



# Annual Report 2014





## A Letter from the Founders

Dear Family and Friends,

Hers is a story of triumph. Hers is a story of resilience, strength, and beauty. Haiti is truly the Pearl of the Antilles. It is our joy to be part of one of the most breathtaking stories, and it is our pleasure to invite you to join. This Annual Report is only a glimpse of the powerful stories that have contributed to the rebuilding of the Haitian nation. The data provided represents people like Nanis, a wife and mother of two, who has been providing for her family after a Projects for Haiti microloan helped her business flourish. It represents Firins, the president of the P4H Teachers Association and an educator who has led the training of over 200 Haitian teachers this year with our support. The following numbers and figures tell a beautiful story of the thousands of Haitians relentlessly pursuing their dreams.

We have been inspired in an inexplicable way through their words and lives, and we invite you to be inspired with us. We hope that as you read through these pages, you begin to see how Haitians view their country - strong and rich in ways money and influence cannot buy. We urge you to dream big with our Haitian partners. As we have learned, the size of one's pockets doesn't determine the size of one's dreams. We believe that Haiti will advance by the faith and vision of her people.

As we celebrate the third anniversary of Projects for Haiti's inception, we are filled with excitement and anticipation. Daily we see the culmination of thousands of individual stories building upon each other to create one glorious narrative, that of the Haitian people. Will you join us?

Sincerely,

Bertrude Albert (CEO) & Priscilla Zelaya (COO)

## Create.

We create projects that foster sustainable development, impacting both individuals and the nation as a whole.

## Support.

We support Haitians in their endeavors, solidifying ownership through training and empowerment.

## Connect.

We connect the world to Haiti through partnerships that build alliances and redefine perceptions.

Our three-fold mission brings a holistic approach to sustainable development.





# Create.

Creating projects that foster sustainable development in Haiti starts at the fundamental level of education. We believe that by educating the people of Haiti, we empower them to take ownership of the future of their country. By following this model, we are able to see substantial growth in Haiti at both the economic and personal levels.

## Business Association

The Business Association is a community of 100 Haitian business owners, entrepreneurs, and students serious about changing their world by practicing exceptional business. In 2014, Projects For Haiti provided microloans to 60 members of this association, and received 100% payback.



*"The Business Association helped me progress as a business owner by providing me with the skills and knowledge to run my business, and the resources that allowed me to use those skills."\**

*- Nanise, local business owner and loan recipient*

## English Association

The English Association is an organization that strives to provide knowledge, encouragement, and opportunities to Haitians who have aspirations of learning English. In 2014, these 100 members met monthly to learn, practice, and develop as English speakers together.



## Architecture Association

The Architecture Association is a group of 20 Haitians who are dedicated to improving their country through the study and practice of architecture. In 2014, these individuals met monthly to discuss the importance of architecture in their communities, share knowledge, and provide encouragement.

## Teacher's Association

The Teacher's Association is an organization of Haitian Educators who are passionate about seeing the students in Haiti rise and become great leaders through their education. These educators meet monthly to discuss ideas for their classrooms and students. In 2014, members of the association traveled around the country to train teachers, utilizing the knowledge acquired at previous Teacher's Conferences.



*"These teachers are now better performers, and are providing a better education for our children."\** - Elia Philistin, Principal and professor in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.



# Support.

Supporting Haitians in their endeavors works to solidify ownership through training and empowerment. The key to creating sustainable development is to support and encourage people to become strong and independent. When given the skills, knowledge, and toolsets necessary, the Haitian people are capable of seeing their country grow and prosper.

## Business Seminar

At the heart of the Business Seminar is a conversation between Haitians and Americans about business practices and professional development. Through training sessions, the participants and presenters discuss how to improve their businesses and communities. A corresponding microloan program follows the seminar, and allows attendees to put what they've learned to practice. Projects For Haiti gave 49 microloans ranging from \$70-\$200, and received 100% payback in 2014.



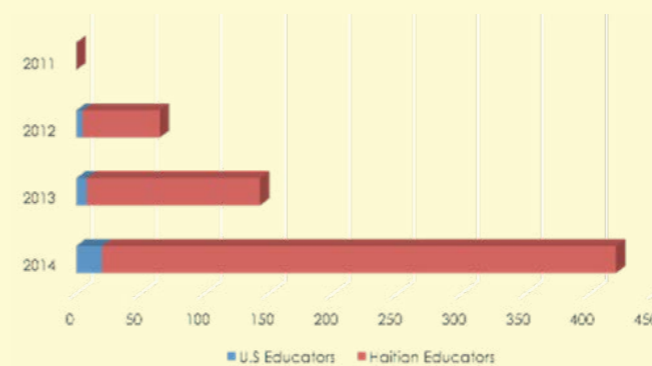
*"The Business Seminar helped us advance as business owners, and better understand our economy."\* - 2014 Attendee*

## Educator Professional Development Conference

The Educator Professional Development Conference brings together Haitian and U.S. Educators for a week-long training conference aimed at equipping Haitian Educators with tools to positively affect their students, communities, and nation as a whole. During our 2014 conference, we had the pleasure of working alongside 400 Haitian educators to help to advance the education system in Haiti.



*Dr. Donald Devito, 2013 UFIC International Educator of the Year, training teachers at our 2014 conference.*



*"Before this conference, there was little structure in our education system. Now our teachers are using structures that are engaging our students more than ever. Kids are now motivated to come to school, and our attendance levels are increasing."\* -Stanyel, 2014 attendee*

## Young Leaders Conference

The Annual Young Leaders conference is designed to equip young adults in Haiti with the leadership skills required to inspire change in their communities and country. In 2014, we were able to work with 110 young adults in Haiti, inspiring them to take ownership of their future and their country.

Children are the future of Haiti, and we are committed to ensuring that each and every generation makes strides toward a more prosperous country.

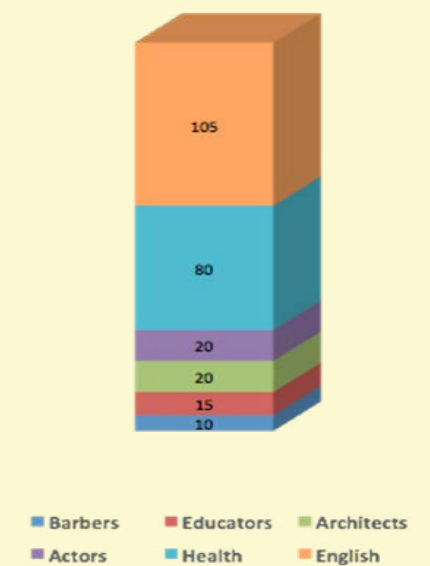


*"I want to see Haiti grow and advance, and I want to grow and advance with it."\* - Yves, 2014 attendee.*

## Specialized Workshops

Projects For Haiti has hosted a number of specialized workshops in Haiti to educate and inspire members of the community. These workshops have trained hundreds of Haitians to further prepare them for work within these fields.

2014 Specialized Workshops Attendees





# Connect.

Connecting the world to Haiti redefines perceptions and touches the hearts of thousands throughout the U.S. We are dedicated to opening the eyes of everyone in our community and country alike to global issues such as poverty, hunger, and sustainable development. As we strive to help Haiti, we find it as a responsibility to connect our community the country that we love so dearly.

## 10K Connected

10K Connected is an educational campaign that aims to raise the social consciousness of 10,000 students in the U.S. Through this campaign, Projects For Haiti holds interactive presentations on Haiti, Global Poverty, and Sustainable Development. Reaching over 5,000 students since the launch of this campaign in 2013, we are igniting the hearts of world changers in classrooms of all ages. Elementary students have the most questions, middle school students shed the most tears, and high school students leave presentations the most prepared to change the world around them. Regardless of age we have seen that awareness is an essential element of social change. Thousands of lives have already been impacted by this campaign, and we are ready for thousands more to join.

*"We shouldn't just send money and camera crews to Haiti, we should send people to teach valuable skills." -Gainesville High School Student*

## Gainesville Connected

In November of 2014, Projects for Haiti held it's first conference in the U.S, Gainesville Connected. This conference was held to inspire educators to create global citizens in 21st century classrooms. This event, through collaborations with 10 UF departments and international organizations, brought together over 130 educators from 10 counties in Florida to hear the stories of dynamic speakers whose work has spanned the globe.

Following this conference, educators from all over the state of Florida have taken the initiative to create global citizens. Teachers from Miami to St. Augustine have incorporated a global curriculum in their classrooms, and this conference was the inspiration behind the first global elementary school in Palm Beach County, FL.



SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 1

**GAINESVILLE  
CONNECTED**  
*Raising Global Awareness in  
North Central Florida Classrooms*

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ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS  
*Gainesville, Florida* **10 AM TO 1.30 PM**

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**6** speakers will share their stories, experiences & aspirations for their work with educators in North Central Florida in order to:

<b>CONNECT</b> EDUCATORS TO GLOBAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES	<b>THE INTEREST OF ALL SIX SPEAKERS SPAN THE GLOBE</b> AFRICA // ASIA // EUROPE // LATIN AMERICA
<b>INSPIRE</b> EDUCATORS TO CREATE GLOBAL CITIZENS IN THE 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOM	<b>TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL <a href="mailto:CONNECTED@PROJECTSFORHAITI.ORG">CONNECTED@PROJECTSFORHAITI.ORG</a> &amp; VISIT US AT <a href="http://GAINESVILLECONNECTED.WORDPRESS.COM">GAINESVILLECONNECTED.WORDPRESS.COM</a></b>
<b>SUPPORT</b> GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES THROUGH AWARENESS	



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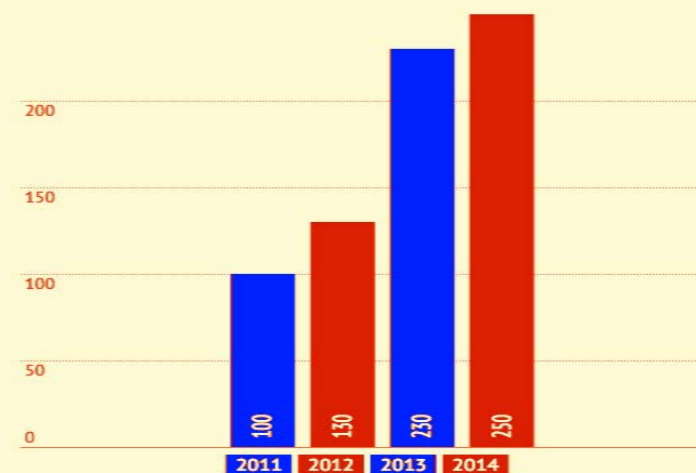

## Internship

Projects For Haiti offers an internship program to college students interested in learning about the non-profit sector, Haiti, and/or with a desire to gain more experience in their field of study. By offering semester-long internships, our goal is to connect college students with Projects for Haiti and the country itself. At the conclusion of their internship, we hope that all of our participants will consider themselves advocates for social justice and Haiti.



## Teachers Affecting the Globe (TAG)

Teachers Affecting the Globe (TAG) is an organization that brings together U.S. and Haitian Educators through international collaboration and professional development. These 25 U.S. Educators meet once a month to learn about the current needs of Haitian Educators. During these meetings, U.S. Educators discuss and plan to create materials for Haitian Educators. We believe education is the foundation for advancement in every society and educators are the key to change.



## Volunteers

Projects For Haiti is supported by an incredible team of volunteers each year. Our volunteers participate in a number of ways to help make our programs and events possible.

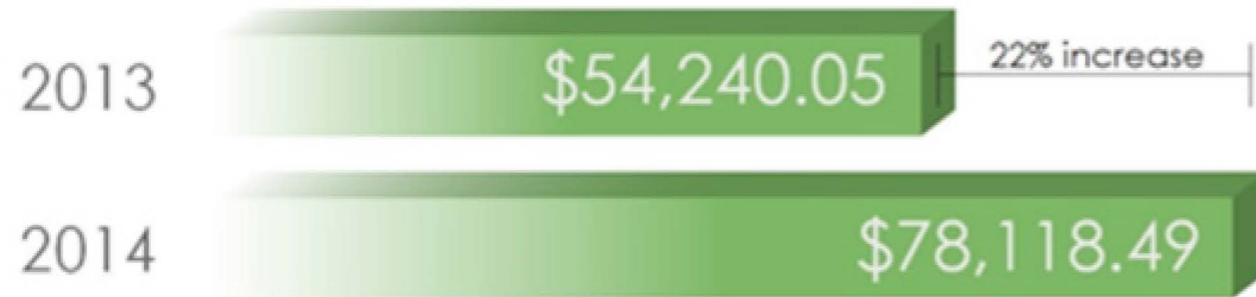
## Mission Trips

Each spring, Projects For Haiti brings a group of students and professionals to Cap-Haitien, Haiti. The purpose of this trip is to connect our team to the Haitian community that we serve, give them a chance to learn and make a positive impact, and redefine their perception of poverty. Projects For Haiti has taken 157 people to Haiti through this program. In 2014, 32 individuals traveled to Haiti and offered training to over 670 people through various programs in leadership, architecture, health, English, and even improv comedy training.



# Finance

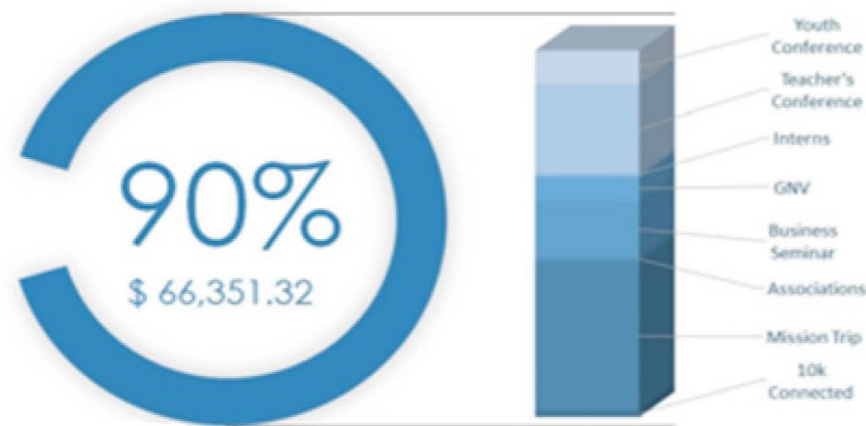
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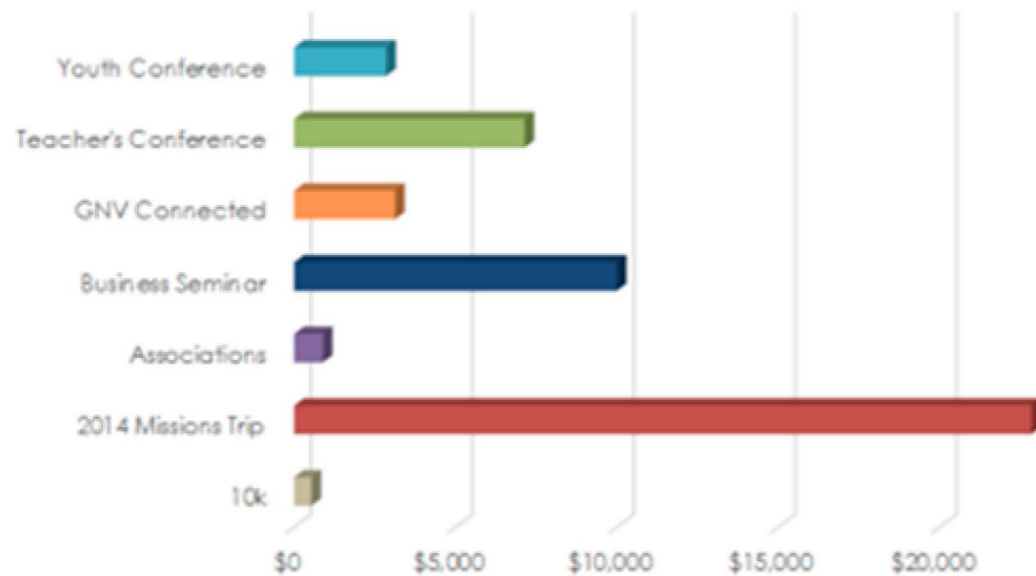
## Projects

### Operating

10%  
\$ 6,985.84



## Program Contributions



## A message from the Board of Directors

Create. Support. Connect.

This was our mission, and where we began four years ago: a simple approach that would allow us to work alongside Haitians.

Support was the first of our three tenets to come to life. On our first several trips to Haiti, it was apparent that the Haitian people had been working toward the development of their country all along, and we were thrilled to be working alongside them as their partners. The English Association, Business Seminars, Teacher's Conferences, and other vocational seminars took root as we encountered each opportunity.

Soon after, Connect started to happen naturally as those stateside interacted with and were exposed to Haitians and their culture, changing perceptions and knitting our hearts together. We have learned to attentively listen, been challenged to be inquisitive, and even learned new languages. Five thousand students have seen the passion in Haitians' eyes through presentations, teacher's associations on the U.S. side were created to work alongside their Haitian counterparts, and members of the Haitian diaspora were stirred with passion for their country.

The next step is to bring Create to life. Our desire is to have teams and volunteers create projects that allow them to partner with Haitians. Thanks to your interest, involvement, and investment, Projects for Haiti has grown in a way that allows others to be creative in their efforts. In the coming year two independent teams are scheduled to go to Haiti on trips unique to their passions, under our staff's guidance.

Projects for Haiti, Inc. is quickly becoming the organization of our dreams. Under the perfect visionary-operations partnership of co-founders Berthude Albert (CEO) and Priscilla Zelaya (COO), the staff has flourished and done amazing work. We are ecstatic to continue pursuing the good of Haitians and continuing to be transformed in the process. Although this report shared the incredible stories of success we have seen so far, I encourage you to get ready, because we are only just getting started.

With sincere hope,

Cristina R. Galloway, Chair of the Board of Directors







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