



The Haitian Sports Foundation (HSF) *Bulletin*

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President's Letter

The Haitian Sports Foundation (HSF), a 501 (C-3) non-profit in the US and a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Haiti, has had some challenges to operate its 2021 programs. Subsequent to the global pandemic, the country insecurity and the earthquake, Haiti experienced an acute economic “free fall” which we have not experienced since we started serving the community 12 years ago. In addition to limited employment opportunities, inadequate resources, and food insecurity, we found it logistically more difficult and expensive to ship needed equipment and providing immediate assistance to the community we serve. In 2021 the average inflation rate amounted to almost 23% with a negative impact on goods purchased directly from local merchants. Prices of mostly imported food items have significantly increased in 2021, mainly reflecting a weak Haitian currency (Gourdes) to the US dollars; a 37% decline since 2020. Accordingly “4.4 million Haitian” (46%) of the population are forecast to be severely food insecure. In addition, the August 14th, 2021 earthquake affected a great deal of the south region where we are operating. The impact resulted by providing temporary lodging to family members, food relief to 100 families and limited monetary assistance to some members whose properties were either severely damaged and/or destroyed.

Such frequently unexpected crises represent a risk that is challenging to juggle and manage. In spite of the blink picture, we remain committed to work with young kids to prevent them from becoming delinquent and social extremism and hopefully provide a path into the future.

We are working to complete the trade school in the first quarter of 2022 where subjects such as solar energy, refrigeration, and electricity will be taught. In parallel, we will continue to provide free medical assistance and widen the inter-school Basketball/Volleyball competition to young girls.

A heartfelt thanks to our Donors, the Atlanta and New York Volunteer Teams, and the HSF youth of Anse-à-Veau. Without you, HSF would be non-existent.

Happy Holidays

Tournier Esperance



Vice President/Treasurer's Letter

GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy, as I know many have been negatively impacted due to the worldwide Covid 2019 pandemic. I was unable to visit Haiti, but we were still able to accomplish a great deal and honor the request of our donors by providing for the first-time direct food relief while maintaining our regular health, sports, and education programs. We made a great strive in the building of the trade school and our medical clinic provides for the first time **limited medical surgery** to

serve the community.

The support for our scholarship program evolved from 4 to 10 recipients this year. Our goal for 2022 is to provide **scholarships to 20 recipients** in Anse-à-Veau at **\$400-per person** per year to cover registration and academic payment. With your help, I am positive such goal will be achieved for next school year.

Our karate program is growing by leaps and bounds, giving our youth discipline and respect to others. The cultural dance program is also evolving with young women developing their God giving talent. The basketball program has become the primary weekly entertainment in the community where parents and kids come to socialize and support their intermural team.

As we come to embrace a new year we want to thank our generous donors who continue to support us. We ask those who have yet to give to help us expanding our programs and helping us increasing the scholarship program as well as maintaining a continuous food relief to those in needs. We continue to earmark all your donation toward our programs with **no compensation** being giving to any board members.

Together we are making a difference in the lives of those children in Haiti and give them hope for tomorrow. Once again, a sincere thank you for your support.

Happy 2022

Georges Aschkar Jr.

Meet the HSF Scholarship Winners

Thanks to our donors who contributed to pay full 2021-2022 tuition for all ten children below. We hope to increase it to 20 next year providing a contribution of \$400. per child. Anyone interested to sponsor a child or two, please send an email to haitiansportsfoundation@gmail.com.

Below are the 2021 recipients.



Meet the HSF Children



Laurent Christ Wierson was known to be a shy boy. He recently obtained his yellow belt and promised his karate instructor that he would sing one of Haiti's popular songs and perform a dance with one of his female colleagues, which he did with delight of his mother. This performance can be viewed from this link below. Watch: <https://youtu.be/Xa-dw8R2CWs>



Leger Ammischaday – A very smart, trustworthy, accountable, and dedicated 12-year-old boy who helps to overlook the complex. Tasked with the responsibility of carrying the Complex keys, in the absence of his superior, his skills to identify the correct key to open a door without hesitation is remarkable. He follows the culture of HSF along with being attentive and dedicated to his studies. Leger obtained his orange belt in Karate in December 2021.



Children enjoying a December holiday meal together. Parents participation in food celebration.



Sartre and Laura's Birthday celebration



Ismael Oephee (Smart & Good Dancer)

HSF Health Update 2021

HSF provides free medical services, medicines, and lab testing to the community. Our Medical staff treated 300 patients and supplied medication as necessary. This year, for the first time, the medical team performed two minor surgeries to remove benign tumors (Left ear and left arm) from two patients. A true sign of competence, knowledge, and experience.



Medical Team with Patient who had Ear Surgery



Medical Team with patient who had Arm Surgery



Left to Right: D. Blondel, Deglis Santo, Dr. Severe, A. Hermite, B.A. Ketia



Patients in the waiting area on a clinic day

The “HSF Diane Berry” Lab continues to provide urinary, blood, stool, and pregnancy tests to support the medical team. This helps the medical team to expedite the treatment by administering medication and therapy to patients in needs.



2021 COVID UPDATES

Fortunately, our community was not negatively affected with the Covid19 virus. The residents use herbal home remedies to treat symptoms once first. We have no official data on hospitalization or death reported in our community. The HSF team provided some residents with hand sanitizer, gloves, and home-made masks during the pandemic. We have been diligent in cleaning the clinic and have a doctor in case of an emergency apart from his regular schedule with the clinic.

HSF Year in Review- Atlanta



It’s been a heartbreaking three years since we have had the opportunity to see the children of Haiti face to face. Although we have not been able to see and hug them physically, they are forever stitched into our hearts and minds. Thank God for Zoom where we’ve been able to witness so much of their growth and talents.

HSF – Became a Member of CFC 2021

HSF applied and was selected to be a member of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). CFC is a Federal Program which allows the federal employees to contribute pretax earnings to a charity of their choice. The mission of the CFC "is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all".

We participated in several presentations at various federal institutions whereby we were given the opportunity to educate the employees of who the HSF is, what we have done and what we plan to do. The CFC's Theme for 2021 was "You Can Be the Face of Change".

Uplift Through Health

Uplift Through Sports

Uplift Through Education

YOU CAN BE THE FACE OF CHANGE

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Thank You! Merci!

HSF Sports Update

Congratulations to the Karatekas who took their test in December 2021. The following members were promoted:

Promoted to Yellow Belt

Joseph Djeina Sterling; Saint Angès Sherlande; Norbilus Rose Sahendy; Fleurencin Ledjer Wood; Bombrun Wood Roëlle; Joseph Shimide Ardouin; Vilmond Marie Thania; Charles Neslo; Lafontan L'hérésie; Vilmond Ish-Andy; Duval Jilbertho; Brunette Jean Kenley; Cassamajor Kervens; Tessier Sergeley; Homet Franceley; Saint Louis Frantz; Laurent Djunia; Thélusme Nancy; Thessier Wendy

Promoted to Orange Belt:

Léger Amichaday; Bernard Davide; Raymond Ismaël; Chery Jackita; Richera Dieucheli

Promoted to Blue

Junior Sylvain; Laurent Christ Madoché; Payan Frantz Kelly; Merisier Manchini

Promoted to Brown

Junior Joseph

Team Champion: Ecole National Des Angès



Second Place: Ecole Nationale Des Saints Angès



Team Fair Play



2021 MVP



HSF Basketball Leadership Organizers



From Left: Diegue Blendel; Leonardo Lexehomme; Fritzner Presmy; Coach Emmanuel Laguerre

HSF Cultural Update

The HSF Dancing team under the leadership of Bertrice Victorin executed an excellent performance during our year end party. Watch this link: https://youtu.be/T2sVgECnl_c



Trade School Work-In-Progress

The trade school will offer different disciplines in the area of solar energy, refrigeration, electrical studies, masonry, mechanics, cell phone repairs and entrepreneurship. Due to unexpected rise in prices during the pandemic there was a delay and shortage in materials which adversely affected the completion and opening of the trade school. We are hoping and anticipating opening the school by the fourth quarter of 2022.



HSF Food & Infrastructure Relief

The August 14th, 2021, earthquake caused a lot of damages to people in the region that we serve. We provided food assistance to over 100 families which consisted of rice, beans, spaghetti, oil, and water. We also assisted with construction materials for some of the residents whose houses were damaged by the earthquake.



The families below received monetary compensation relief to help in the repairs of their houses which was damaged by the August 14th, 2021, earthquake.



HSF Community Clean-Up Day

The HSF children volunteered to clean up the streets including a local shrine.



HSF Children Cleaning "Le Calvaire". A Religious Site



Life Lesson: Haitian Proverb

Proverb: **Men anpil chay pa lou**

Translation: **Many hands make the load lighter**

Proverb: **Piti, piti wazo fe nich li**

Translation: **Little by little the bird builds its nest.**

Haitian Dessert Delight

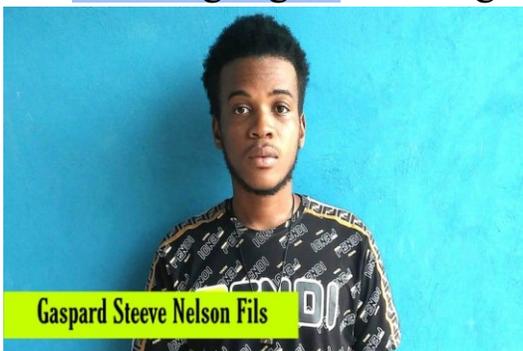
Popular Haitian Desert: Pain Patate

Pain patate is one of the most beloved Haitian desserts. The main ingredients are sweet potatoes, preferably the variety with violet skin and white interior. It is made with freshly grated coconut, coconut milk, butter, sugar, crushed ripe bananas, and whole milk. When the sweet pudding is baked, it is often served with whipped cream or a scoop of vanilla ice cream on the side.

2022 Tentative Events

- ***HSF Atlanta Gala:***
- ***HSF New York Gala***

HSF Highlights: Moving On:



Mr. Gaspar Steeve, our dedicated videographer, has left Haiti to embrace other opportunities overseas. He will be greatly missed. Mr. Gaspar started with us when he was 15 years old. He learned great skills from HSF, and we are confident that he will continue to do great work for humanity until such time he will be ready to return home to serve his country.

Know Our Team

HSF 2020/21 Executive Board

Turnier Esperance - President
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