

# ERITAJ CHRONICLE

A newsletter for the friends and supporters of Haiti

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## Hope for the Children of Haiti

**H**ope for the Children of Haiti, Inc. (HFC) is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt corporation which was founded in 1989 to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of neglected and abandoned children in the Caribbean island of Haiti. HFC's mission is accomplished by providing a home, healthy meals, medical care, and an education which emphasizes scholarship, leadership and social, moral and

spiritual development so the children may achieve their greatest potential in Christ. Since 1996, the organization has operated its program in the community of Bolosse, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Substantially all efforts in the United States have been devoted to planning, raising support, coordinating volunteers and administration of the programs.

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The Hope for the Children of Haiti article is part of an Eritaj effort to work with faith-based institutions to improve human services in Haiti.

## Bridgeway Charitable Foundation unites diverse organizations

The Bridgeway Charitable Foundation put together a Dialogue on Haiti this June, bringing together major international funding institutions with direct service providers. The event exposed highly efficient models of interventions, which include collaborative approaches with mid- to smaller-sized organizations for operations. This model of intervention strengthens capacity building for small organizations while allowing them to have ownerships of their project for

greater sustainability and an enduring scope in the long run. We applaud these undertakings and encourage leading institutions to embrace these models to alleviate suffering in the poorest country of the Western Hemisphere. Some of the scheduled organizations include the Enrico & Sandra di Portanova Charitable Foundation, the Frees Foundation, the Bethlehem Ministry et Esperance et Vie, the Foundation for Worldwide Mercy and Sharing, the Mona Foundation, the Eritaj Foundation, Christian Alliance, Medical Bridges, Operation Rainbow, Acorn, Sterling Associates, Rockwell Fund, Inc., the Houston Texans Foundation and the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation. A Bridgeway Charitable Foundation grant to Eritaj has enabled the creation of five Women's Struggles (Femmes En Luttes) projects in Haiti. They include: Maranatha En Lutte, Femmes de Bethel en Lutte, CHAPO, Femmes de la Hatte Rocher En Lutte.

Children receiving a meal.



# Metrowest and Beyond

## **Association des Truviens a l'Exterieur (ATE)**

Founded in 2001; Focus: Children, Development of Au Trou; Management in Haiti: Comite de Gestion des Projets; Achievement:

- Sponsorship of 36 children, including payment of their tuition, uniforms and books
- Research of orphans residing in the community; 200 children were found to be wandering in the streets, in need of food and schooling
- Provision of medical supplies to local health clinic

Fundraising currently ongoing at VFW Post 1044. Friends and supporters of Au Trou are asked to contact them to joining this effort. Contact: Adius Pierre (774)263-1100 extroudunord@yahoo.com; Barboute Dorsainvil (617)519-3618

## **Association des Marmeladais d'Outre Mer (AMO)**

Founded in April 2001; has currently 20 members; Focus: Socio-cultural, Economy, Health; Management in Haiti: Comite de Gestion pour AMO, CGAMO; Partners in New Jersey, France, Miami, NY. Achievement:

- Scholarship for children
- Provision of in-kind goods including beds which were donated by the Newton-Wellesley Hospital and Sanitation tools
- Electricity in the community with the assistance of Rene Preval, former president of Haiti

Contact: Joseph Gelin (617) 282-5396

## **Committee to Support the Children of Baquet**

Committee to Support the Children of Baquet: *Together Let's Keep Hope Alive for the Children of Baquet*, will carry its 4th annual fundraising dinner on Saturday, July 24, from 7:00PM to 11:00PM, in the basement of Saint Angela Church on 1548 Blue Hill Avenue,

Dorchester. Contact: Archange Frederic (781) 961-9951; (617)265-1910; baquethaiti@yahoo.com for more information.

## **Conference at the Haitian Studies Project at UMass**

Haitian Development and Public Policy: The Next Decade-Putting Haiti on the Path of Reconstruction: Saturday, July 24, from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, University of Massachusetts Boston. The Haitian Studies Project/Haitian Studies Association based at University of Massachusetts Boston has been playing a leading role over the past 15 years in initiating discussions on Haitian

policy issues from a multi-disciplinary perspective. University of Massachusetts Boston through the Haitian Studies Project is in a unique position to convene a policy forum to address four fundamental issues that are necessary in order to put Haiti on the path of reconstruction: Politics and Governance; Education; Economic Development; Judicial Reform. For registration contact: Haitian Development and Public Policy Conference William Monroe Trotter Institute 100 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, MA 02125-3393 Tel. 617-287-5885. Fees: Pre-registration \$20, others: \$25

## **Institut Evangelique Emmanuel**

Institut Evangelique Emmanuel was established in 1960s by Reverend Emmanuel Alexis to support kindergarten children and prepare them to school. After his death in 1983, his daughter Naomie Alexis-Pierre carried his mission forward. Today, the institute is a thriving elementary school.

The initial objective of IEE is to help needy children of the community of Varreux and its surrounding with basic needs, including elementary education, food and medical attention.

*IEE provides:*

- Free and reduced-cost education and health services
- Reduced-cost of basic school supplies (pen, pencils, notebook etc.)
- Support community development

In 2004, the school had 160 children, 9 teachers and 9 classes. We have experienced major difficulties because the parents cannot afford even the reduced fees. The future of the school depends absolutely upon the good faith of donors who want to keep education of the poor children alive.

The school can accommodate up to 500 children but because of financial difficulties most of them are unable to attend. Many children who register in the beginning of the year drop out during the academic year because their parents cannot afford the monthly reduced-fee.

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**Contact in Haiti:** Naomie Alexis-Pierre, #30 Route Nationale #1, Varreux, Haiti; ph:223-3328

**Sponsor a Gift of Education to support IEE: See page four**

# Fondation Augustin Bruno

Fondée en 1997 par Nyrvah-Florens petite-fille de Monsieur Augustin Bruno, la Fondation porte le nom de ce dernier pour rappeler l'oeuvre bienfaitrice qu'a réalisée celui qui fut son grand-père. Musicien de grande renommée et Chef de l'Orchestre du Palais National dans les années 1960, Augustin Bruno a formé la relève qui a fortement marqué la musique haïtienne, notamment et Weber Sicot, etc. Monsieur Augustin Bruno fut un homme généreux qui a aidé plus d'un au Métiers de Port-au-Prince, communément appelé La Centrale.

La Fondation Augustin Bruno (FAB) est avant tout un regroupement de personnes qui partagent la même vision de développement, dans laquelle l'éducation et la santé occupent une place primordiale. La Fondation compte réaliser sa mission par le concours d'institutions québécoises et internationales ainsi que par l'organisation de diverses activités, campagnes de financement, spectacles; ce qui rend possible la concrétisation de nombreux projets dans ses sphères d'action en Haïti. Nous comptons ainsi recevoir et administrer des contributions en argent, en valeurs mobilières ou immobilières.

La FAB apporte un appui institutionnel et logistique à un bon nombre d'établissements éducatifs et sanitaires haïtiens qui font régulièrement appel à ses services tels que parrainage, formation des maîtres, support en matériel informatique, dons de livres, de médicaments et d'appareils médicaux. La Fondation contribue donc à l'amélioration du système éducatif et de la capacité de soins de centres hospitaliers, comblant ainsi partiellement les lacunes du secteur public haïtien en éducation et santé. La FAB s'engage également dans la promotion de la culture haïtienne et la vulgarisation



A child from Fondation Augustin Bruno.

du savoir sur Haïti et la diaspora. Visitez notre site pour les multiples services offerts. Les réalités locales: Ce sont particulièrement les écoles primaires publiques qui profitent de notre aide. Les instructeurs sont des fonctionnaires payés par l'état haïtien. Notre assistance s'inscrit toujours dans le cadre des politiques nationales d'apprentissage, que nous tentons d'influencer sur le fondement par le programme éducatif québécois. De même, nous soutenons des écoles et des centres de formation qui ne dépendent pas du secteur public, par exemple les écoles communautaires créées par les villageois. Beaucoup d'étudiants de secondaires ont du abandonner leurs études par faute de moyens.

Dans le cadre du projet Former pour récupérer, la FAB met en oeuvre un programme efficace, moderne les préparant pour le marché du travail.

Nos programmes sont gérés par les administrateurs et les membres de la FAB. Notre oeuvre comprend 3 volets: la santé, l'éducation, la culture. Dans le lancement du programme de parrainage 2002, 32 écoles sont enregistrées et 16 écoles ont été parrainées. Nos partenaires en fourniture de matériels didactiques et sanitaires sont des écoles primaires, secondaires et les établissements de formation professionnelle du grand Montréal. Insertech Angus a offert ordinateurs aptes à la formation des logiciels, des livres et des revues scientifiques des nouvelles technologies. Contact: Bon Repos, (Banlieue de Port-au-Prince) 33 Impasse Bruno route, Carrefour Marin 12445 rue Saint-Louis; Pierrefonds, Québec H8Z 1A1 Ph:(514) 685-8903; 1(877) 685-8903 Fax: (514) 685 6687

## Hope for Children

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Our organization is supported by generous donors through our Child Sponsorship Program and fundraising events throughout the year. The money raised supports the orphanage and school, and we are able to do so on a budget of approximately \$2,000 per year per child. This provides for the total care of the children, including food, clothing, shelter, education, and most importantly, hope.

Despite the enormous poverty and suffering of the Haitian people due to the scourge of AIDS, unemployment, poverty, disease, homelessness, and political upheaval, our children are happy and are well-educated. This is due to the commitment of all the personnel at the orphanage and school who are Haitian nationals and who are there for the children in the long run. Unlike other groups which have gone to Haiti and who have left because of the political strife, our caretakers and teachers have stayed because of their love for the children, and because they are Haitian they want to help educate and care for the next generation of leaders.

Our school is exceptional in that we are one of few schools in Haiti that have a 100% pass rate on the Certificate d'Etudes Exam which is given to students in the sixth grade. The pass rate for the rest of Haiti is only approximately 50%. Additionally, the Managing Director of our school and orphanage, Dr. Jacob Bernard, is a Haitian-born American citizen, father of five children, educated in U.S. schools who has earned two master's degrees and one Ph.D. degree. Most importantly, he is unswerving in his devotion to the children of HFC. The Board of Directors is constituted of individuals from all walks of life who have a singular mission: to provide for

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## Femmes de Bethel en Lutte

*Editor's note: Femmes de Bethel en Lutte, the group that administers the Centre Medical de Bethel is sponsored by the Eritaj Foundation through a grant from Bridgeway Charitable Foundation sous la direction de Femmes de Bétel en lutte. This update was sent to us last month from Delmas, Port au Prince: Le Centre Medical de Bethel a ouvert ses portes le 9 Mars 2004. Le personnel de soutien affecté aux différents postes est comme suit: M. Victor Koenig, Médecine générale-Spécialiste en chirurgie; Melle Arielle Norbrun, Infirmière; Melle Kénia Sénat, Laborantine. Les consultations sont fixés à 50gdes. 70 % des recettes sont alloués au fonctionnement du centre. 30 % au médecin. Il est à noter que les consultations se font chaque samedi en attendant le fonctionnement normal et régulier du centre. Au*

*total, le centre a eu 10 jours de consultation, 53 personnes vues et \$530 haïtien de profit.*

## Miami 2004

Register to be part of "Miami 2004" which will be held at the Miami Biscayne Bay Marriott on July 24, 2004. The event is open to everyone who would like to help the mission of the SLGAFI Foundation . On Friday July 23 2004, a welcome reception will be held, from 6PM to 10 PM at the Miami Biscayne Bay Marriott for the Convention or for the Gala guests. This will be a unique opportunity, not only to see old friends but to help a good cause. Proceeds generated by MIAMI 2004 will go into a scholarship fund and into a fund to finance school refurbishing in Haiti. Please call 1-800-591-2793 to register.

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these children and educate them in the Christian tradition so that they will become responsible, moral leaders of their country in the future.

If you would like to help and be a part of this wonderful mission and meet a caring, dedicated group of people, you can call our Stateside Manager, Chris Woodworth at (781) 937 - 8338.

We are currently seeking a person with a financial background to serve in a volunteer capacity on our Board of Directors as Treasurer. The complete description of the position is set forth on our website at [www.hfc-haiti.org](http://www.hfc-haiti.org). If interested please send a resume to our Board Chairman: Gerald Walle, at [gerald@geraldwalle.com](mailto:gerald@geraldwalle.com). We hope that you will consider joining us in this very important work to save the most vulnerable population in Haiti.

### Support Eritaj Foundation

**Your support will help us fund many of the projects listed in this newsletter**

- Supporting Members (\$35)
- The Gift of Education
  - \$120 full adoption;
  - \$60 school tuition;
  - \$30 books & supplies
- Femmes en luttés
- Helping Hands
- Eritaj Chronicle

Method of payment:

1. Check or money order (to Eritaj Foundation, Inc.)
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