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Training People to Transform Nations

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A Letter from our Board Chairman

Projects for Haiti Friends & Family,

It's hard to believe that July 6, 2016 marked the five-year anniversary of the organization. It has been an amazing five years. Thank you for joining us on the journey through the contribution of your time, talent and treasures. We could not have made it this far without you.

At the end of every calendar year, we always look back at what we have accomplished with our partners. The 2016 year was no different: We added individuals to our board of directors that are essential to building the foundation for the future. We expanded the opportunities for partners to get involved, both in Haiti and in the United States through our trips, conferences and campus organizations. We finished the first phase of construction of the Isaac Albert Training Center in Cap-Haitien, Haiti, which will serve as an educational and professional development hub within the country. Most importantly, we strengthened partnerships both in the U.S. and Haiti.

However, it was not all smooth sailing; towards the end of 2016, we saw Hurricane Matthew ravage southern Haiti. This storm brought about death and destruction; but it also brought opportunity. The opportunity for us to, yet again, witness the resilience of the Haitian people as they rebuild. And as we have in the first five years, it gave us an opportunity to rise to the occasion with our partners. We did so, sending a small team to the city of Jérémie, one of the hardest hit areas. This team met with local leaders in the government and church to survey the damage, understand immediate needs and discuss partnership for long-term development moving forward. We see great potential for this partnership moving forward as we look to expand our P4H brand to throughout all parts of the country.

Since inception, partnerships have been the cornerstone of the Projects for Haiti philosophy. These partnerships are the driving force behind what we do and can be found both in the United States and in Haiti. These are true partnerships where both parties use their skill sets to complement one another as they work to achieve a common goal - in our case, the goal is assisting the Haitian people through sustainable projects. Every person and every organization has something to offer - time, money, knowledge. As we move into 2017, I implore you to evaluate how you can join us as we look to cultivate partnerships.

Projects for Haiti is not an organization; it is a movement committed to sustainable development, with a shared vision for prosperity in Haiti. Join us in partnership by becoming a monthly donor, attending one of our trips to Haiti, volunteering your time or expertise, or by sharing the Projects for Haiti name with those around you. Join us as we continue making our vision a reality.

Warm regards,



Michael F. Breske, Jr.
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Projects for Haiti, Inc.



Redefining Aid

On October 4, 2016, a category 4 hurricane reached the shores of Southwest Haiti. With wind speeds over 70 mph, Hurricane Matthew felt reminiscent of the natural disasters that have dotted Haiti's history for centuries. A country that has proven to be resilient was once again tested. While the Haitian people mourned the loss of tens of thousands of loved ones, they once again began the journey of rebuilding and developing their country. The storied history of natural disasters and resiliency in Haiti is both devastating and inspiring. What is less well-known about this history, however, is the inevitable response of NGOs that has caused far reaching damage throughout the country.

Thousands of government agencies and nonprofits work in Haiti, especially after natural disasters. Although these efforts are installed with the best of intentions, it is critical that we acknowledge where they fall short, and in what ways they are damaging to the country's progress. The response of aid organizations in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew showed that the development community has not yet learned the lessons of the 2010 earthquake. Witnessing the unsustainable and damaging impacts that were being caused by so many organizations in this critical time reaffirmed our dedication to redefine aid.

Aware of the dangers of potentially causing harm while trying to do good, we developed a sustainable relief effort that met the immediate needs of the communities who were impacted most, while building a foundation for long-term development. Through these efforts, we hope to avoid the collateral damage caused by traditional disaster relief and challenge the entire development community to rethink its approach.

Hurricane Matthew



Hurricane Matthew was the greatest test that Haiti and the NGO community faced since the 2010 earthquake. While the world rushed to assistance in the aftermath, the flooding of NGOs to Haiti made it possible for more harm to be done than good. Setting up programs without a strategic approach, many organizations overwhelmed the streets of the same local neighborhoods, leading to an overcrowding of aid. A lack of coordination between the organizations, local community leaders, and government sometimes meant the provision of the wrong type of aid in the wrong locations.

Realizing the damaging potential of these procedures, P4H approached community leaders and the local government who were able to successfully direct efforts where they were needed most. Partnering with a local coalition, P4H provided funding to rebuild 10 homes in a community that was receiving almost no assistance. Thanks to this partnership, we have solidified a strategy to provide educational and professional development training that will help rebuild the community and support their long-term development.



Building a Sustainable Future

An enormous stride in our efforts to create sustainable development in Haiti is the completion of the Isaac Albert Training Center. This center promises to serve as the hub of education and professional development training in the north of Haiti. Seating over 600 people, this training center will be the home of our Educator Professional Development Conference, Youth Leadership Conference, missions trips, and other programs.

Additionally, it now serves as a community center for surrounding neighborhoods.

While we are extremely proud that the training center is completed and ready to serve its community, it is only one piece of what will be an entire training complex. In the near future, this center will be accompanied by classrooms, residence halls, dining facilities, and everything else needed to make our trainings as far-reaching and dynamic as possible.

Professional Development Training



Educator Professional Development Conference

Over the last 5 years, the Educator Professional Development Conference has brought dynamic teams of educators from across the U.S. to Cap-Haitien. These inspiring educators host a series of training workshops that help equip Haitian teachers with the tools necessary to create change in their classrooms and country alike. In 2016, a team of U.S. educators traveled to Haiti with us to host over 300 Haitian educators in workshops equipping them with tools to shape and mold their students into a generation of transformative leaders.



Business Seminar

Partnering with the Christian Haitian Entrepreneurial Society (CHES), the 2016 Business Seminar provided over 80 business owners and entrepreneurs with the chance to share knowledge, collaborate through problem solving, and discuss how they can develop their communities through business practices. We believe that when the Haitian people are equipped with the proper expertise, they will be able to thrive.



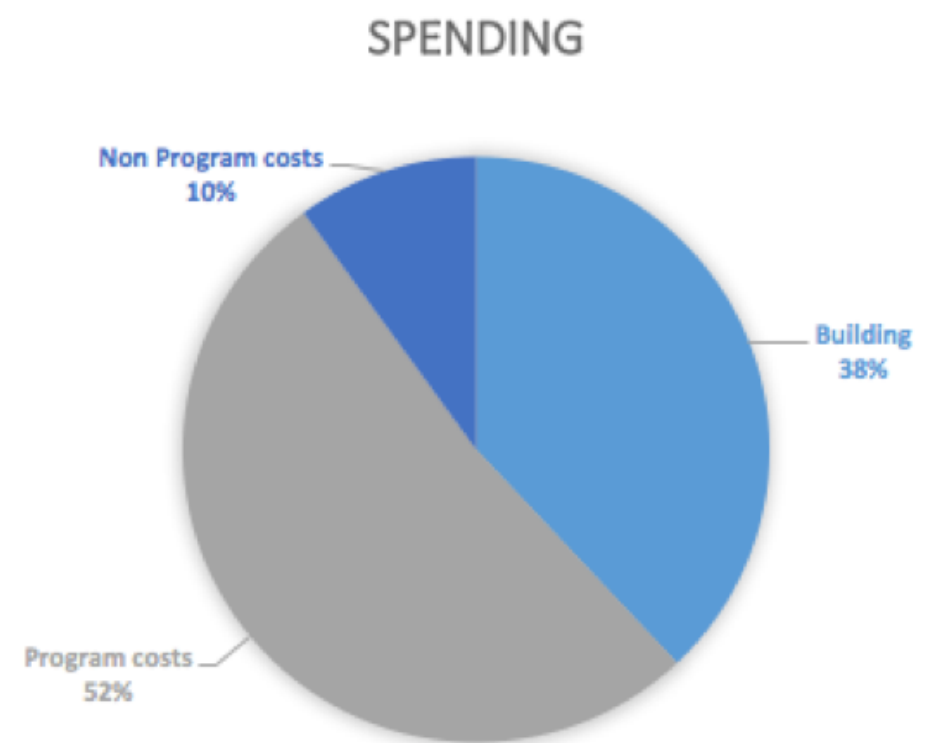
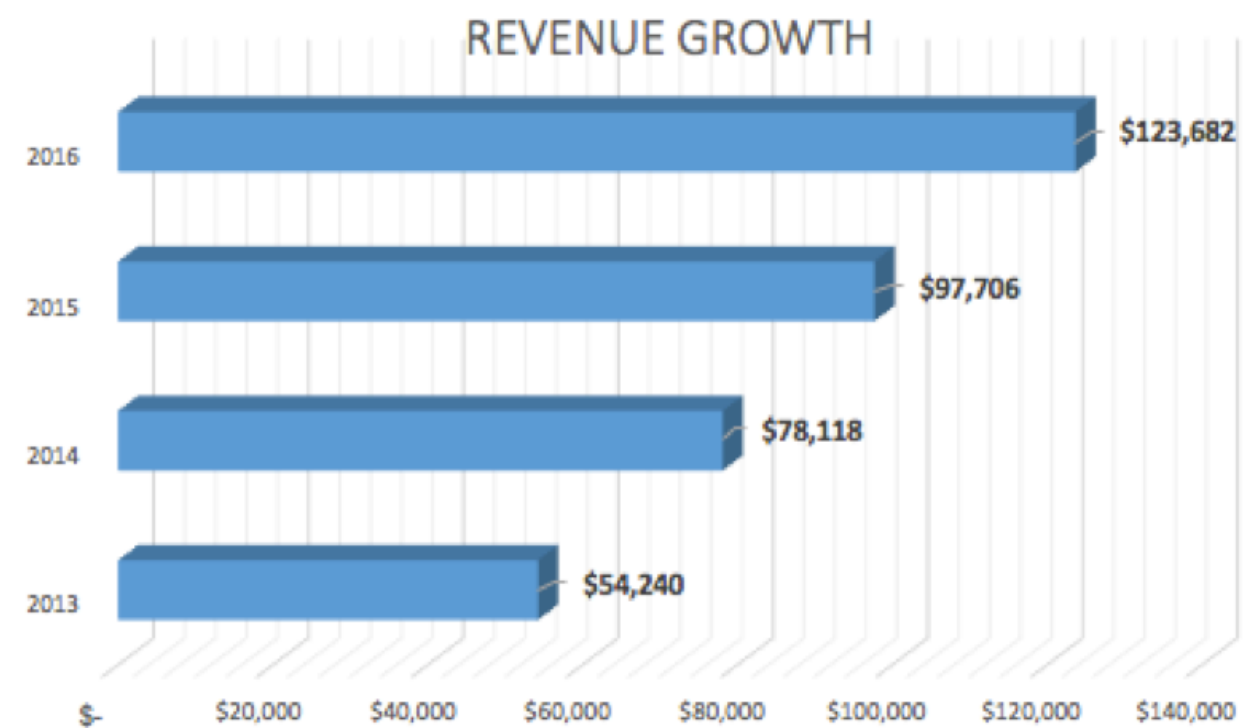
Missions Trip

In 2016, Projects for Haiti was able to bring over 50 passionate individuals to Cap-Haitien, Haiti through our 6th annual Mission Trip. This one week trip provided the opportunity to connect with the Haitian people through mutually beneficial relationship building and professional development programs.

Finances

Projects for Haiti's annual revenue growth in recent years has been the driving factor in our ability to expand our programs and create long-term development in Haiti. With an annual growth rates of 44%, 25%, and 27% over the past three years, we have more than doubled our annual budget, expanded the reach and impact of our programs, and completed the construction of our training center. As we seek to train the Haitian people to transform their nation, we realize that a fundamental component of that effort lies in the growth of our finances.

This year, P4H made a major investment in infrastructure so that there will always be a space for partnership and training in Cap-Haitien. This building is integral to the challenge of redefining aid. Because this building is a reality, there is now a permanent place where P4H can equip, support and inspire teachers and future leaders.





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