

About Hero

HERO Mission Statement

HERO will provide real hope and real results for the children of Haiti by improving healthcare, education and basic infrastructure at the local level.

Our Purpose

HERO is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Haiti's children. We work to improve lives in Haiti by delivering facilities across the country for health, education, water supply and waste management. We partner with other nonprofits so they can achieve their construction and expansion goals, while maximizing their resources.

HERO manages projects for these non-profits from beginning to end including requirements, design, bids, contracts, delivery and monitoring. We use Haiti-based construction companies and engineers who deliver a quality product. This is done primarily in partnership with supporting organizations such as churches and other nonprofits. The goal is to maximize efficiency, eliminating historic 30 - 100% cost overruns experienced by others. We take a holistic approach to insure requirements meet current and future needs without major upgrades or retrofitting. We also work with reputable contractors who use quality materials, avoiding faulty construction. Since many requests we receive have no funding, HERO has begun efforts to find project funding sources.

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HERO to Celebrate 5th Anniversary

Ted Waldbart, President of HERO, and Bruce Goddard, Vice President of HERO drew their inspiration to establish this non-profit organization from the life of Dr. Gerry Lluberas. Dr. Lluberas was a tireless supporter of underprivileged children around the world and led many medical missions to serve them to Haiti. During his lifetime, Dr. Lluberas took care of over 10,000 patients.



Dr. Gerry caring for a small Haitian girl.

On October 31, 2008, HERO will enter its fifth year of operation and has been making a difference in Haiti by building schools and health clinics. Our vision continues to be:

- To provide clean water for 100,000 people which equates to 20 communities of 5000 children and adults
- To provide schools that will educate 500,000 students which equates to 100 schools with 500 students each
- To build more medical facilities with the objective of decreasing infant mortality rate by 1%

Funding is required to achieve our vision of making this difference in Haiti. The following represents a sampling of the need in Haiti: *(These schools will also need construction of water wells as well as solar power or small generators to run the wells and or lights in the school)*

- **Massaide and Hinche:** Build a new secondary school
- **Angoman:** There is a school for 450 children with no permanent building
- **Rode, Hinche, More Brignole, Guimby, Pichon, Bel Aire, Risque, Bois de Lance:** build primary schools
- **Corail Lamothe:** There is a school for 126 students held in the church
- **Sansou:** There is a school for 250 children with no permanent building



The outdoor school in Pichon.



Dr. Gerry at work in Haiti.

- **Guebo:** There is a school for 200 children with no permanent school structure
- **Aquahedionde:** There is a school for 450 children with no permanent school structure
- **Caneille:** There is a school for 250 children with no permanent school structure
- **Lay Aye:** There are 5 schools with no permanent structures
- **Massaide:** Rebuild existing primary and secondary school
- **Belle Anse:** Expand primary school including plans for an extra classroom and a kitchen
- **Los Palmas:** The funding ran out for this school construction for 350 children

Water systems including wells and cisterns are urgently needed in Corail Lamothe, Los Palis, More Brignol, Massaide, Bel Aire, Calmutte, Guimby, Risque and Lay Aye.

To achieve our vision of making the difference in Haiti and to continue the legacy of Dr. Lluberas, we need your help. The children of Haiti appreciate your generous financial support.

HOW CAN I HELP?

September 6, 2008 - Haitian Art Sale • May 11, 2009 - HERO 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

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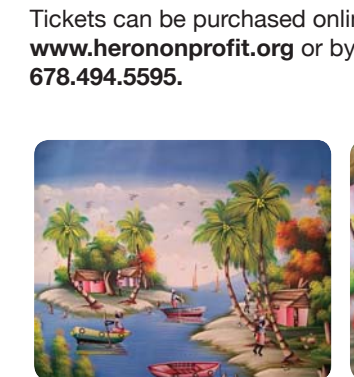
JONAS ALLEN, THE MOON

On September 6, 2008, HERO will host its first art sale benefiting the children of Haiti to provide them with clean water.

This event features work from renowned Haitian artists such as Jonas Allen, Cecil Bernard, Essud Fungcap and Raphael Sagage and many more. We are very fortunate that all four featured artists will be attending.

The exceptional art for sale includes paintings, statues, metal and wood work, offered at a wide range of prices. The event takes place at Marist Hall of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, located right behind Ken-nestone Hospital, at 87 Lacy Street NW, Marietta, GA 30060 from 5pm to 10 pm.

A \$15 cover fee per person, or \$25 per couple, includes entertainment by DJ Emael O. Wahili, a Haitian native, complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres.



Tickets can be purchased online at www.herononprofit.org or by calling **678.494.5595**.

Daniel's Story: Giving Love and Hope to the Children of Haiti

Amber George is the assistant to the President of HERO. Saving and improving the lives of children in Haiti is a cause that is very close to her heart.

Everyone was touched by the heartfelt words of Daniel Massillon when he spoke at the 2008 Breakfast with HERO in May. He shared his struggle to educate and care for the children at the Infants of Jesus Orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. As he spoke, the emotions that stirred inside of him became very obvious to his audience:

"We grew up in an orphanage where things were not easy. For myself, it was a very

difficult time because my father died before I was born. My mother could not afford food, school, and other facilities for us. I had to wake up at 4:30 in the morning and go for water that was about three miles away from the house. I hauled big buckets of 5 gallons and had to make three trips before school. We also had to clean the yard, the house and other work such as helping the small children to get ready. We received an education from other people. Today, we



Daniel's Orphanage located on the outskirts of Port au Prince.

find that it is necessary to give back some of what we received."

Offering in return an equal or greater amount of love and hope for his country, Daniel, with the help of his friend Lesly, opened the orphanage in 2005.

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Daniel's Story (continued from cover page)

It now has 5 rooms and houses 45 children with the support of 4 staff members. Each day the children suffer from a lack of food, healthcare supplies and funds for school tuition. Challenged by these conditions, Daniel is finding it difficult to nurture their bodies and develop their minds to eventually become fruitful citizens and leaders of Haiti.

Daniel was invited as a speaker to increase awareness about the conditions of Haiti and gain support to further HERO's mission. For those who attended, the message was clear and strong. "If we want to save the country, we should think about the children and do something to ensure their future by giving them an opportunity to dream a better tomorrow."

Children of Jesus Orphanage.



HERO'S First Annual Golf Tournament

The 2008 First Annual HERO Golf Classic was a tremendous success! The event took place on May 19th at Brookfield Country Club in Roswell, Georgia.

The Golf Classic was well attended with 72 paid golfers and more than a dozen volunteers; all eager to support a great cause. In addition, three more supporters participated as virtual golfers. The morning kicked off with registration where each player received a goody bag filled with gifts donated by HERO supporters. The tournament began with a putting contest and continued with 18-holes of golf. The 2009 Hyundai Sonata looked great on Hole #11 and was an inspiration to those golfers who hoped for a hole-in-one. The eventful day concluded with a dinner, silent auction and awards ceremony. Two sets of Mizuno golf clubs were the most desired post-game raffle prize! Many other great items were also awarded. The generosity and support of our sponsors is greatly appreciated. Without their help, an event like this would not have been possible. We hope everyone will join us on May 11, 2009, for another fun-filled day of golf with fellow HERO supporters.



Room for More Students in Belle Anse

In a country where there are 600,000 children not in school and more than half of its population illiterate, every school expansion improves the chances for a bright future for the children and the country. The opening of additional classrooms at Transfiguration Catholic School in Belle-Anse was therefore eagerly anticipated by both the parish priest and the parents of Belle-Anse.

That dream has finally become a reality and Transfiguration Catholic School is ready to welcome an additional 150 students to its school this fall.

HERO, with the support of Transfiguration Catholic Church in Marietta, GA, designed, planned and implemented the expansion of five classrooms. The rooms were designed with high ceilings, to allow better ventilation and lots of natural lighting.

The expansion was structurally designed to allow for a future addition of a second story.

Due to the lack of a local Home Depot, the obstacles that have to be overcome to start construction in Haiti, particularly in rural areas, are numerous: first, a proper grade of sand and gravel must be found in order to build the foundations and walls; then a source of water must be located so that concrete and the concrete blocks for building walls and ceilings can be mixed. HERO's involvement guarantees that good contractors are utilized and construction is sound and of good quality.

The additional classrooms bring the total number of students attending the Belle-Anse Transfiguration school to over 500. Ted Waldbart, President of HERO, just returned from visiting Belle-Anse for a final walk-through and sign-off. He is proud to report that all the work was completed on time and within budget. Father Charles, pastor of the school, is very excited to



Completed school in Belle Anse.

have such a nice facility for his students in the fall and is looking forward to working with HERO on future projects.

HERO receives many requests directly from communities to build schools, clinics and water systems. These are communities that are not fortunate enough to have sponsors from the United States or Canada. HERO continues to work to find funding sources to deliver these schools and water systems. We need your help in achieving our goal to build 100 schools with a well for each.

Workers completing wall for school play ground.



Life Without Safety Nets

Jelenn with her new doll.



Mark Coughlin is a musician/photographer/videographer who has spent lots of time in Haiti. He is fluent in Creole, which has greatly helped him understand the difficulties ordinary Haitians face in daily life.

If there is one thing I want people in the US to understand, it is that millions of Haitian people are, at this very moment, walking a very fine line between survival and catastrophe. Imagine what it means to live without a safety net, such as financial savings or health insurance. Imagine a loved one getting sick and health care not being available. Imagine having to care for your sick family member and not being able to work and support the family financially. That is the reality many Haitian families have to deal with day after day.



Jelenn with her father Jegra.

I would like to tell the story of just one such family:

In December of 2007, I came to Hinche in the Central Plateau, with my wife, Suzanne, and our two teenage daughters. We spent the week working at a small, unequipped hospital run by the Missionary Sisters of Charity, caring for a ward full of tiny, sick, malnourished children. One child in particular, a tiny, gaunt boy

named Djarnel Tousaint, immediately caught Suzanne's attention, because it was obvious he was in deep trouble. Suzanne did her best with him, and we enjoyed chatting with his mother Jocelyne, who seemed hopeful that he would recover. Unfortunately, the next morning we learned that he had died during the night. We were crushed, but felt even worse when we learned that Jocelyne had lost another child just six months before. The stress of the illness and death of their first child had completely disrupted the family's lives, leading to the severe malnutrition and illness Djarnel suffered. Jocelyne's husband, Jegra, came by later with their last remaining child, a beautiful girl named Jelenn. I knew that we had to stay involved with this family, so that she would not suffer her brother's fate.

Two months later, I was back in Hinche and Jegra showed up with a very sick Jelenn. Her stomach was bloated, probably with a parasite infection and she was unable to eat. It was high time for a house call to discover what was killing this family. Jegra led me to their home in a very poor neighborhood on the outskirts of Hinche. Jocelyne was there and she too was quite ill. Their tiny wooden dirt-floor shack had a second-hand corrugated roof that was full of holes, so they would get wet every time it rained. They lived on a slope, with no latrine available, so the rain would wash fecal matter right through their home. Because their house is a long walk from any decent water source, they had been drinking untreated water from the nearby river. This water is loaded with coli form and e-coli bacteria, plus a host of parasites. It is easy to understand why the family has suffered so much illness. Neither Jocelyne nor Jegra have ever

been to school and they cannot read. They simply did not understand the most basic tenants of health and hygiene.

Things have changed a lot for the Tousaint family since then – in great part thanks to HERO. Jocelyn and her family are now regulars at the HERO-constructed Whitney Clinic in Hinche and they've been able to overcome their health issues. They are now able to sanitize their water and many improvements have been made to their home. Jelenn is the first member of her family to attend school. I was in Hinche last week and Jegra came by to see me. He brought Jelenn so that I could see her in her immaculately clean, pressed school uniform. He was absolutely beaming with pride.

We all can make a difference for families like the Tousaints in Haiti. This is why the work of HERO must continue. We must continue to create the venues for health-care, safe water, and education that the Haitian people deserve and need so badly. We have the means – all we need is the will. Please help – your donations is what enables HERO to go on with this important work.

Written By: Mark Coughlin

How to Help the Children of Haiti and HERO

HERO needs you and your continued support to be able to make a difference in Haiti.

You can help us by:

- Making a donation
- Introducing us to potential corporate sponsors
- Volunteer

- Arrange for us to present to your civic group, such as Kiwanis or Rotary, and churches
- Car, boat and stock donations are also welcome
- Include HERO as a beneficiary in your will or endowment
- Hold a fund raiser

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