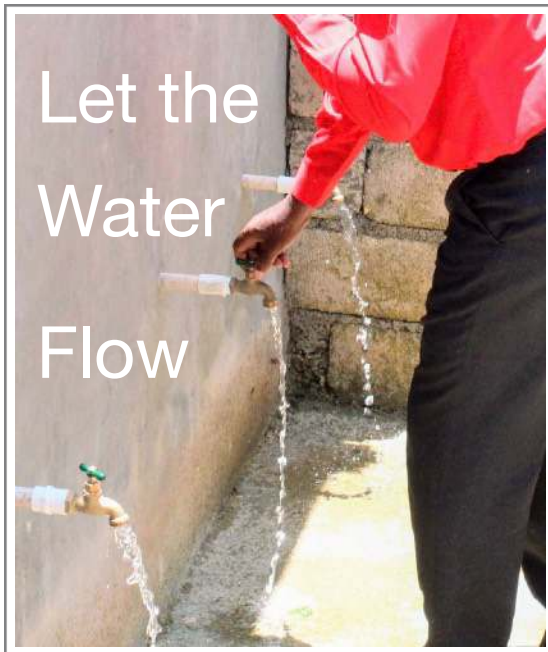


Twin Parish News

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



Fête for Haiti

Saturday

October 23rd

Takeout Dinner by Tom Delaney
Curbside Pickup time 5 – 7 pm
Online Auction Oct. 14-24

Keep the Water Flowing

- 1. Become a Sponsor**
- 2. Buy Dinner Tickets**
- 3. Shop the Online Auction**

NOTICE

Helping Hugs general meeting for September 16 is **cancelled** because of the restriction on meeting in the parish hall this month.

Because You Care... ...Let the Water Flow For the People of Haiti



Dinner Tickets on SALE September 8th

Purchase tickets for an outstanding Tom Delaney Dinner. Curbside pickup will be available at St. William parish hall main entrance between 5 & 7 PM on October 23rd.

Tickets @ \$60. each are available online at www.helpinghugsinc.org, by calling Jan LaBoone (912) 266-3417; and after weekend masses during October.

Share your commitment to improve the lives of the Haitian people through clean water, education, medical services and improved infrastructure.

Promote your business or products to the wide audience who supports this event.

Directions for donating can be found on the last page of this newsletter.



The Online Auction will be available October 14-24.

Connect with the auction at www.helpinghugsinc.org/auction

Auction items can be previewed in this newsletter and by visiting "Helping Hugs Inc. for Haiti" on FACEBOOK. Auction item sneak peeks will begin in September.

Second Well to be Drilled at Bouca Moran

A Report from the Water Committee

Our **Detective Dick**, who was first recognized in the February issue of this newsletter, is still digging for information! He has asked the well-digger to find the best location for the next well at St. Lawrence chapel in the village of Bouca Moran.

Following up on a lead from another HH volunteer, Dick has sought out BRIGHTEN HAITI to supply solar panels to power the next pump.

BRIGHTEN HAITI collects end of life, low power, obsolete, safe, functioning silicon based solar panels from project owners, distributors and manufacturers. They aggregate and test them for safety and usable power at a US “collection site”. Then they ship them to Haiti to be sold at substantially lower than market pricing to families and business lacking electricity.

This partnership with another non-profit organization will stretch our well construction dollars and provide a less expensive source of solar power for the Côtes-de-Fer community.



Data provided by
Coordinator of Water Projects
Dick Schmidt

Two Parishes Help Their Brothers and Sisters in Damaged Baradères



Grateful that their parishes were spared damage in the recent earthquake, two pastors mobilized their communities to bring relief to the people of Baradères on the north coast of the Haiti's Tiburon peninsula.

Father Faustin published the following message on St. Joseph's Facebook page:

“We thank everyone who helped us find things to bring to our brothers and sisters in Baradères this past Wednesday. We show that, as people from Côtes-de-Fer and people from Gris Gris, we can build a new country and a new society. Thank you for what you have given. Thank you for the great effort you have done. May God bless us with many blessings.”



We are grateful to Zachary Augustine, an ambitious photographer from Côtes-de-Fer, who was able to join the humanitarian trip and record its success.

From Left: The vicar of St. Peter's in Baradères, Father Fayant Cazeau and Father Faustin. The people of St. Peter's gratefully receive the gifts from the parishes of St. Rose of Lima, Gris Gris and St. Joseph, Côtes-de-Fer.

Because You'd Like to Know....

Helping Hugs Inc. Receives GUIDESTAR SILVER TRANSPARENCY SEAL



When you give to a charity like Helping Hugs, you want to know that your contributions will be used efficiently and effectively. Helping Hugs, Inc. is working with GuideStar so that our potential donors can have confidence that their contributions will be used in the manner they expect. There are many charity rating systems. GuideStar is a major, well known system and that is why we chose to initially work with them.

What is the purpose of GuideStar?

GuideStar mission is “to revolutionize philanthropy by providing information that advances transparency, enables users to make better decisions, and encourages charitable giving.”

What is a GuideStar rating?

GuideStar Seals of Transparency indicate that a nonprofit has provided key information to its GuideStar profile. This recognition shows commitment to transparency. By providing up-to-date information, nonprofits allow potential donors and funders to make educated decisions.

Give with Confidence

Helping Hugs is proud to display the GuideStar Silver Transparency Seal. Helping Hugs uses 95% of every dollar donated to assist St. Joseph parish in Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti. The organization is run by a volunteer team of St. William parishioners with BIG HEARTS. They are grateful to each and every donor for their BIG HEARTS too! We invite you to join us in this joyous work of serving others.



Contact us on our website: helpinghugsinc.org or reply to this newsletter at marylynch45@gmail.com for more information.



We are looking for more hands to make light work for the Fête for Haiti too. Please contact Sandra Hochwald to volunteer your time and talents at 912-399-2372 or ssisandra@bellsouth.net

Auction Item Sneak Peek

Online: www.helpinghugsinc.com/auction

October 14 - 24, 2021

Sea Island®



\$1000

**Round of Golf
For four people**

**Any one of their
Three courses**

**Seaside
Plantation
Retreat**



\$492

**4 Rounds of Golf
Sea Palms
Cart Included**

**Priceless
St. William
Children's Xmas Mass
Front Row Seat & Parking**



\$1600

**Thanksgiving
3-night stay**

**King & Prince
Condo**



Saint Simons Restaurant Adventures

Online Auction - October 14-24

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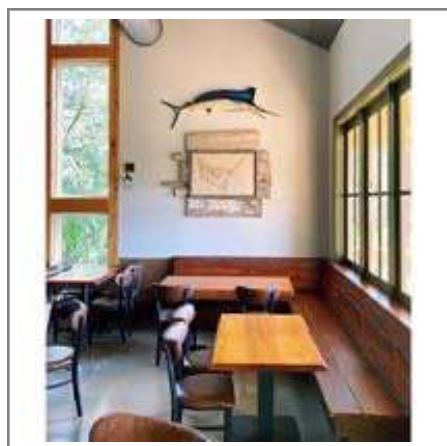
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Palmers**



**\$100 Gift Certificate
The Porch**



**\$25 Gift Certificates
Barrier
Island
Brewing**



\$50 Gift Certificate

**Fiddlers
Restaurant**





Yes, I'd like to keep the water flowing for our twin parish

Dinner Sponsor Levels

Platinum - \$5,000 and above Gold - \$1,000 - \$4,999
Silver - \$500 - \$999 Bronze - \$100 - \$499 Other - \$_____

Please make checks payable to Helping Hugs, Inc.

Credit Card sponsorship can be entered on the website: www.helpinghugsinc.org

Dinner tickets @\$60. each are available on the website: www.helpinghugsinc.org
on September 8th

Please print. We need your information to process and acknowledge your gift. Donations of \$100 or more will be publicly acknowledged unless requested to be anonymous.

Name(s): _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Send your generous contribution to:
Helping Hugs Inc., PO Box 24477, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Thank you for helping to make a better life for the people of Haiti.