

Twin Parish News

A partnership between St. William, St. Simons Island, GA and St. Joseph, Côtés-de-Fer, Haiti

A Haitian Child Needs **YOUR** Help

Support EDUCATION at St. Joseph Parish



EDUCATION is the KEY to ending POVERTY

Without YOUR help the children of Côtés-de-Fer won't learn the skills necessary to change their world.

An entire year of education is possible for an elementary child for just \$80; a secondary student will benefit from a gift of \$130.

Please give a child in our twin parish an EDUCATION.



You make it possible for a child to receive an education.



You make it possible for a teacher to obtain a living wage.



You make it possible for a child to enjoy a hot lunch each day.



You make it possible for a school employee to receive a fair wage.

About Our Fundraising

Helping Hugs conducts two major fundraisers a year: the **Education Campaign** in the Spring and the **Fête for Haiti** in the Fall.

All of the funds raised during the Education Campaign are directed toward **EDUCATION**.

Funds raised during the Fête for Haiti are allocated to **Clean Water, Medical Mission, Infrastructure** and a new **Tree Currency Program**.

THANK YOU for making a difference in the lives of the people in our twin parish.

Please

See the flyer on the next page to make your contribution.

Thank You

Helping Hugs Inc. for Haiti
Education Campaign 2023

to provide



Instruction



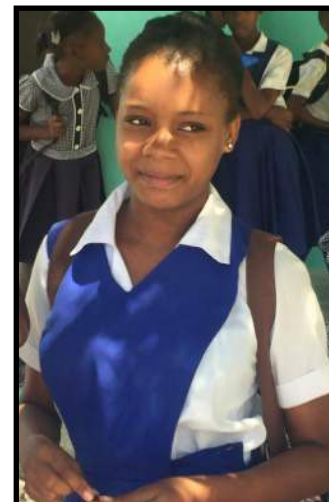
Hot Lunch



Uniforms

To St. Anthony School - Sacred Heart School - St. Joseph School

and tuition for
high school students
at St. Joseph Catholic School



High School Student

- _____ \$80 will provide for one elementary student
- _____ \$160 will provide for two elementary students
- _____ \$240 will provide for three elementary students

- _____ \$130 will provide for one secondary student
- _____ \$260 will provide for two secondary students
- _____ \$390 will provide for three secondary students

Yes, I would like to give a child the gift of EDUCATION

E-MAIL _____

(To receive newsletter reports from Helping Hugs, Inc.)

**Please mail your check with this form to: Helping Hugs, Inc., P.O. Box 24477,
St. Simons Island, GA 31522 or donate online at: www.helpinghugsinc.org**

The Celebratory Event of the Year in Côtes-de-Fer

The Feast of St. Joseph



The Bishop of the Jacmel Diocese, Marie Erick Glandas Toussaint and twenty priests gathered with parishioners and dignitaries at St. Joseph Parish on March 19th to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph.



WATER COMMITTEE UPDATE



GREEN LIGHT for the next WELL

Dick Schmidt, Chair of the Water Committee

After flushing the existing well at Villa for two hours, our partner, Water For Life, found **no traces of e coli** when the water was tested. Villa, the location of the third well in our effort to provide clean water, is the site of St. John the Evangelist Chapel of St. Joseph parish. With that good news, Helping Hugs will move forward with the completion of the system. This project was funded by your generosity and approved last year. Now we will finally get to use the solar panels donated by Brighten Haiti in 2021. **Thank you, so very much, for making clean water a reality for the families of Villa.**

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jo Orr is the Vice-President of Helping Hugs and the Chairperson of the Education Committee.

You've probably seen this petite powerhouse before. She made the presentation about the Education Campaign during masses on March 25 & 26. She assists in preparing the altar and teaches in the parish religious education program.

An educator from Rome, GA, Jo has also taught in the Middle East and Africa. When learning of our twin parish in Haiti, she wanted to learn more about their education system. Jo traveled to Côtes-de-Fer in 2018.



Jo Orr in Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti

Jo adds, "The Holy Spirit brought me to Helping Hugs. The organization provides an opportunity to utilize my previous experiences to serve others."

See photos of Jo volunteering for Helping Hugs on a the next page.



2019 Father Faustin visits Jo's classroom at St. William.



2018 Father Faustin and Jo greet the children of St. Joseph school in Côtés-de-Fer



2019 The Education Committee meets with Father Faustin on St. Simons Island



2022 Jo joins the packing party at the parish hall on St. Patrick's Day. Donations were received from Brunswick, GA Chapter of THE LINKS, INC.



The **next meeting** of Helping Hugs members will be
Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.
in Room #7 of St. William parish hall.

Everyone is welcome!

Helping Hugs, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) public charity.
All donations are tax deductible as provided by law.

Contact: info@helpinghugsinc.org

Donations may be made to

Helping Hugs Inc., P.O. Box 24477, Saint Simons Island, GA 31522

or on our website: www.helpinghugsinc.org



Urgent Prayer

Dear Lord, this is an urgent plea. We desperately need someone with an accounting or bookkeeping background to be our **Treasurer**... Someone with an open heart and a willing spirit... Someone who wants to help us as we help our twin community in Haiti.

With your help we will train them and familiarize them with our system. Please send us someone who wants to keep growing and serving... Someone who would enjoy being an important part of our Helping Hugs family.

Amen

Please text Evy Marshall for details:
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