Dr.

In Memory Of

4H Donation made in Memory of

Fred Seefeldt

~Given by Karen Longrie

**Donation for English Teachers
made in Memory of**

Fred Seefeldt

~Given by Ann Neumann

A Message to VIP's Student Sponsors



The children, our education coordinator, Louis Tenior Guerrier, and VIP's education co-chairs wish all of our sponsors a "Happy Summer!" It is our wish that you will be able to take time to relax and spend time with your family and friends. Fortunately, our students remained safe throughout the school year for which we are very grateful. We trust that they will be able to enjoy their summer as well.

Despite the unrest that the country has been experiencing, Louis did an awesome job in getting to all the

schools to take pictures of the students for our sponsors. Of our 217 students he was able to meet with all but five children. We are so fortunate to have him in Mirebalais to keep VIP's education program alive and moving forward.

We thank our many sponsors who have already renewed their sponsorships for the 2024-2025 school year. If you haven't done so and wish to continue to support your students, we hope to hear from you soon. Time seems to go by quickly, and before you know it the end of August will be here.

We invite anyone who reads this newsletter and is interested in becoming a part of VIP's sponsorship family, the cost per child for tuition, books, and a uniform is \$175 a year.

Checks may be mailed to

Ventures in People
P.O. Box 1062

West Bend, WI 53095

We would welcome you and be grateful for your help for we need to educate the Haitian children in hopes that one day they will be able to lead and protect their country.

~Barb Seefeldt & Ann Neumann
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(Education Co-Chairs)



4H Update

Goat seminars have long been a summer tradition for Ventures in People. Summer is a great time to hold the goats classes since students are out of school. Participants get 20 hours of classroom time and hands-on experience learning how to care for a goat. At the end of the week, they receive a goat to take home and raise. Youth may utilize their goat in a way that best supports their family, whether that be for milk, food, or breeding it and selling the offspring. This year, we need about \$500 more in donations to come in so that we can hold a 2024 summer class. We are crossing our fingers that our good newsletter readers and supporters will come through!

Grant money will also be sent to 4-H clubs this summer. Clubs receive a small stipend that they can use for educational purposes or community service projects. This is meant to supplement what they earn through their own means and help them continue to improve the lives of children and families in their communities. This year, we have 30 clubs receiving grants. Our Haitian coordinator, Bernine, will also receive a small salary for her work in keeping everything running smoothly with 4-H (especially crucial since it has been many years since we have been able to send a VIP team to Haiti).

Have a great summer and as always, thank you for supporting VIP!

Members of Lozama 4-H club. They recently learned how to make liquid soap.



In Honor Of

Donation made in Honor of John Kletti

~Given by Katie & Andrew Mortenson

Student sponsored in Honor of George & Joyce Schowalter's 69th Anniversary

~Given by the Parsons & Pehler Families

Donation made in Honor of George Schowalter

~Given by Fred Seefeldt Family

Student Sponsored in Honor of George & Joyce Schowalter's service to VIP

~Given by Nick Pehler Family

Ink Cartridge Recycling

VIP has already seen a return on the Ink Cartridge Recycling Program we started last year. We have sent in a few shipments of ink cartridges and received compensation for what would otherwise be garbage!

Please continue to collect those ink cartridges and get them to VIP. Stop by a brat fry this summer and drop them off! We will be at the Kewaskum Piggly Wiggly on July 20 or the Jackson Piggly Wiggly on August 10.

The ink cartridges can be new, used, any brand, and in any condition. Funds raised



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!

from the initial ink cartridge collection will go into the VIP General Fund.

Please note: this recycling program does not extend to toner, laser cartridges, or large print cartridges at this time.

If you are not able to drop them off at a brat fry but have old ink cartridges to donate please contact Julie at julie.stauss@viphaiti.org to coordinate a way to get them to us.