

## 7 / REACHING HIGHER



Our after-school program is ramping up for the start of the school year. The students come directly from school to the library and are ready to learn more! They hone their skills in math, reading, and learn Haitian literature, history and French. After school programing provides them the extra push they need to complete their regular

school requirements. It's rewarding to find these kids motivated to achieve higher levels of competency, and we are thankful that we can provide them with the resources they need. As a bonus, and with the help of donor support, we are also able to provide a healthy snack to keep them fed, focused, and to keep things fun!

## 8 / WELCOME TO OUR NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR!

Joel Theodat comes to us with a wealth of knowledge from his education at both Suffolk University undergraduate, Boston College graduate school and from his many work and leader experiences in Boston's high schools.

Joel's fluency in Kreyol, Spanish, French and English, along with a deep understanding of Haitian history, literature and culture, is opening up a whole new world of learning for the kids! He's also a musician and, to be honest, just an all around great guy!

Joel's passion and deep love for Haiti brought him home where he feels in order to move forward, we must focus on education-

education is the key to sustainable change. The children are the future of our society and they deserve love, learning and health. Joel's staff, Geralda, Yvena, Welaznard, Fabien and Venel are dedicated people with patience, passion and are attentive to the needs of our clients.



## // HUGE SALE - 50-75% OFF MOST OF OUR INVENTORY!



Mini Sachets \$22



Nightgowns \$69



Give Thanks Dinner Napkin \$10/ea- Now \$5/ea!

## THANK YOU!

Haiti Projects extends its heart felt thanks to Rebecca Valette for her support over the years and donation of \$45,000 to help the poorest of the poor.

Rebecca's generosity amazes and inspires us as we work to empower women and their families. Thank You Rebecca!

### / Donate Items

**Our Wishlist:**  
SUV or 4x4 Truck  
Legos and K'nex  
Batteries (all sizes)  
Arts and Crafts Supplies  
Working laptops and chargers  
Amazon Book Wishlist!

### / Donate Time

**Get Involved!**  
Volunteer  
Be A Corporate Sponsor  
Buy Products Online  
Like Us On Facebook/  
Instagram/Twitter  
Be A Young Ambassador

### / Donate Funds

**#Giving Tuesday** connects diverse groups of individuals, communities and organizations around the world for one common purpose: to celebrate and encourage giving.

So after Black Friday and Cyber Monday, let's make Giving Tuesday a success. Pay It Forward.

Give to those in need November 27, 2018.

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**We have so much to be thankful for this giving season.** We have a many new staff members, board members, and supporters. We have the resources we need for the library and the artisanat, even as we take on many new challenges, including sustainability. Still, we need to increase our sales and our donations, if we intend to reach our 2018 funding goals. Fall is a time of gathering in the harvest and of celebration of blessings, and Fall is a time of preparing for a long winter and darkening days. As we gather, celebrate, and prepare, we thank all of you for your support of our mission to Empower a Woman, Raise a Family, and Lift a Village.

## 1 / PAD PROJECT SOARS THANKS TO UMCOR

UMCOR gave us the boost we needed for our Reusable (how environmentally friendly is that?!) Sanitary Pad Project. Our pads are critical for women who don't have access to clean, safe sanitary materials. We are in the process of making over 10,000 pads! We've tested the market and know they are well received, but we

also know we must sell them below their \$2 cost. This means this project is far from sustainable and must be subsidized by our high-end products. We are looking for retail partners who want to sell our high-end products, so that we can continue to subsidize the reusable pad project and keep our artisans working.



## 2 / MAISON D'HAITI SACHETS ARE HOT IN NYC



Our sachets are an old favorite, and we've given them a new veve spirit look. Inspired by traditional folk spirit symbols in Haiti, Jean Rene has designed sachets that are exquisite in look,

feel and smell, and call to the spirits of the sky, of love, and of hard work. We can't seem to keep them in stock for the New Yorkers, see what you think?

## 3 / CLINIC PATIENT NUMBERS CONTINUE TO INCREASE

The clinic staff takes pride in the work they do. As well they should! They continue to visit 23 very rural villages in Fond des Blancs, throughout the year. As we continue to upgrade the clinic by replacing equipment and giving the walls a fresh coat of paint which always makes a

space feel better, we need your help. In addition to the upgrade, we continue to host health and hygiene seminars and distribute reusable sanitary pads to staff, our soccer girls, as well as the surrounding communities in Fond des Blancs.



## 4 / SUPPORT A GIRL AND HER DREAM!

This soccer season, Haiti Projects is raising money player-by-player for the 500 girls on our five soccer teams. For the girls, the program provides not just a chance to play soccer—but access to clean water, healthy food, health education, leadership training, and an opportunity to travel.

Just \$49 buys each girl all of this -- as well as a uniform, cleats, coaching, and access to girls-only playing fields .

Consider a donation today that will change the trajectory of the life of a girl who wants to play soccer this year!



## 5 / FOR THE KIDS - BOTH NEAR & FAR



Mobile Club La Kay has grown from once per month to a weekly event, making it to the surrounding villages to meet with the young children who cannot walk to the library because of the distance. Since they can't make it to us, we bring the library to them! It's not

always easy for us to reach the kids and we find we must walk a long way and/or endure a bumpy motorcycle ride! Club Lakay is about exposing kids to art, sharing stories, and reading. We always have a huge turnout, with kids asking when will we come again.

## 6 / LITERARY WEEK SUCCESS!

Edwidge Danticat joined us as our headline author for the first ever Literary Week in Fond des Blancs. Edwidge held writing workshops with the kids, discussed her books with our teen literary club, and participated on an author panel with other Haitian authors. From Edwidge we learned about her passion for books, libraries and learning. She emphasized the importance of adding more voices and more stories from all parts of the world, including Fond des Blancs.

In addition to workshops with Edwidge, students delivered a play, presented various dance routines, sang songs, and engaged in mural painting and flag making. Heck we even held

a big parade at the end of the day with acrobats (see photo right), dancers, a jazz band, and many, many marching participants.

Importantly, we increased foot traffic to the library, hosting over 568 people who participated in workshops, and who were encouraged to celebrate our new library as a place where knowledge, and education are vibrant, respected, and honored.

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