

# Twin Parish News

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

**Your Love, Through the Fête for Haiti, Will Provide**



**For the People of our Twin Parish**

Helping Hugs Executive Committee is extremely grateful for the parish-wide effort to make the Fête for Haiti a success. Thank You for being a sponsor, purchasing dinner tickets, and supporting the silent, live and online auctions.

We are also indebted to the community businesses who contributed auction items and served as dinner sponsors.

Thirteen (13) Helping Hugs volunteers solicited over 130 auction items that were divided into three auctions: Silent, Live, and Online. Thank you to each of the faithful thirteen who worked so diligently to make the auctions happen.

Please patronize our auction donors and sponsors (listed on separate sheets in this newsletter) and thank them for their contribution.

**Thank You, St William & Friends, Near & Far**

# Father Islaire Faustin Gives Thanks



Dear friends of St. William Parish,

It is with great joy that I write you these simple words to express my affection and the gratitude of the entire parish of St. Joseph to you for your invaluable help over many years.

I arrived at St. Joseph in September 2015. I myself have witnessed the progress made in the lives of the people.

The places of worship have been set up, the children have gone to school and receive a hot meal every day, the farmers have received seeds, and the communities for the most part have access to drinking water and wells. Besides all this, the most vulnerable families are supported and many other activities are realized thanks to your generosity.

I must also say that St. William's parish has helped us a lot in the management of the Covid-19 pandemic.

This week, while visiting the sick, an elderly person who receives medication for high blood pressure told me: "Father Islaire, if it wasn't for the nurse who provided me with medication on time, I wouldn't be here anymore." I want to take advantage of his admission to thank the entire Helping Hugs team who agreed to set up this health program.

The wells have changed the lives of the various beneficiary populations. Now, the people observe with ease the rules of hygiene to protect themselves against diseases.

**I want to thank the whole parish of St. William for their help to us.** I also want to thank Msgr. Schreck for accepting that this program of mutual aid continues. I do not want to end this little word of thanks without thinking of Msgr. Kenneally who gave his support to this program. May his soul rest in peace with God.

The parish of St. Joseph is carrying you in its daily prayers, especially in this hurricane season. May God protect us all and bless us!

Father Islaire Faustin  
Pastor, St. Joseph Parish

# Fête for Haiti - Back of the House

## Volunteers Behind-the-Scenes Action

*(We couldn't do it without you!)*



Chef Tom Delaney showed up early to get things started. David Lohle (L) and David Hamer put in a long day preparing the dinner. Four ladies from St. William Bloomers created table arrangements: (Fm. L)Therese Raimondo, Susan Finn, Jo Ann Allison (Chair) and Gretchen Powell.



Jo Orr, left, managed meal servers and Ann Glendening, red shirt, headed meal preparation.

Volunteers under their direction are, from Left, Sherry Welch, Liz Zirkel, Maria Johnston and Trudy Putnam.



Many hands washed all these dishes! Pictured at work are Liz Zirkel (L) and Bev Defoe. Trudy Putnam fills water glasses. Helping Hugs volunteers also plated the salads.

# Working up the Front of the House for the Fête for Haiti



Aidine Kiernan, Co-President; Joyce Callahan and Jan LaBoone, VP, prepare the paperwork for the auctions.



Kevin Callahan, Treasurer, prepares for the auction checkout.



Evy Marshall, Co-President; Jo Orr, Chair Meal Servers; Trudy Putnam, Chair Table Setting prepare for 155 guests.



Friday afternoon the tables are ready and the silent auction is displayed.



Jan McLeod, generous volunteer in many areas worked with Jan LaBoone, VP, collecting tickets and seating guests.



Approximately 75 items were offered in the silent auction. Thank you to everyone responsible for donating, securing and purchasing these items.



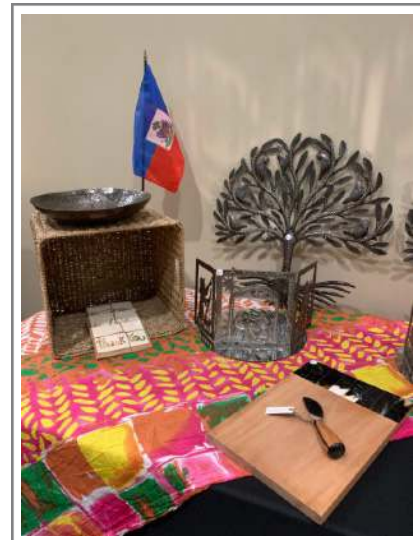
The room was filled with many happy and generous people.

Kathy Brooks, artist, writer, social entrepreneur and 10-year resident of Haiti was our guest speaker.



Evy Marshall, Co-President of Helping Hugs, ventured into a new activity for our organization - selling Haitian-made items.

One week later she continued the sale at the CCW Fall Bazaar and Craft Show.



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## THANK YOU - FÊTE FOR HAITI DINNER SPONSORS

### Platinum

Joseph Smith & matching donor Shell Oil

### Gold

Scott & Renee Hochwald  
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David Marshall  
David & Ann McKinney  
Larry Meagher  
Lee Norvell  
Michael J. Sullivan, M.D. &  
Nancy A. Denlea, M.D.

Sam & MJ Choate  
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Mr. & Mrs. David W. Fox  
Col. Franklin A. Hart Jr., USMC  
Mr. & Mrs. William Johanek  
Barry & Louise Johnston  
Cateryn Kiernan  
Thomas Kitchin

### Silver

#### BUSINESSES

Bank OZK  
Schell & Hogan, CPA  
Uncle Don's Local Market

### Bronze

Kenneth & Mary Amiano  
Richard & Rose Applegate  
Ray Arens  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert T. Atwood  
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Berta Buck  
David & Janice Capano  
Charles Carley  
Boni Ray Chaney  
Bruce Clark  
Charles & Kathleen Cottone  
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Annette Neu  
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Lois Richter  
Bob Rightnour  
Charles & Sara Rinkevich  
Jean Rizzo  
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Pat Sullivan  
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Anne E. Vogel  
Peter & Carolyn Wall  
Frances D. Wasko  
Sherie Welch

#### BUSINESSES

Autism Psychological Assessments,  
Dr. Cynthia J. Holloway  
CJ's Italian Restaurant  
Golden Isles Olive Oil  
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Plantation Dental Associates -  
Dr. Chase Hopkins  
Synovus Bank  
Taylor House Interiors - Gail Butler

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## THANK YOU - FÊTE FOR HAITI AUCTION DONORS

Academy Sports & Outdoors	Glynn Place Cinemas	Porch Restaurant
Ace Garden Center	Go Fish Clothing & Jewelry	Ronne's on Market Street
B.lush Salon and Spa	Golden Isles Bracelet Co.	Rosalee's Nails
Barrier Island Baskets	Hampton Inn-Jekyll Island	Sara Campbell Boutique
Barrier Island Brewery	Home Depot	Savannah Bee Company
Beachcomber BBQ & Grill	Island Pearl	Sea Island Resort
Bed Bath & Beyond	J. McLaughlin	Sea Palms Resort
Bienvenue Hair Salon	Jacksonville Zoo	Sea Salt Healthy Kitchen
Billy Bee Charters	J.C. Strother Hardware	Shackelford Shoes
Birdies of St Simons	Jekyll Island Authority	Sheer Perfection by Debby
Brunswick Country Club	Jekyll Island Dolphin Tours	Southeast Adventure Outfitters
Bubba Garcia's Mexican Cantina	Jekyll Island Holiday Inn	Southern Soul Barbeque
Cachettes + Home	Joseph Jeweler	St. Simons Drug Company
Carlyle Wellness	Joyce Schlossberg	Staples
Chico's	King & Prince Resort	Stitchery of St. Simons
Cilantro's Mexican Restaurant	Lakeside Studio	String of Pearls Boat Charter
Clara Henderson	Laura Daniel - Rosary	Tabby House
Coast to Coast Beach Rentals	Lilli B. Tween	Tangles the Hair Place
Costco	Longhorn Steak House	Target
Covenant Properties	Lowe's	Taylor House Interiors
Cutie Patootie	M-N-M Design	The Club
Del Sur Artisan Eats	Maggie's Boutique	The Half Shell
Demere Grill	Majid Ejlali Watercolors	Tidelands Nature Center
Dorothy's Cocktail & Oyster Bar	Meo's Suite	Tortuga Jacks
Dulce Dough	Mfe Design	TupTim Thai Restaurant
Edwin Watts Golf Shop	Monkey Wrench	Turtle River Pottery
Eileen Berta	Nature's Gifts	V Pizza
Evelyn Talman	Ocean Lodge Resort	Village Inn and Pub
Fiddler's Restaurant	Ocean Motion Surf Co.	Wee Pub Beach
Fuse Frozen Yogurt	Pain in the Glass	Westin Hotel Jekyll Island
Gentlemen and Lady Outfitters	Palmer's Restaurant	Whippersnapper's Toy Store
Georgia Sea Grill	Pillow Grace	Zachry's Riverhouse Restaurant
G.J. Ford's Bookshop	Pinball Palace	Zu Zu's Restaurant
	Planter's Exchange	

# A Christmas Wish

If you already have everything you always wanted...  
...please put Helping Hugs on you Christmas list.

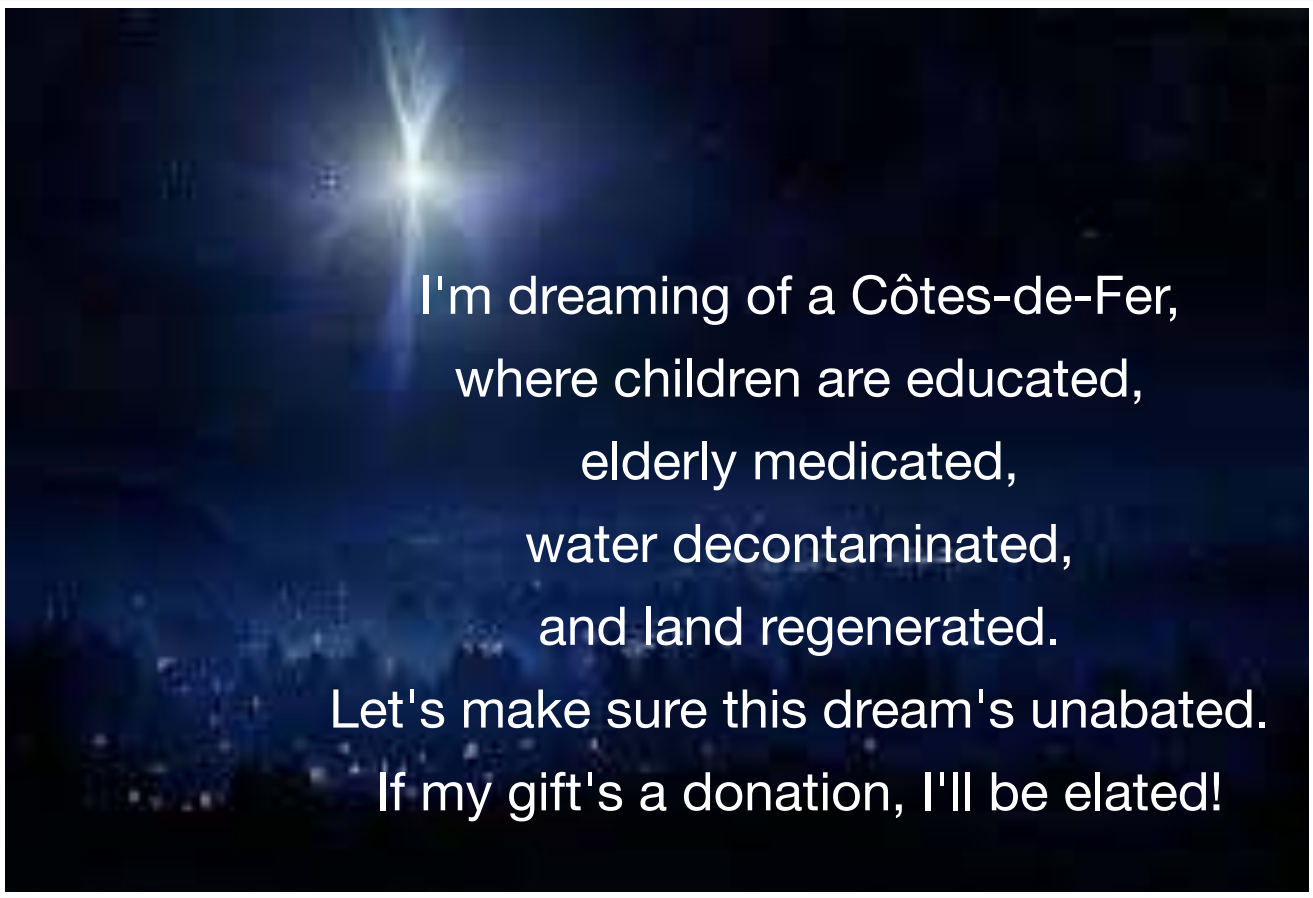
Join me in asking that a donation to Helping Hugs  
be one of your gifts under the tree.

*What better way to celebrate  
and share your Christmas blessings!*

Helping Hugs for Haiti  
PO Box 24477  
Saint Simons Island, GA 31522

Or online at [helpinghugsinc.org](http://helpinghugsinc.org)

Here is a little poem for your use. Evy Marshall



I'm dreaming of a Côtés-de-Fer,  
where children are educated,  
elderly medicated,  
water decontaminated,  
and land regenerated.

Let's make sure this dream's unabated.

If my gift's a donation, I'll be elated!



# Holiday Reminders



## SHOP LOCAL

Please support the local businesses that provided items for the **Fête for Haiti auction and thank them for their support.**

A list of those businesses appears in this issue of the newsletter.



Did you know that **Amazon will donate a percentage of all your online purchases to Helping Hugs Inc. through AmazonSmile?** Same Amazon, same products, and same prices, just a simple way to help more families. Website: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

Since we listed our non-profit with Amazon, we have earned \$809.92 for our twin parish. Thank you for selecting **Helping Hugs Inc.** as your favorite charity on Amazon.



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