

THE HAITIAN PROJECT INC. 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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The year 2021 was one of historic challenges for Haiti. The assassination of the country’s president. Gang activity. Political unrest. A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake. But throughout these challenges, it was clear that The Haitian Project was very much a part of the solution and that its mission was made for this moment.

Pope Francis tells us that hope is a communal virtue. It involves going forward with others in solidarity. These unprecedented challenges motivated our entire community to come together, work harder, believe more deeply, and accomplish more than ever before. And, yes, hope more deeply too.

Louverture Cleary School Santo 5, its students and alumni remained points of light, reminding us of and guiding us toward brighter days ahead. Breaking ground on The Haitian Project’s second school—the Model Campus that will be replicated across Haiti to create the Louverture Cleary Schools Network—stands as proof of the progress and hope that can spread across the nation.

We have the vision, the right mission, and the community to make a brighter and more hopeful future for Haiti. Together, we can make history and transform a nation.

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—Letter from the Leadership of The Haitian Project, page 9



Charism of The Haitian Project

Drawing on Pope John Paul II's clear teachings on the spirituality and purpose of human labor, The Haitian Project community has grounded itself in the spiritual and practical reality that work is both internally and externally transformative. Through our commitment to working first and foremost for the benefit of others, we have learned that we can improve ourselves and the world around us simultaneously.

By living our specific Charism, we have discovered that work done voluntarily for the benefit of others is a powerful, grace-filled catalyst for personal metanoia and environmental change. In this context, the success of our labor not only increases our sense of personal dignity and transforms the world around us, but it also deepens our trust in God and our willingness to serve.

Led by the Holy Spirit and enabled by the abundant gifts He provides, we have discovered that work done voluntarily by a community of people drawn from all sectors of society acting in unison creates a quality of solidarity reminiscent of the early Christian communities recorded in Acts.

Like the early Christian communities, our community has flourished since we accepted our specific charism of working for others [Christian Service] and began living intentionally in accordance with the following three principles:

What we receive for free, we must give for free. [Mathew 10:8] This is the basic motto of our community—it is the fundamental call to service.

If anyone is unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. [Second Thessalonians 3:10] This principle is not merely about survival, it is about fulfilling our responsibilities as social beings and to one another. In a community, everyone is to be personally industrious. We are all called to work and produce. We are not to live solely off the labors of others if we are capable of making a contribution ourselves. We are also reminded that as Christian brothers and sisters we belong to one another. When we fulfill our personal responsibility to a community, we become a catalyst for justice and charity.

If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all. [Mark 9:35] This gives direction to our zeal for service. It sends us to serve the weakest and most marginalized. We capture this concept in the Kreyòl phrase "tet amba". Usually this means "upside down" or "chaos", but to us it is the reminder to pass below and support from the bottom up.

We are also reminded that "our" work is part of a plan beyond our comprehension. Humbly recognizing that all good things come from God, we accept that work with God requires letting go of ourselves and our pride. While leadership and chain of command are important, all must participate equally in the work since we have the same duty and the same dignity before God.

Hearing the call to join this community and live this Charism, we have a choice to respond with a simple "yes" for a period of weeks, years, or a lifetime.

Years of work and spiritual conversion inspired this statement of the Project's Charism which for so long has guided our mission and service to others in Haiti and in the U.S. This expression of our Charism was composed by Deacon Patrick Moynihan in collaboration with members of the THP Community and embraced formally and unanimously by the Board of Directors on February 20, 2010 as the expression of the Project's unique, God-given spiritual identity. The Board of Directors voted additionally on February 20, 2010 that this Charism would best be nurtured by seeking formal recognition as an Association of the Lay Faithful. In June of 2010, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, formally recognized The Haitian Project as an Association of the Lay Faithful in his diocese, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, where the Project was born as an organization and community.

The Haitian Project

2021 Annual Report

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SEEING BEYOND THE CHALLENGES: VOICES FROM THE LCS COMMUNITY

What do Louverture Cleary School Santo 5 (LCS) and the Louverture Cleary Schools Network mean for Haiti? A brighter future for the country, built by Haitians themselves.



"I think LCS will provide a model that will inspire other institutions. LCS students are taught to live in community and that is the biggest challenge in Haiti today—to get people to live and work together. The Network is not just talk; it is action, a concrete example of how the will to change becomes an institution designed to build community, understanding, and progress for Haiti."

—Ernst V., LCS Head of School



"The Network is exactly what Haiti needs at this moment. The reason why the Network is so important, the reason why we want to see it become a reality, is because if you have been following the news about Haiti, the history of Haiti, you will realize the importance of education to resolve the problems of the country. This program specifically is the largest program in education of its kind that the country will ever see, and this will definitely turn Haiti around—having this renewal of qualified young people that are attached to their country and that want to see their country moving forward and are participating in the life of their country."

—Patrick B., head of The Haitian Project's partner foundations in Haiti and Haitian private-sector leader (pictured in center with workers laying the first stones at LCS 2/the Model Campus; read more about construction progress on pages 10 & 11)



"LCS is playing an important role [in Haiti's future] by giving a quality education to Louverturians. The education we give at LCS helps to train future leaders for the country. Those alumni will be able to spread the great culture of LCS to others throughout Haiti. Haiti will change when we put education first and change our mentality and the way we are doing things in the structures and administration of the country."

—Marjorie M. (LCS '07), LCS Principal



"At LCS we give the students an education that says the priority is not just you personally, the priority is the people around you; let other people come before you. This education is about loving your neighbor and helping those who are less fortunate."

—Esther P. (LCS '02), LCS Director of Operations

OUR MISSION

The Haitian Project through its support of Louverture Cleary Schools, a national network of tuition-free, Catholic, co-educational secondary boarding schools in Haiti, provides for the education of academically-talented and motivated students from Haitian families who cannot afford the cost of their children's education in order to maximize their potential and enable them to work toward building a Haiti where justice and peace thrive.

GOALS

- † To support the secondary and post-secondary education of students of all faiths through an academically-challenging program in a Catholic community rooted in service to others.
- † To increase access to quality education throughout the entire country of Haiti through a national system of 10 Louverture Cleary Schools, one in each governmental department of Haiti.
- † To provide a robust community of Missionary Teachers, reflecting the diversity of God's children, who help ensure that each school community is formed in the Charism of The Haitian Project.
- † To contribute to a culture that nurtures students intellectually, spiritually and physically, fostering in them a concern for the environment and global community through the direct contribution of the Missionary Community and the consistent and meaningful involvement of the greater Haitian Project community.
- † To promote the advancement of women by supporting educational opportunities that encourage young women to continue their education and be role models for others.
- † To encourage in graduates of Louverture Cleary Schools the desire and the motivation to remain in Haiti and to work not only for self-improvement, but for the betterment of all Haitians.
- † To promote the development and enhancement of leadership qualities in students, preparing them to make social and economic contributions to their community and their country.
- † To promote career and post-secondary educational opportunities for students in Haiti, especially through the support of direct scholarships to at least half of each graduating class.
- † To collaborate with other agencies or religious organizations who are committed to similar ideals for Haiti.
- † To increase awareness in the United States of the current reality of the Haitian people, as well as their hope for the future.

A YEAR OF GROWTH: HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

Gearing Up for the Network

Volunteer Alumna Aimée Maier ('98-'99) joined The Haitian Project (THP) as its first chief program officer (CPO). THP created the new role to ensure students and staff at each new school in the Louverture Cleary Schools Network (LCS Network) have the same opportunity to participate in the transformative power of THP's mission. Aimée will oversee THP's program activity, including Charism, the Missionary program, and the compliance of programs administered by THP's partner foundations in Haiti.

THP also welcomed Timothy Moynihan (LCS '14) as its new chief financial officer (CFO). Financial compliance and oversight will be critical to building additional schools and to ensuring the long-term success of the LCS Network. As CFO, Tim will be responsible for providing oversight and assistance to THP's partner

foundations and the local accounting team in Haiti, along with further enhancing THP's financial policies and procedures.

Enhanced Economics Curriculum

Economic growth is essential to a brighter future for Haiti, which is why Economics has been a capstone course for *Philo* (U.S. 12th grade + 1) students at Louverture Cleary School Santo 5 (LCS) since 2012. In 2021, LCS incorporated accounting and finance into the curriculum to provide the practical tools necessary to turn economic theory into economic growth.

The curriculum was developed in partnership with Economic Growth Initiative for Haiti (EGI), which worked closely with LCS Economics Department Head Djim G. (LCS '14) to bolster the current instruction provided to LCS students through the addition of virtual introductory modules. The first of these

modules, an Introduction to Finance and Accounting, was made possible by the video conference system in the new Radia Laboratory of Science and Technology—itself a tremendous step forward that opens up a number of new learning opportunities for Louverturians.

Perfect Pass Rate in a Challenging Year

Louverture Cleary School Santo 5 continued its tradition of excellence in 2021 with another 100 percent pass rate for the *Katryèm* (U.S. 9th grade) and *Philo* (U.S. 12th grade + 1) state exams—a particularly great achievement during a period of ongoing difficulty in Haiti.

These exams are necessary for *Katryèm* students to move on to the *Secondaire* (high school level) curriculum, and for *Philo* students to be eligible to attend university.



(left) THP Chief Program Officer Aimée Maier, THP Volunteer '98-99; (right) THP Chief Financial Officer Timothy Moynihan, LCS '14



LCS Economics Department Head Djim G. (LCS '14) and members of the *Philo* (U.S. 12th Grade + 1) class participate in an Introduction to Finance and Accounting class



The 2021 LCS *Philo* (U.S. Grade 12 + 1) Class

The Haitian Project Leadership

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EDUCATION: THE KEY TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR HAITI

Time and again, Louverture Cleary School's more than 800 alumni prove that education is the surest way out of poverty and toward a brighter future for Haiti. In a country where fewer than five percent of young people graduate from high school and only 35 percent of college graduates stay in the country, 90 percent of our alumni are either at university or working in Haiti.

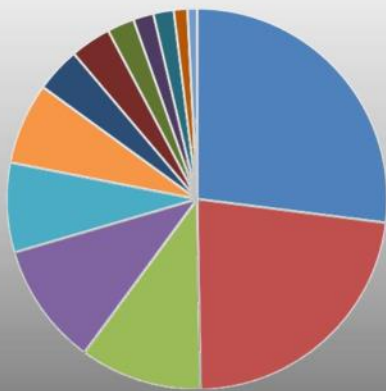
Upon finishing university, Louverturians are highly sought after by local employers for their education, ability to speak four languages (Kreyòl, English, French and Spanish) and leadership skills, regularly earning over 10x the per-capita income of Haiti within a few years of graduation.

And, thanks to the Louverture Cleary School Dulcich Center for Career Advancement, which administers one of the largest university scholarship programs in Haiti, 88 percent of Louverture

Cleary School alumni go on to attend and graduate from university in a country where less than three percent of the population holds a university degree.

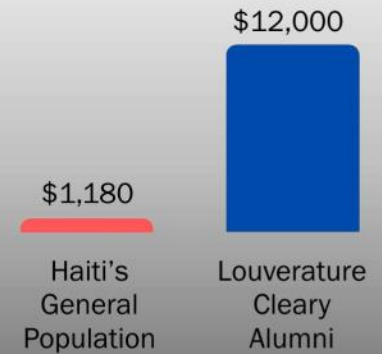
All are giving back to their communities and their country in accordance with Louverture Cleary School's motto: *"What you receive for free, you shall give for free"* (Matthew 10:8).

Alumni fields of study



- Medicine
- Finance
- Economics
- Education
- Linguistics
- Psychology & Political Science
- Tourism & Agronomy
- Administration
- Industrial Engineering
- Computer Science
- Law
- Nursing
- Accounting

Per-capita income (USD)



Population to attend university



Louverture Cleary School - 88 percent



General Population - 2 percent

Percentage of university grads who remain in Haiti



Louverture Cleary School - 90 percent



General Population - 35 percent

Letter from The Haitian Project President and Board Chair

To the Members of The Haitian Project Community,

This year's Annual Report theme is John 1:5, "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*" It is especially relevant as we recount the trials of the past year and look ahead to a brighter future for Haiti.

It is with deep gratitude and respect that we acknowledge the entire THP community, in the United States and around the world, and especially in Haiti. During a year of political, social and environmental challenges, our community was a light that continued to shine.

Our committed and highly competent staff in both the U.S. and Haiti maintained the full and safe operation of Louverture Cleary School Santo 5 in extremely difficult circumstances. In July of 2021, we were thrilled to celebrate LCS's 26th graduating class and, through the dedication and skill of our partners in Haiti, we were also able to move forward with the construction of our second school, the Model Campus in the Diocese of Gonaïves.

Our devoted board and committee members contributed significant time, expertise and resources while striving to broaden the community through sharing the mission and vision with others.

The students and graduates of LCS embodied the character, knowledge and hope needed to bring about change in Haiti. And, of course, our generous, unwavering supporters helped to make this all possible. With everyone's continued participation and encouragement, we can and will open the doors at the Model Campus, which will ultimately be replicated throughout Haiti to create the 10-school Louverture Cleary Schools Network. Future schools will further light the way to a prosperous future for Haiti.

With increased opportunities for students to receive a top-notch education throughout the entire country, the potential for building a nation where peace and justice can thrive will be tremendously expanded. So, inspired by our successes and enthusiastic about the future, we are confident that the brilliance of Haiti's future servant-leaders – our Louverturians – will overcome any darkness.

Thank you to the entire THP Community for your partnership, prayers and support!



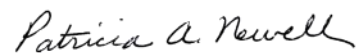
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A TIME TO EXPAND: PROGRESS ON THE MODEL CAMPUS

Groundbreaking News

Despite the many challenges in 2021, The Haitian Project (THP) broke ground in the Diocese of Gonaïves on the Model Campus, THP's second school that will be replicated across the country to create the 10-school Louverture

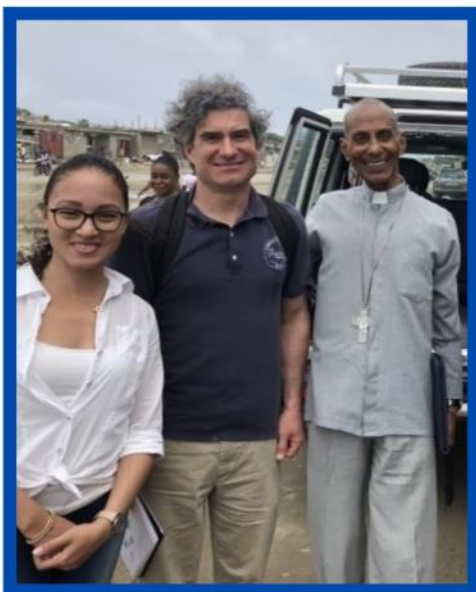
Cleary Schools Network (LCS Network).

This historic moment came as the culmination of years of planning, dedication and vision. It is a testament to everyone, in the U.S. and in Haiti, who believes in The Haitian Project's mission.

A Louverture Cleary School in each

department of Haiti will help stimulate regional economies and support structures that will encourage development throughout the country, not just in the capital city, to enable Haiti's emergence as a thriving nation.

It all starts with the Model Campus. Now, we are on our way.



"With the Network, we are always aware that we are working towards bettering the situation of the less fortunate here in Haiti. We are providing the opportunity for a part of the population to no longer have financial concerns when it comes to their education. We are providing the environment for them to become productive, active members of Haitian society who will contribute to the development of Haiti. That's the bigger picture that we have to keep in mind."

—Stephanie B., Executive Director, Fondation Haitian Project (pictured on left with THP Director of New School Construction Jimi Grondin and Bishop Pierre-Antoine Paulo (now deceased, Bishop Emeritus of Port-de-Paix)



► May 2021: A 3-D rendering of the Model Campus designed by architect and long-time THP supporter Scott Hill from Rockford, IL.



► June 2021: THP Director of New School Construction Jimi Grondin assists in placing the first stones in the foundation of the perimeter wall.



► September 2021: Workers install solar-powered lights to illuminate the grounds at the site.

THE LCS NETWORK: BUILT BY HAITIANS THEMSELVES

Building Wealth

At the core of the successful construction of the LCS Network is the right partner who understands and shares The Haitian Project's vision for Haiti's future. For THP, that ally is T & C Consortium S.A., a Haitian construction company born out of a collaboration between THP's partner foundation in Haiti, Fondation Haitian Project, and Technique et Construction S.A., a third-generation general contracting firm in Haiti.

Under the auspices of T & C, the Consortium is intended to grow along with the Network, specifically recruiting LCS graduates who went on to study engineering, architecture, accounting and management. Those who join will be offered ownership until the company is eventually fully managed by LCS alumni.



*"What the LCS Network is doing is building wealth in the community."
—Gilbert Hippolyte, principal,
Technique & Construction S.A.*



► *November 2021: The perimeter wall around the 10-acre site was completed.*



► *December 2021: A 150-foot well was dug to provide water during construction.*



"Breaking ground on the Model Campus this past year has been nothing short of momentous. It makes the LCS Network vision concrete. And it affirms a brighter future for Haiti, built by and for Haitians themselves. There could not be a more exciting time to be a part of the THP community. I sincerely hope many more people will join us. New giving puts wind in our sails, and there is no better investment in Haiti than education."

*—THP President Reese Grondin
(pictured speaking to students at
Delbarton High School in Morristown,
NJ about The Haitian Project)*



The Model Campus is in the Diocese of Gonaïves and is approximately 100 miles north of LCS Santo 5 outside of Port-au-Prince. The Missionary Quarters were the first buildings to be built and will serve as a base of operations during the construction process.

Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Unrestricted	\$ 99,611	\$ 92,931
Restricted	343,778	156,323
Total Cash and cash equivalents	<u>443,389</u>	<u>249,254</u>
Accounts receivable	-	6,661
Contributions receivable	100,815	99,534
Annual Fund pledges receivable	237,500	300,000
General Endowment Loan Receivable	300,000	-
Endowment pledges receivable	728,099	899,402
Property and equipment, net	-	641,448
Long-term investments		
Board-Designated Endowment	2,260,043	2,334,696
Post-Grad University Support Endowment	1,005,529	888,413
Office for External Affairs Endowment	446,732	354,342
Operating Reserve Fund	523,348	568,511
Total Long-term investments	<u>4,235,652</u>	<u>4,145,962</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 6,045,455</u>	<u>\$ 6,342,261</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets:		
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 1,179
General Endowment Loan s/t	300,000	-
Total Liabilities	<u>300,000</u>	<u>1,179</u>
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions	2,983,818	3,743,780
With donor restrictions	2,761,637	2,597,302
Total Net Assets	<u>5,745,455</u>	<u>6,341,082</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 6,045,455</u>	<u>\$ 6,342,261</u>

Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2021

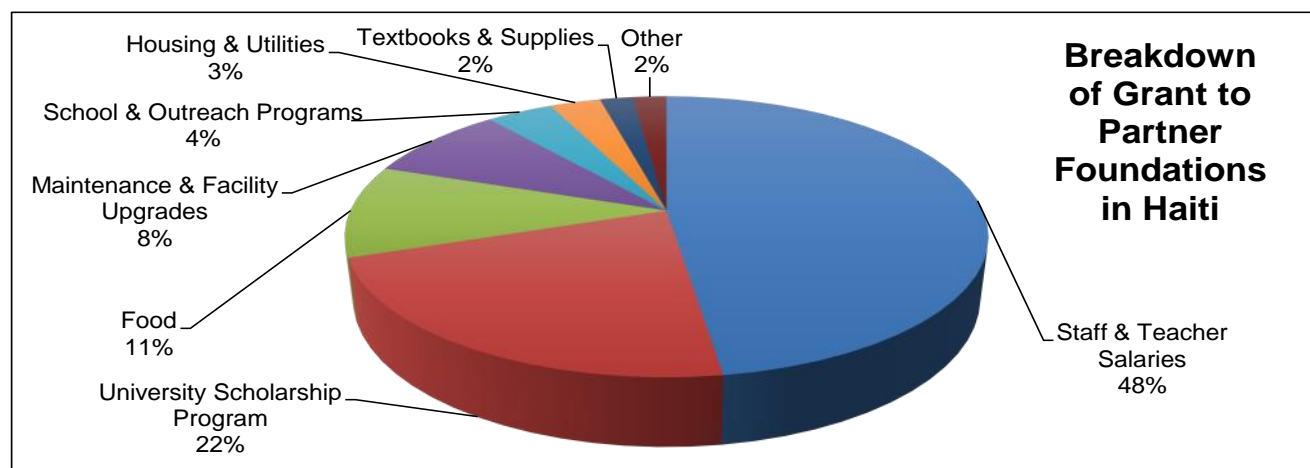
	2021			2020
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
Revenue and Other Support:				
Contributions - US	\$ 1,404,397	\$ 480,972	\$ 1,885,369	\$ 1,905,760
Paycheck Protection Program Grant	126,785	-	126,785	105,300
Contributions - Haiti	-	-	-	34
Contributed goods & services	6,245	-	6,245	4,730
Total Contributions	1,537,427	480,972	2,018,399	2,015,824
Student fees	-	-	-	6,070
Other	208	-	208	553
Gain/Loss on Disposal of Assets*	(646,848)	-	(646,848)	-
Interest	84	-	84	661
Investment return, net	299,664	154,828	454,492	395,570
Net assets released from restrictions	471,464	(471,464)	-	-
Total Revenue and other support	1,661,999	164,336	1,826,335	2,418,678
Expenses:				
Program services	1,882,229	-	1,882,229	1,363,318
Management and general	221,833	-	221,833	203,905
Fundraising	298,168	-	298,168	228,152
Total Expenses	2,402,230	-	2,402,230	1,795,375
Change in Net Assets	(740,231)	164,336	(575,895)	623,303
Net Assets - Beginning*	3,724,048	2,597,302	6,321,350	5,717,779
Net Assets - Ending	\$ 2,983,817	\$ 2,761,638	\$ 5,745,455	\$ 6,341,082

*In 2015, The Haitian Project began the process of establishing two Haitian nonprofits to create the appropriate structures for the development of a nationwide system of Louverture Cleary Schools, Fondation Haitian Project and Fondation Educative Louverture Cleary. The foundations are responsible for the direct management of school programs and the related physical plants. The Haitian Project continues to oversee and fund its activities in Haiti through its partnership with them. In 2021, the financial books of the partner entities were separated from THP's. As part of that change, THP recorded a prior period adjustment of -19,708 to transfer the Foundations' cash, receivable and liability balances to their books. In addition, THP recorded a loss of -646,848 reflecting the undepreciated value of fixed assets transferred to the Foundations.

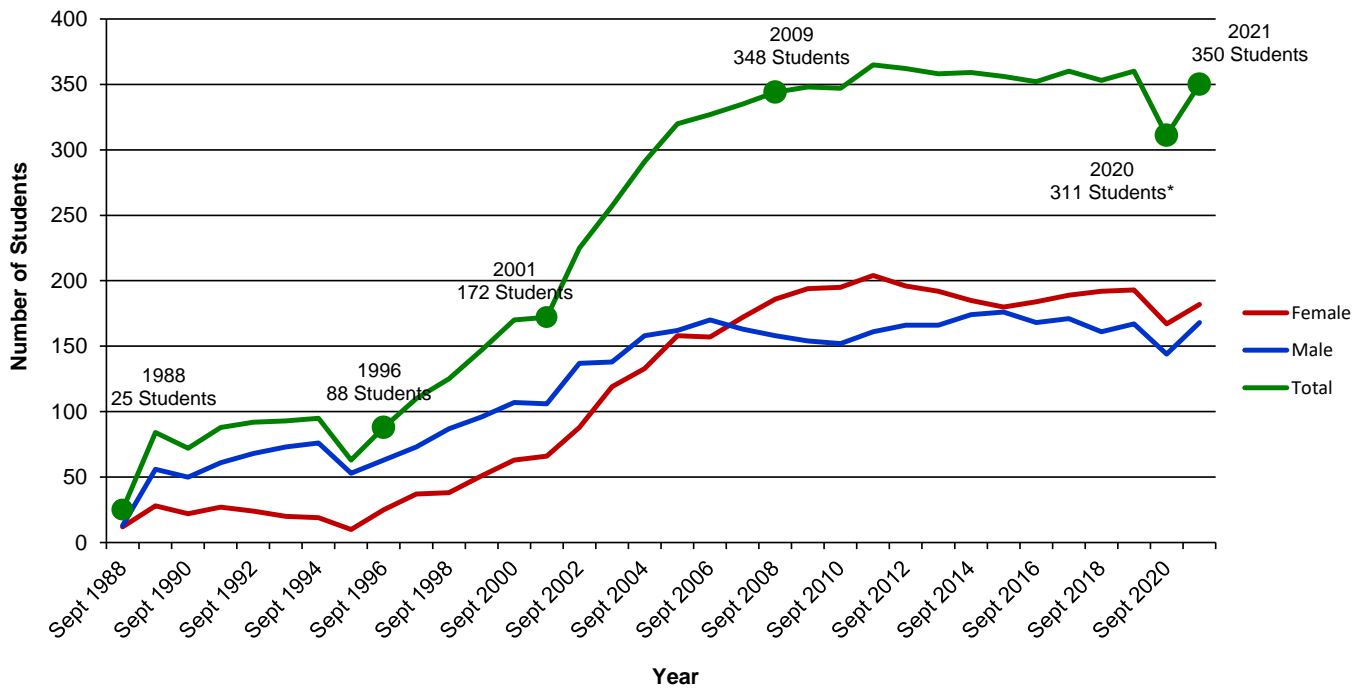
Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended December 31, 2021

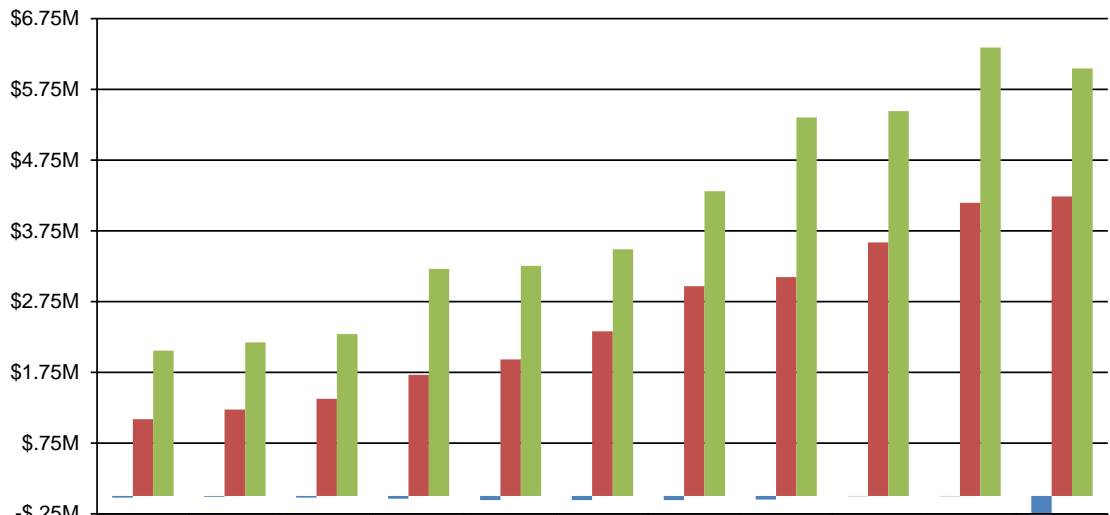
	Program	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Personnel				
Salaries and Taxes	\$ 196,924	\$ 136,440	\$ 190,374	\$ 523,738
Employee Benefits	35,298	41,084	54,873	131,255
Total	232,222	177,524	245,247	654,993
Operating and Designated Funds				
Advertising & Promotion	-	-	9,062	9,062
Community & School Progs. & Outreach	510	1,138	-	1,648
Earthquake Relief	4,721	-	-	4,721
Facility Maintenance & Upgrades	1,534	-	-	1,534
Fees (Bank, Donation Processing, Services)	4,637	6,079	6,701	17,417
Grant to Partner Fdtns in Haiti - Operating	861,500	-	-	861,500
Grant to Partner Fdtns in Haiti - Capital	735,100	-	-	735,100
Grants to Other Organizations	7,500	-	-	7,500
Insurance	2,500	4,581	-	7,081
LCS Schools Network	7,470	-	-	7,470
Missionary In-Country Community	2,471	-	-	2,471
Occupancy	11,332	13,295	8,757	33,384
Postage	-	1,105	3,583	4,688
Printing	-	354	16,343	16,697
Professional Development	230	379	-	609
Supplies	221	3,015	2,013	5,249
Tech Services & Upgrades	2,327	10,721	2,518	15,566
Telephone & Internet	3,221	3,278	3,557	10,056
Travel, Meetings & Events	333	364	387	1,084
Uncollectible Pledges	4,400	-	-	4,400
Total	1,650,007	44,309	52,921	1,747,237
Grand Total	\$ 1,882,229	\$ 221,833	\$ 298,168	\$ 2,402,230



Student Enrollment at Louverture Cleary School

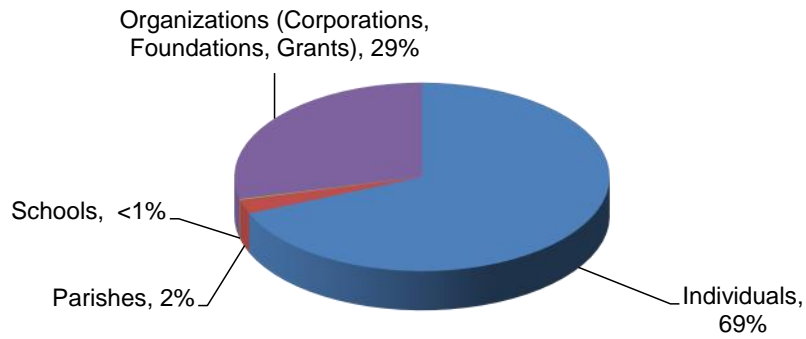


The Haitian Project Assets and Liabilities

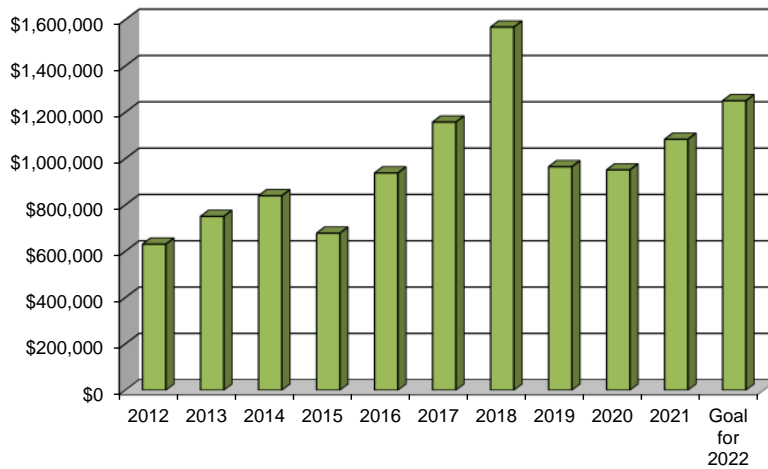


	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Liabilities	-\$0.02M	-\$0.01M	-\$0.02M	-\$0.04M	-\$0.05M	-\$0.06M	-\$0.06M	-\$0.05M	\$0.00M	\$0.00M	-\$0.3M
Endowments & Op. Reserve	\$1.09M	\$1.22M	\$1.37M	\$1.71M	\$1.93M	\$2.33M	\$2.97M	\$3.1M	\$3.58M	\$4.15M	\$4.24M
Total Assets	\$2.06M	\$2.17M	\$2.29M	\$3.21M	\$3.25M	\$3.49M	\$4.31M	\$5.35M	\$5.44M	\$6.34M	\$6.05M

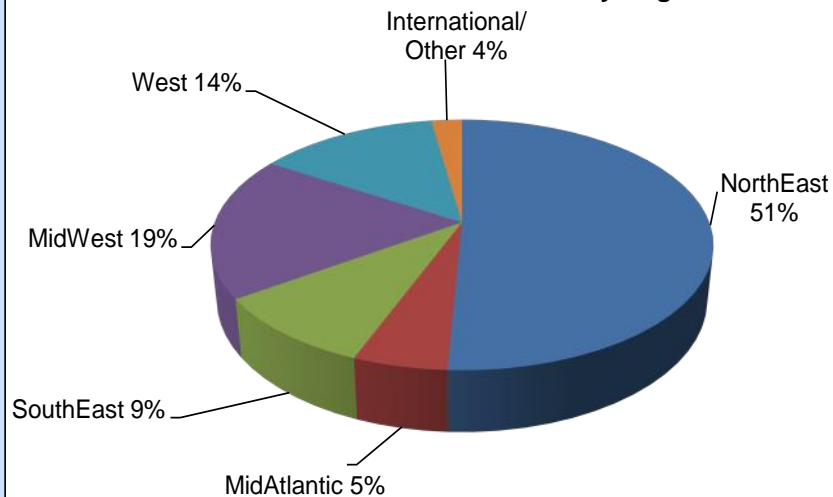
2021 Annual Fund Contributions by Community



History of Annual Fund Support from Individuals



2021 Annual Fund Contributions by Region



Restoring Hope, Even After an Earthquake

After the already challenging summer of 2021 that saw unrest and the assassination of the country's president, on August 14th, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwestern Haiti. The epicenter of the quake was on the southern peninsula, about 20 miles northeast of the city of Les Cayes and about 80 miles west of the capital Port-au-Prince. The devastation was significant, with over 2,200 people killed and many more injured or missing. The quake also severely impacted the region's infrastructure, damaging or destroying numerous schools, parishes and health facilities.

The physical impact on Port-au-Prince was minimal and LCS Santo 5 was undamaged. There was also no damage to the LCS Plateau Central site (the "Model Campus"), which is currently under construction in the Diocese of Gonaïves.

Meeting the immediate needs of any tragedy is important, which is why The Haitian Project contributed 20 percent of the Project's fall 2021 *Back to School* campaign to earthquake recovery in the most affected region.

Along with immediate aid, it is equally important to invest in Haiti's own ability to weather crises. The Haitian Project remains focused on Haiti's long-term development and will continue to educate the future doctors, nurses, engineers, and civic leaders who will lead their nation to a future where the loss of life from disasters can be far less and the country is no longer dependent on aid.

With a site identified and plans drawn, The Haitian Project is working to build a Louverture Cleary School in Les Cayes as part of the region's long-term recovery, because education—and especially a Louverture Cleary education—can help restore people's hope for the future.

Becoming a Louverturian

Each spring at Louverture Cleary School Santo 5 (LCS), hundreds of families visit to register their children for the chance at one of the 60 spots in the incoming *Sizyèm* (U.S. 7th grade) class. The visit is part of a rigorous multi-step process of exams, interviews, home visits, and orientation carried out by a team of seasoned LCS administration and staff to select those who will become Louverturians. Applicants must meet two crucial criteria: academic aptitude and financial need. They must also be prepared to live in a structured community steeped in service to others.

After registering, prospective students then sit for a pre-examination. Those who pass are invited back to sit

for the entrance exam, which evaluates core subjects like math and French. The top 100 scorers then sit for a round of interviews during which the Admissions Team learns about the applicants, their motivations, and their potential to take on the school's specific culture and Charism.

The top 80 are selected for home visits, and members of the team assess the family's financial situation to ensure that they are unable to afford the cost of their children's education. Once all criteria are met, the final 60 applicants are selected to attend orientation in



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August where, led by staff and older students, they live at LCS and become familiar with the routine, work, values, and their classmates in preparation for joining the school community in September.

Working for a Better Future

LCS Spotlight: Linsey Francesca J. (LCS '13)

Whether navigating the COVID-19 pandemic or some of the other difficulties that have challenged Haiti in recent years, many Louverture Cleary School alumni can be found on the frontlines, leading initiatives for positive change for their country. One such alumna is Linsey Francesca J. (LCS '13), who has dedicated herself to the study of medicine.

During her seven years at LCS, Francesca especially enjoyed her classes and participation in campus life. "I learned many things at LCS," she remarks, "like how to live together in community and to express myself in four languages (English, Kreyòl, French and Spanish)." After graduating from LCS in 2013, Francesca continued her studies at the University of the Foundation of Aristide (UNIFA) with the aid of a scholarship from LCS's Dulcich Center for Career Advancement (DCCA, formerly the Office for External Affairs). "Since I was a kid," Francesca explains, "I have always loved medicine because I love helping others."

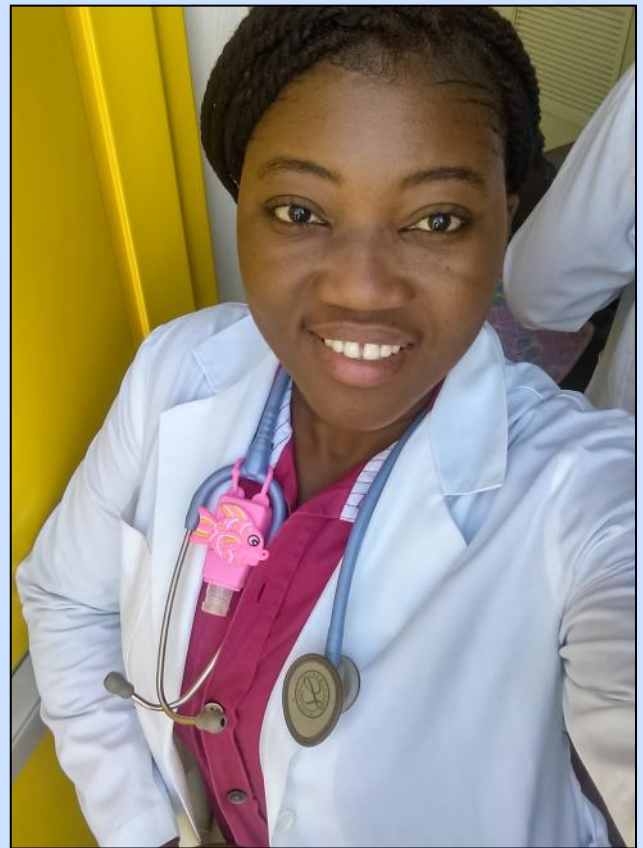
Francesca is not alone, as 25 percent of LCS graduates go on to study medicine in university. This is especially important in a country that has

just one-tenth the number of doctors per capita as the United States.

Francesca was in her sixth year of medical school working as an intern at La Providence Hospital in Gonaïves, Haiti, when the COVID-19 pandemic struck in 2020. "COVID-19 changed the plan of my work," she recalls. "We had no equipment to work against COVID-19, and it was not very easy to work without it. We were doing our best to continue to save lives."

Throughout the pandemic, Francesca worked tirelessly to simultaneously finish her studies and serve patients in her care. She recently graduated in March of 2021 and is moving on to a year of hospital residency, which is necessary to obtain her license to officially practice medicine.

Like her fellow Louverturians, Francesca looks forward to having a positive impact on her country. "My plan for the future is to become a great doctor. There are two specialties that I am enthusiastic about." She would like to be a pediatrician because



Linsey Francesca J. (LCS '13) is one of the 25 percent of Louverture Cleary School graduates who go on to study medicine in Haiti.

she loves working with children. She also hopes to pursue obstetrics to help increase healthcare for women in her country.

She sees building and increasing access to more schools and hospitals in Haiti as a priority for a better society. "I hope for a change for Haiti," Francesca declares. "I hope that during this pandemic and in the future, every Haitian lives and works together for a

Encouraging Young Women



In a school that is 52 percent female, an all-encompassing education helps female students thrive and become servant-leaders at school and in the community. A large part of this is due to the strong female alumni presence on campus. LCS Director of Operations Esther P. (LCS '02) commented, "All students at LCS, boys or girls, receive the same quality of education. I think it is the main thing that encourages the female students. Because receiving the same level of education gives them self-confidence and makes them believe it is not about male or female, but that a human being can achieve whatever he or she wants with a good education."

Creating a Legacy of Environmental Stewardship

Each day, the LCS community responsibly manages waste through composting, recycling, re-use, burying, and incineration. Every member of the community participates, from the school administration to the youngest in the Koukouy Early Childhood Development Program. Environmental stewardship at LCS makes for a cleaner environment today, but most importantly, it lays the foundations for an even greener future. The values Louverturians take with them as they go on to become policymakers, teachers, and business owners will ensure that the environment is a priority in Haiti's development. The LCS Network will amplify that impact by educating many more conscientious citizens and servant-leaders all over Haiti.

Equipped with an education steeped in service and stewardship, there is no doubt that Haiti's future, led by Louverturians, will be green and bright.





Louverture Cleary School Principal Marjorie M. speaking at an LCS graduation.

LCS Leadership Spotlight

LCS Principal Marjorie M. (LCS '07)

Marjorie M. is a strong educator both in and out of the classroom, a spiritual leader through faith formation and all-school liturgical activities, and a role model for all, modeling a commitment to giving back and putting education first.

After graduating from LCS in 2007, Marjorie studied education in university at the Centre de Recherche, de Formation et d'Intervention Psychologique. In 2009, she returned to LCS as junior staff, receiving a scholarship from LCS's Dulcich Center for Career Advancement for her university studies while working at the school.

Marjorie grew as an educator and community member, becoming dean of academics

and ultimately principal, a role she has held since 2014.

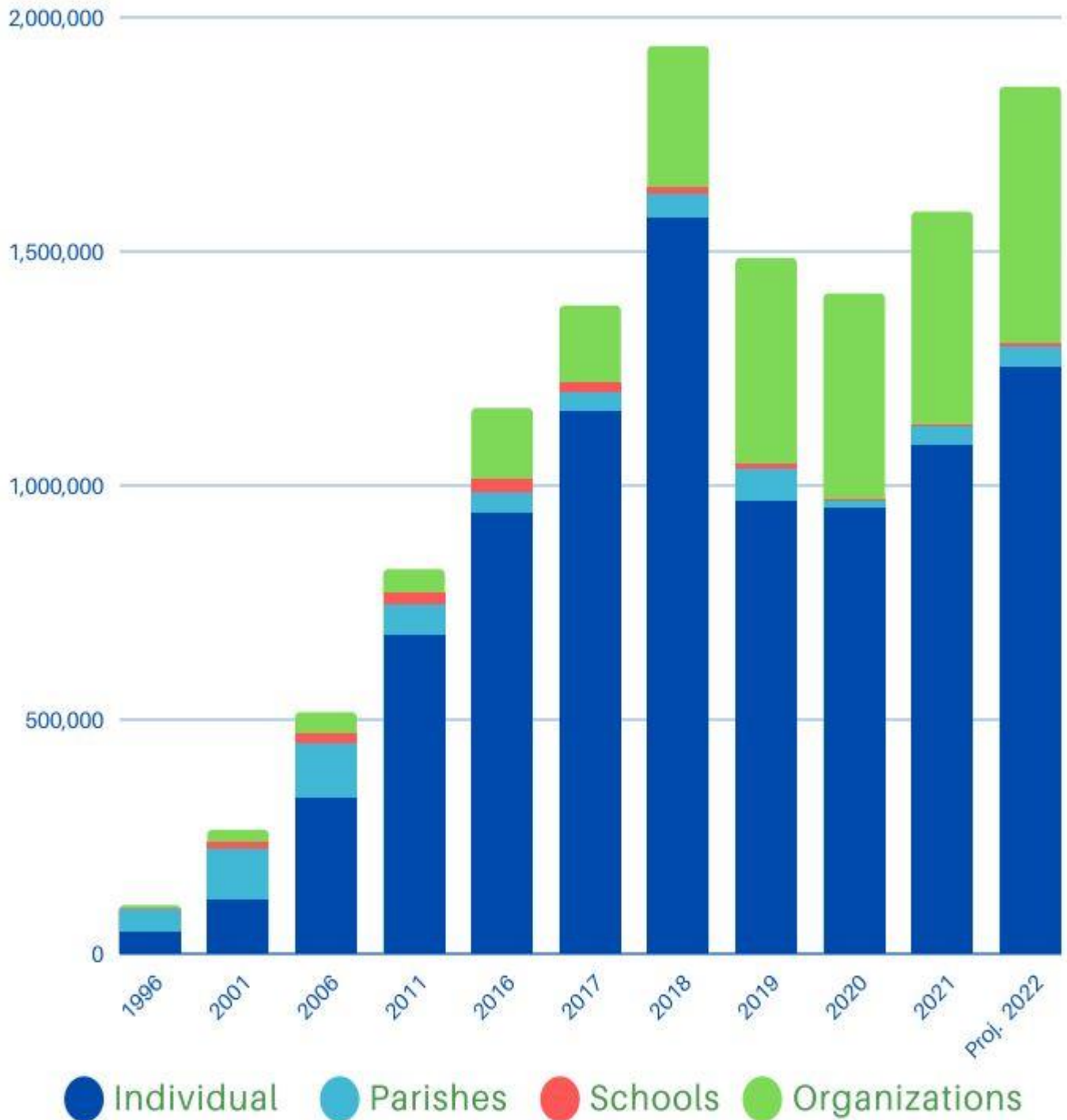
HPN: What's the most important thing you believe LCS does to encourage leadership skills in its female students, and why?

MM: Encouraging the leadership of female students at LCS is so important because in the family in Haiti, it is common to put women and girls in the back. Women and girls are still taught that their place is in the kitchen, to not look at men in their eyes, and so on. But at LCS, we encourage girls to do what boys can do. [And, in turn, boys are taught to support their female classmates.] The leadership skills are equal for male and female students. With that, we will have better families and a better society.

HPN: What role do you believe LCS and the LCS Network have to play in Haiti's future, especially given recent events?

MM: LCS is playing an important role [in Haiti's future] by giving a quality education to Louvertureans. The education we give at LCS helps to train future leaders for the country. Those alumni will be able to spread the great culture of LCS to others throughout Haiti. Haiti will change when we put education first and change our mentality and the way we are doing things in the structures and administration of the country.

Annual Fund Contributions by Community



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		Total Donated	Total # Donors	Average Donation
Individuals	Final 2012	\$630,745	735	\$860
	Final 2013	\$750,730	934	\$800
	Final 2014	\$839,735	665	\$1,260
	Final 2015	\$678,180	614	\$1,100
	Final 2016	\$938,175	582	\$1,610
	Final 2017	\$1,157,910	738	\$1,570
	Final 2018	\$1,568,070	923	\$1,700
	Final 2019	\$965,085	1160	\$830
	Final 2020	\$951,450	936	\$1,020
	Final 2021	\$1,083,685	1054	\$1,030
	Projected 2022	\$1,250,000	1,150	\$1,090
Parishes	Final 2012	\$67,210	26	\$2,590
	Final 2013	\$49,820	31	\$1,610
	Final 2014	\$59,430	32	\$1,860
	Final 2015	\$73,765	31	\$2,380
	Final 2016	\$44,430	24	\$1,850
	Final 2017	\$38,450	22	\$1,750
	Final 2018	\$50,285	24	\$2,100
	Final 2019	\$67,765	24	\$2,820
	Final 2020	\$11,215	14	\$800
	Final 2021	\$38,285	14	\$2,735
	Projected 2022	\$45,000	20	\$2,250
Schools	Final 2012	\$24,015	10	\$2,400
	Final 2013	\$9,130	9	\$1,010
	Final 2014	\$23,445	11	\$2,130
	Final 2015	\$23,095	5	\$4,620
	Final 2016	\$27,640	8	\$3,460
	Final 2017	\$22,790	7	\$3,260
	Final 2018	\$16,100	12	\$1,340
	Final 2019	\$12,145	8	\$1,520
	Final 2020	\$6,180	3	\$2,060
	Final 2021	\$2,340	3	\$780
	Projected 2022	\$5,000	5	\$1,000
Organizations	Final 2012	\$153,510	NA	NA
	Final 2013	\$69,530	NA	NA
	Final 2014	\$47,355	NA	NA
	Final 2015	\$263,665	NA	NA
	Final 2016	\$153,540	NA	NA
	Final 2017	\$163,480	NA	NA
	Final 2018	\$302,670	NA	NA
	Final 2019	\$439,495	NA	NA
	Final 2020	\$439,800	NA	NA
	Final 2021	\$455,205	NA	NA
	Projected 2022	\$550,000	NA	NA
Total	Final 2012	\$875,480	NA	NA
	Final 2013	\$879,210	NA	NA
	Final 2014	\$969,965	NA	NA
	Final 2015	\$1,038,705	NA	NA
	Final 2016	\$1,163,785	NA	NA
	Final 2017	\$1,382,630	NA	NA
	Final 2018	\$1,937,125	NA	NA
	Final 2019	\$1,484,490	NA	NA
	Final 2020	\$1,408,645	NA	NA
	Final 2021	\$1,579,515	NA	NA
	Projected 2022	\$1,850,000	NA	NA

THE POWER OF LOUVERTURE CLEARY SCHOOL SANTO 5: A MAJOR UPGRADE TO THE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

The Haitian Project has always been committed to environmental stewardship, which is why Louverture Cleary School Santo 5 (LCS) was a trailblazer in implementing large-scale solar energy in Haiti and remains a solar-energy leader in the country.

The LCS solar energy system provides electricity to all major buildings on campus and, crucially, also powers the school's well pumps, which supply clean water to the campus as well as to families in the school's neighborhood.

Solar was first installed on the Louverture Cleary campus in 2005

because power from the Haitian electric grid is unreliable and 24-hour use of generators was deemed both environmentally and financially unsustainable. The recent fuel shortage and supply chain disruptions in Haiti have made solar energy even more vital.

To ensure solar energy continued to be an important resource for the campus, the Rotary Club of Canandaigua, New York, produced two grants totaling over \$25,000 for essential upgrades that needed to be made to the system. The grants supported the purchase of new inverters that help power the school's well pumps and new

batteries for the part of the system that supplies power to vital areas including the cafeteria, chapel, library and dormitories. The equipment was sourced from a local Haitian company, Energy Central, which was co-founded by LCS Alumnus Salomon A. (LCS '98). Now, this section can store multiple days' worth of backup electricity to ensure that even during the rainy season, storms and periods of cloudy weather, electricity is available 24/7 without diesel generators.



Louverture Cleary junior staff and students cleaning and maintaining solar panels on the LCS campus



LCS alumnus and partner at Energy Central Salomon A. (LCS '98, left) with FHP Adjunct Civil Engineer Odson F. (right)

New 4.4kW inverters capable of putting out 240V are strong enough to power the water system on the LCS campus, which provides clean water to students, faculty, staff, and families from the school's neighborhood

SEEING PAST TOMORROW: LOUVERTURIANS LEADING THE WAY

**“What you receive for free,
you must give for free.”
— Matthew 10:8**

The 2021 *Philo* (U.S. 12th Grade + 1) class faced a challenging year. Daily activities such as class, meals, and community service included social distancing, mask wearing, and the enforcement of

new hygiene practices necessary in a boarding school community. They also faced the loss of highly-anticipated activities like team sports, all-school holiday celebrations, and interaction with the surrounding neighborhood. But they persevered, eager to move forward to embrace their call to rebuild their nation from within.

Well-equipped with their Louverture Cleary formation, the Class of 2021 joined an amazing group of alumni who are staying in Haiti to go on to university, professional careers, raising families, and more—all leading the way on the path to what Haiti may become.



■ *“Things were difficult for us students and for the members of the Direction this year. Even if it was difficult to have a normal school year, it was important because students are the future of Haiti. Being at LCS was a sign that the objective to rebuild Haiti had not changed. We still have to work to make Haiti better.”*
—Lookendy C. (LCS '21)

■ *“LCS taught me values that will stay with me for the rest of my life. Every single day of the seven years I spent in this community taught me something new. It’s not easy to achieve the seven years. Sometimes we fall or might want to give up, but the main thing is to get up and to continue to pursue our dream because at the end of the day we know what we are fighting for.”*
—Barotie A. (LCS '21)

■ *“It was very difficult for us to adapt this year.... However, as Louverturians, we can face any situation in life even if it’s difficult. For now, I have many things in mind, but one of my big dreams is to be an engineer; it’s how I will help rebuild Haiti.”*
—Patrice C. (LCS '21)

■ *“For the future, my plans are to enter a university to learn Economics and find a job to help my family and people around me.... My LCS education will help me in my discipline, my abilities to work hard... whatever difficulties that could appear, I will find a way to succeed in my life because my LCS education is unique.”*
—Alberline D. (LCS '21)

