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# HAITI TODAY

It's been 13 months since a member of LOVE Takes Root was able to visit Haiti, which made Rick's safe journey back this August especially meaningful. During his visit to La Concorde Orphanage, he was encouraged to find the facility well-maintained and the children enjoying their summer break, especially after all students successfully passed their national exams, keeping the school's strong reputation intact. Enrollment has now grown to 360 students, with 75 new children, many from families displaced by the unrest in Port-au-Prince. As more families face financial hardship, tuition support from donors has become more vital than ever.

The medical clinic is running well, though it was nearly out of medications before Rick restocked supplies. With other clinics closing, patient numbers are rising. We're grateful to welcome Dr. Germain to the team, stepping in as Dr. Wilson can no longer travel due to gang-related roadblocks. Rising food and clothing costs, driven by blocked supply routes, have made daily essentials harder to access, but thanks to a partnership with Feed My Starving Children, the orphanage will receive much-needed food support.

Amid Haiti's ongoing challenges, the children and staff at La Concorde continue to show incredible strength and resilience. We are deeply thankful to our sponsors and donors. Your support is truly making a difference.

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## LOVE IN ACTION



### **Board Spotlight: Rose Fear**

Meet one of LOVE Takes Root's incredible board members, Rose Fear, who has been volunteering with LTR for over 11 years, serving on the board and playing a key role in the Education Committee. After a 27-year career as a beloved kindergarten teacher in Spencer, Iowa, she brought her passion for education to

Jacmel, Haiti in 2019, where she worked

side-by-side with the amazing teaching staff at La Concorde. While the country faced immense challenges, she was inspired by the dedication and resilience of the Haitian educators, who work tirelessly each day to equip over 300 students with the tools they need to become empowered, productive citizens of Haiti. Quoting Nelson Mandela, she reflects, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." We are grateful for her heart, her service, and her unwavering belief in the power of education to transform lives.

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### **Back to School is Around the Corner in Haiti**

As the school year begins in October in Haiti, families face impossible choices: school shoes or food, pencils or shelter, tuition or survival. At La Concorde Orphanage and in the surrounding community, children are eager to learn but lack the basic supplies. As public schools remain closed and teachers unpaid, private schools are the only option, yet most families can't afford them.

You can change that with a gift of \$20 for school shoes, \$10 provides supplies, and \$40 a month sponsors a child's tuition—offering dignity, confidence, and hope through education.

**Give the Gift of Education**

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### **Roots & Rhythm on Lake Okoboji raised \$10,000 for Project Nourish**

What an incredible night! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us over Labor Day weekend for the Roots & Rhythm show with the amazing Damon Dotson! Your energy, generosity, and community spirit made the evening truly unforgettable. We're thrilled to share that together we raised \$10,000 in support of Project Nourish, allowing us to begin feeding lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays to all children who attend La Concorde School.

Missed the event but still want to make a difference? Make a donation today.

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LOVE Takes Root was founded with a mission of cultivating the future of children worldwide. The foundation's goals are to improve the lives of children through the provision of shelter, education, and health, with the final goal being a self-sustainable organization.



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