

THE HEART IN HAITI SCHOOL

HEART

HAITI EDUCATION AND RESOURCE TEAM

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

WHO WE ARE

HEART is a community centered school with Preschool through 8th grade classes. Our educational programs go beyond the core subjects and include music and art classes, gardening and civics lessons, exercise, and community service days. Healthy breakfasts and lunches are served daily for students and staff, with ingredients sourced locally or from the school garden. There is a nurse on site for all youth and adults at HEART, and after school and summer school tutoring for students requiring assistance to pass and move on to the next grade.



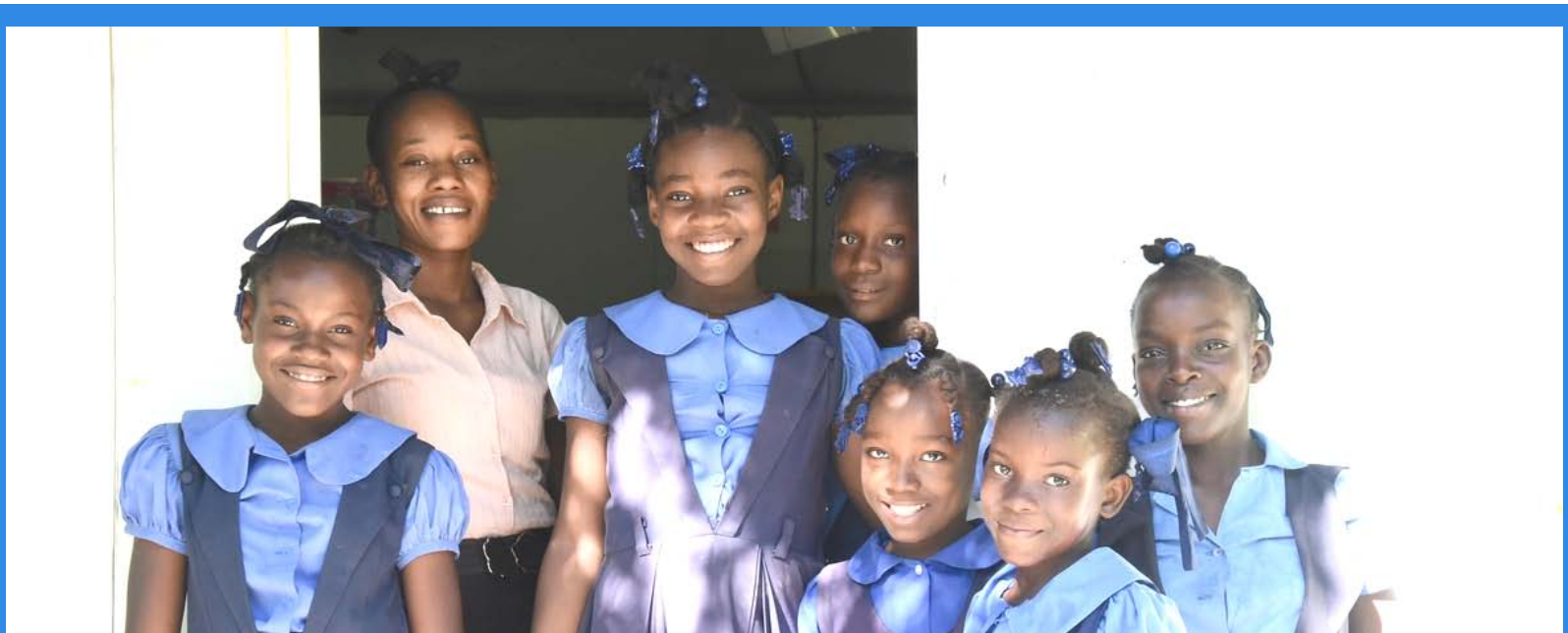


OUR MISSION

To educate the whole child, empowering them to reach their full potential.

OUR VISION

The HEART in Haiti School is a model of excellence in teaching, learning, and sustainable education.





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8th grade classroom

Dear Supporters,

"Piti piti, zwazo fe nich." "Little by little, the bird builds a nest." HEART board members, staff, volunteers, and I have fully embraced this Haitian proverb since the school's opening in October 2010 under Jonathan Glynn's Wings Over Haiti organization. In the span of 8 years, two acres of land has, little by little, and with the help of so many, been transformed into a flourishing oasis with five school buildings and a grand community center. Each year, donors generously give to allow our "nest" to grow by a class of students as the graph below shows. This past year, Nashville Rotary Club granted HEART with funds for the 8th grade classroom, ensuring students who have been with us since kindergarten can continue their education.

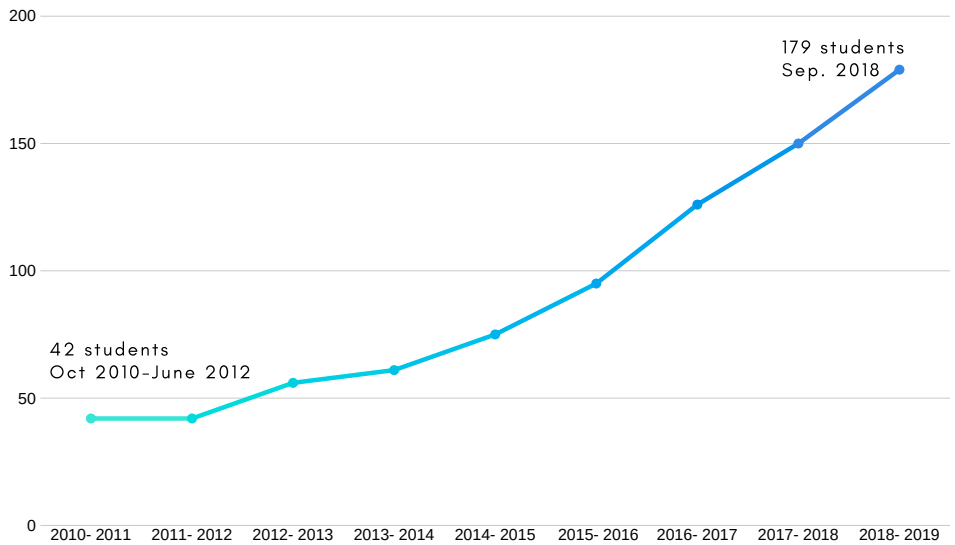
We know that no donation amount is too small, and keep our overhead costs to a minimum because just one dollar a day can feed, educate, and provide medical care for a student in our elementary classrooms. But low cost does not mean low quality: Mr. Patrick Samedy, a local Haitian educator with many years of experience is now an adviser, working alongside our administrators and head teacher Ms. Serome. His added expertise is strengthening HEART's teachers, increasing student ability to pass Haitian state standardized exams, while also encouraging students use of original and creative thinking and learning.

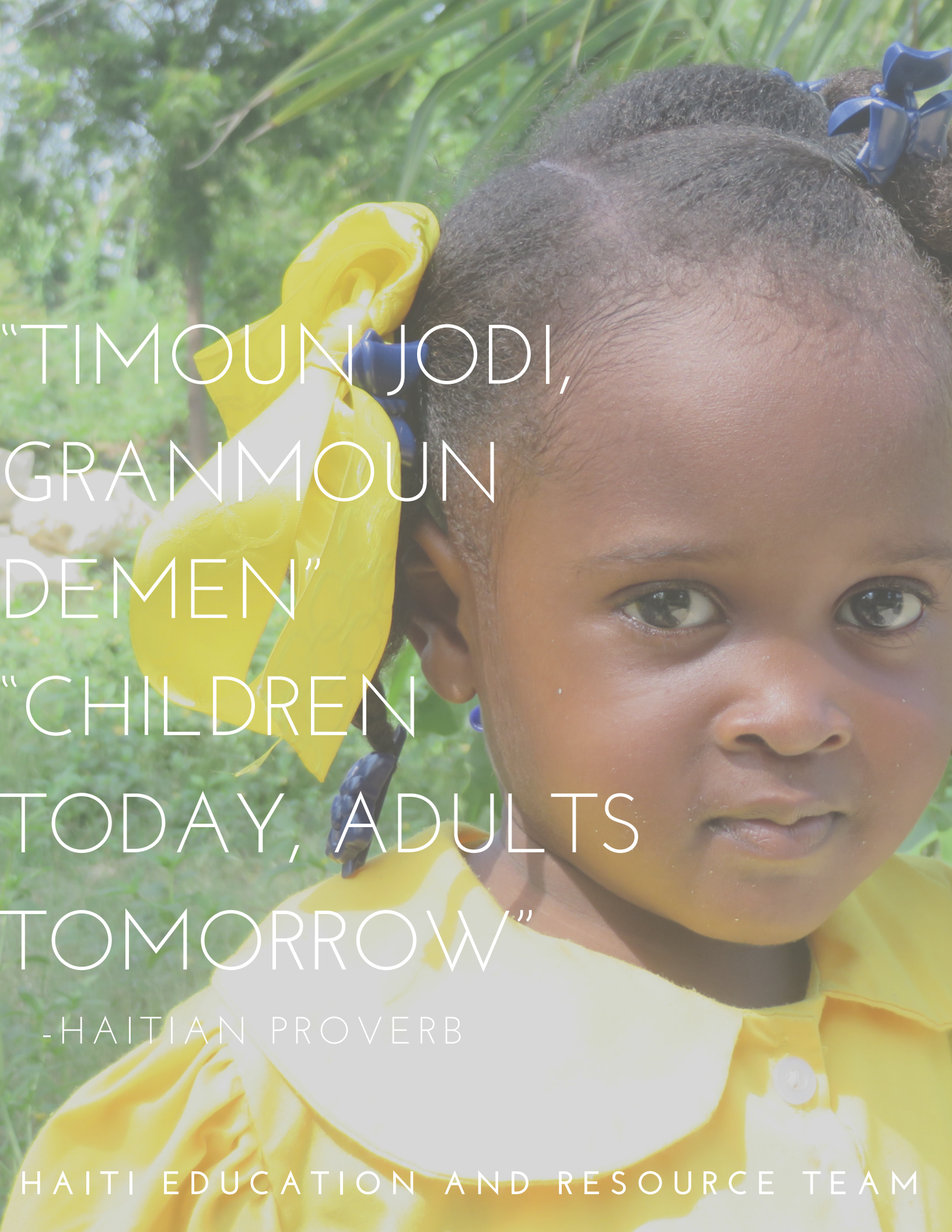
The HEART community and I are deeply grateful for your for partnership in providing bright futures for students and their families. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Shad St. Louis

YEARLY STUDENT ENROLLMENT




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"CHILDREN
TODAY, ADULTS
TOMORROW"
-HAITIAN PROVERB
HAITI EDUCATION AND RESOURCE TEAM



SOME OF WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE











Music and Art program

Students are learning to play various instruments and showcasing their talents at school celebrations and community events: honing valuable skills! HEART sends a heartfelt thank you to Rose Foundation, who funded construction and operating costs for the Racheal Anilyse Art building. Students are learning different techniques for making useful household items: developing more skills for income opportunities in their future.

Nurse program

Ms. Judeline Saint Fleur, HEART School nurse, sees anywhere from 3 to 8 students and staff daily for first aid and medical care. She accompanies individuals in need of higher levels of care to local health centers, advocates for their care, and follows their treatment. She is a welcome addition to the HEART staff and we are so grateful to the Marting Trust Fund for donating the funds to construct the office and pay her salary.

Security wall completion

HEART is grateful for Barbara Rose, a longtime support of the HEART School and whose late husband Dick Martin designed and coordinated the container building construction that holds the cafeteria and 2 classrooms. His memory lives on at HEART, and in June 2018, the security wall around the perimeter of the property was funded and completed thanks to Barbara Rose's efforts, and the Midtown Atlanta Rotary Club's Dick Martin Fund.

CELEBRATIONS

RIDING TO SUCCESS

Thanks to generous donors, HEART provides incentives for classes and honors students with the top grades in each class: with bicycles! Over 20 bicycles were given out to celebrate the top 2 performing students for the 2017-2018 school year.





MOVING UP

23 kindergartners became first graders and 15 sixth graders became seventh graders at the end of the 2017-2018 school year! In kindergarten, students learn to spell their name, and seventh grade is high school in Haiti. These accomplishments are joyously celebrated in Haiti because families know that education is not available for all children.

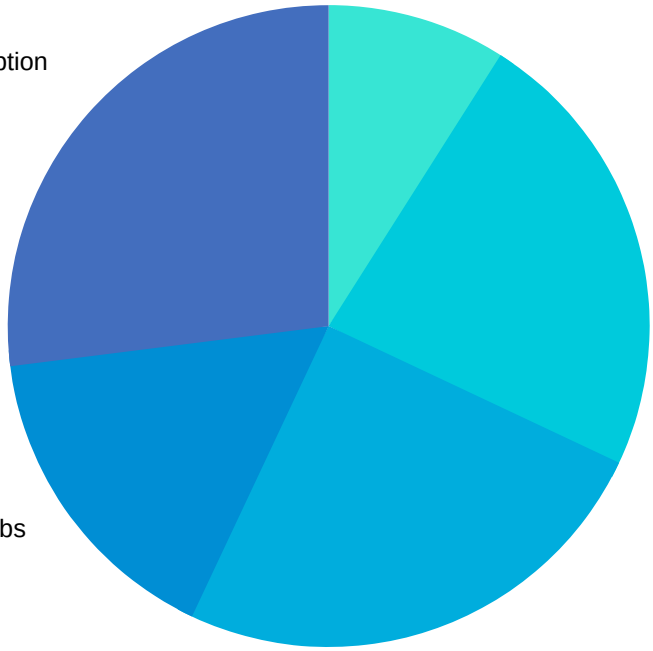
GROWING TOGETHER

May 1st is Agriculture Day in Haiti and it is joyously celebrated every year at the HEART School. Throughout the year students bring in tree seeds and staff help them plant them. On May 1st, the school celebrates the importance of agriculture for Haiti, and students go home with their seedlings to plant coconut, avocado, cherry, citrus, papaya, and many more trees.



July 2017- June 2018 Financials

INCOMING DONATION SOURCES



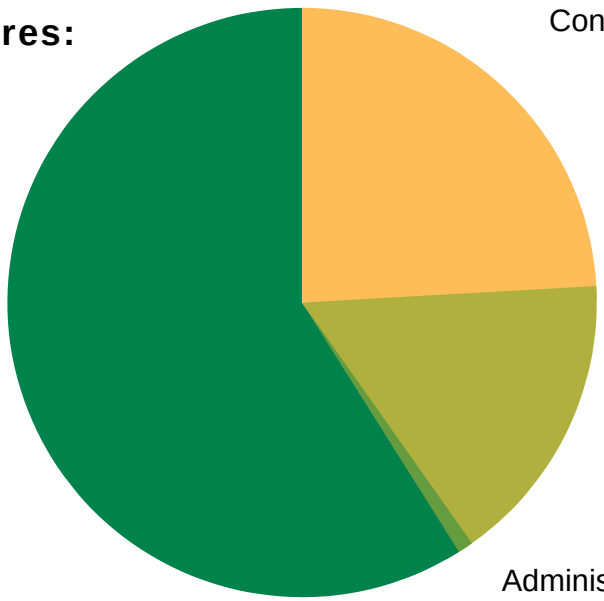
Incoming monetary donations total:
$116,289

Honorary and current board member personal monetary donations total:
$6,465

Largest donations received:
Dudes of Disruption: $31,284
Marting Trust Fund: $15,000
Rose Foundation: $10,000
Rotary District Grant 7230: $6,675
Midtown Atlanta Rotary Club: $4,664
Moran Family Foundation: $4,000

OUTGOING EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES

Total outgoing expenses and expenditures:
$101,465



Construction & Building Repairs $24,465
24.1%

School Programs $59,803
58.9%

Library building & furnishings $16,343
16.1%

Administration & Fundraising $854
0.8%







The Library







The Dudes impressed HEART by bringing 23 members and their families to the HEART School in March 2018 to learn with students, connect with locals, and build the library. After they left, construction continued; and eventually the walls were painted, windows installed, and tables, chairs and bookcases put in! Local masons, welders, and furniture makers were hired, providing welcome income for them and their families.

Librarians and Teacher Training

In December 2018, librarians Pamela and Sharon, traveled with Shad to Haiti. They organized and sorted books with the help of students from the school, interviewed librarian candidates, and met with teachers to train them on library protocols and technology. Pamela conducted training on how the teachers can use the educational videos that she downloaded onto each of their tablets to enhance learning and interaction.

Teacher Testimony

8th grade math teacher, Mr. Lucien, was very impressed and grateful for the training sessions and materials that he will now be able to use in his classroom with students. Mr. Lucien shared, “As teachers we must understand the Haitian proverb: ‘children today, adults tomorrow.’ If we want them to be responsible citizens, we must work with them and encourage dialogue and questions in class and give them the opportunities that will make them successful adults. The HEART School compared to other schools has an excellent structure with all of the educational technology in the library, and in that they provide breakfast and lunch for all students as well as staff."

Amazing Features in the HEART Library

For Haiti, the HEART library is state of the art, enabling individual study for students through the use of tablets, organized books, and digital archives of educational videos. There is wireless internet access available for educational research capabilities for staff and students, and quiet spaces for students to read, do homework, and study. Although the photo above of students watching an educational video in the library may seem commonplace around most of the world, it is most certainly not in Haiti. HEART is so appreciative of the staff, volunteers, educators, supporters, and librarians who made this project possible!

The Dudes of Disruption Men's Group led by Nick Papadopoulos began a Dudes4Haiti movement which funded the library construction and sponsored a classroom of 15 children. To read more about their inspirational journey click below.

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Meet some of the HEART Staff members who make a difference in the lives of our students every day:








Top, from left to right: Dieumaitre Derosier, Assistant Administrator, Rodine Jean Baptiste, Preschool Teacher's Assistant, Yonel Amazan, Secretary
Bottom, from left to right: Fanide Simeon, 5th Grade Teacher, Adam Gesner, Head Administrator, and Marie Ginette Serome, Preschool-6th grade School Principal

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