

LOVE TAKES ROOT NEWS



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Message from LaConcorde, Elisee A. Bastien - Administrator

Hi to all,

Today, I am writing this letter to thank each one of you for your support. In a time, when everybody is in need. We feel extremely grateful for your generosity.

In the United States, I know many people are sick and losing their lives. The jobs are less and you still help us. Thank you. I can not find the words to express how important your donations were this year. In Haiti people were ordered to stay home, no work, no school. There were many Haitians experiencing desperate hunger.

At La Concorde we were able to feed all the children. We were able to also help those without any food at all in our community. The older children were able to work with the younger children on learning every day. I also worked with children on learning and so did all of the staff. The La Concorde stay was able to feed their families because they worked and we were able to pay them. All because of your donations. We have together saved many children's lives who would have starved. They live because of you.

Now the school is open. We started the new year with hope everything will go for the best, in Jesus name. May the Lord give you a long life and help each of you to stay healthy in the name of Jesus.

I take this opportunity to tell you to have a wonderful Holiday and New Year! We love you. Jesus loves you. We keep you in our prayers. Thank you for your help.

Report from Board Member, Ted Skidmore

Dear friends and sponsors of LOVE TAKES ROOT. As this Holiday time approaches, we wanted to take a moment to say THANK YOU and to express our gratitude for your support of the kids at La Concorde. We also wanted to give you a brief update of "the goings on" at the orphanage and the school.

The year 2020 will long be remembered as a year of challenge as the COVID pandemic raged around the world affecting nearly all of us in some way. Fortunately, COVID has not been a serious health threat in Haiti, due in part to several factors – the lack of foreigners/tourists visiting the country especially with 2019 having civil unrest, the demographic of majority of Haitians are under 40 years of age and Haiti not having the capacity to care for anyone needing a ventilator. But the economic effects of COVID are devastating in Haiti. There are no imports coming into the country including food and medicines. The US dollar value has dropped 50%. It is reported that 42% of Haitians are food insecure and 33% of those are in a food crisis. Crops in the country were also affected by drought and then Hurricane Laura. With all this the children at La Concorde are continuing to thrive. Their remarkable on-going resilience is the light and gift that we receive. Throughout the year the older kids mentored the younger kids, teaching class to them daily. The band still practiced their instruments, and many continued working on their English and Spanish proficiency. They ate less to provide food for others. We are so impressed with each of the children. As we give our light to shine we are gifted joy!

In parting, we at LOVE TAKES ROOT wish you and your family, a healthy, safe, and blessed Holiday Season.



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What is LOVE Takes Flight?

As we move into 2021, we at LOVE TAKES ROOT remain as excited and determined as ever to continue to provide a safe, loving, and guiding hand to the children there. We have a number of older teens that have come of age and will be

leaving the orphanage in the coming months. In preparation for this, we have set up a program called LOVE TAKES FLIGHT, to guide this "transition to adulthood" – and to help ensure their best quest for success.

LOVE Takes Flight / Teen Transition To Adulthood

To meet this need we developed a program called LOVE TAKES FLIGHT, to provide our young adults with three (3) key tools to aid in their transition.

1. EDUCATION IN LIFE SKILLS

We have created three educational YOUTUBE videos that focus on the following:

Health & Wellness: General well care, emotional care,

Risk Management: will focus on personal protection and boundary setting. Inclusive of this will be a focus on sexual and reproductive health. As part of this, both teen boys and teen girls will have one-on-one education with the clinic nurse and physician.

Financial basics: will focus on the basics of financial matters. The importance of budgeting and saving. Business management skills.

2. MENTORING

This in-development program will feature mentors in Haiti that are matched with each young adult. We will also be doing some guidance from the US. But - the main focus will be Haitian-to-Haitian mentoring.

3. GRANTS

We've started a fund that will provide a money starter allowance to help our young adults reach their dreams. These "starter stimulus packages" will differ in size depending on each circumstance and the plan is to release funds over several intervals and will not be presented as an initial lump sum.

Ways To Get Involved

- For sponsors: Donate an additional \$10 ea/month that goes to the LOVE TAKES FLIGHT fund.
- For sponsors and all others: Donate any amount you choose to the LOVE Takes Flight fund.
- Volunteer for a committee to work on this on-going project

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Events 2021!

VIRTUAL RUN, RIDE, ROW

January 30, 2021

Planning a Holiday that includes treats, movies, classics and scrolling? Make a goal to stay on your treadmills, pelotons and rowing machines and join us virtually to get your body in shape in time to let loose in spring 2021!



GOLF

June 27, 2021 • Okoboji, IA

Hello golfers! The number of golfers in the US is on the rise! Make a difference in this world and have a great day of golf by having a LOVE Takes Root golf event at your club! We have all the marketing and experience to make it a short putt to success.

Contact www.lovetakesroot.org



Save The Date!

DENVER RUNNERS & VOLUNTEERS

October 17, 2021 • Denver Colfax Marathon

LOVE Takes Root will be a charity partner.

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LOVE Takes Root Medical and Dental Clinic

MEET OUR PATIENTS

Open daily. Haitian nurse full time. Haitian doctor part time.

Jean saint Ristil is followed every 15 days for Hypertension. He suffered a stroke before he was treated, since then he has recovered. Jean is a good patient and takes his meds regularly. He comes regularly for his appointments.



This is Laguerre Manoucheca, she has been coming for primary care to the clinic for 2 years. She has 3 children. Today she comes with her son, he is named **Hypolit Carry**. He has cough, fever, vomit. He was dehydrated and anemic. We gave medication, she was very happy she found the medication in the clinic, because she doesn't have money to buy it. We use a sliding scale fee for those who can not pay. If we can keep her children healthy she can always keep her children. She is thankful to LOVE Takes Root.

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Want To Shine More Light?

JOIN OUR TEAM

Contact us www.lovetakesroot.org

We are always looking for any talent you possess and we can use them all!

PHOTO MANAGER

A picture is worth a thousand words. We all believe that statement, but it has to be a good quality picture and one you can locate! We need help. Can be all done in your location and time.

PROOFREADER

Always good to notice the typo or something that just does not make sense. We have 2 newsletters a year and monthly email updates.

PR/PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

We are looking to expand the profile of LOVE TAKES ROOT with key media outlets and outreach.

MAILCHIMP MANAGER

Making sure new emails are entered and lists are up to date. It is about 1 hour of volunteer time per month. Communication is a game changer!

CANVA VOLUNTEER

We have the software: need the person with the graphic passion! Design flyers, posters, postcards, and invites. Content is available. Usually one design is needed per month. Not too much but makes a difference in the lives of others.

FORMATTER

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SPONSORS STILL NEEDED!

We have 32 children waiting for you.

SOCIAL MEDIA SPECIALIST

Post and make sure the content is flowing. We use Facebook and Instagram. Content brainstormed with the team. Can schedule posts monthly, or weekly whatever you volunteer time accommodates.





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Search for LOVE Takes Root and donate with your next order!

Be a Sponsor - Make a difference in the world

ROOTS for a Child

Our sponsors have kept the children fed, clothed and safe. They have beds to sleep in and clean water to drink.

The older children in the orphanage have continued to work with the younger children on reading and math.

Thank You Sponsors!

LOVE Takes Root is an organization driven to help children around the world who are facing dire circumstances by delivering basic aid, education, and the seeds for a sustainable future.