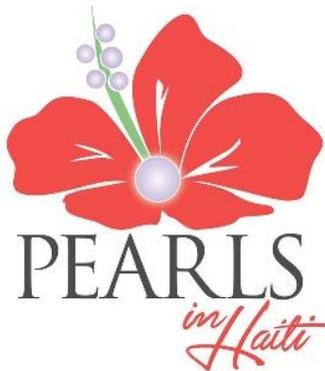


# 2018

## Annual Report



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## Message from the Director

Dear friends,

Back in 2017, when God called me to found PEARLS in Haiti, I honestly wasn't sure what to expect. It was clear that this community needed an advocate; despite all the organizations already working in Haiti, Bonnette was falling between the cracks. While I had over two decades of experience working for nonprofits in Haiti, I had never founded or directed one. I wasn't convinced that I was the right person for such a task. All I knew for certain was God was asking me to step out in faith and obedience to be an advocate for not only our daughter's birth family, but all the families in Bonnette.



**Rachel Mills**

To say that God opened doors over the past year would be an understatement. He blew them off the hinges! Time and again He provided what I needed sometimes before I even knew what to ask! I traveled to Bonnette on a fact-finding trip in late September 2017 and less than a month later PEARLS in Haiti was incorporated. God provided a nonprofit attorney, graphic designer and many others that generously offered their time, talents and support. I was, and continue to be, blown away by His provision! On January 12, 2018, the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2010 earthquake, PEARLS in Haiti received our 501(c)(3) tax exempt status in record time. We publicly launched four days later on January 16, 2018.

Thank you for your prayers, trust and financial support over the past year. Thank you for coming along side us as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the village of Bonnette, Haiti. Through your partnerships, we have begun to make a positive and sustainable impact in the community.

*Rachel Mills*

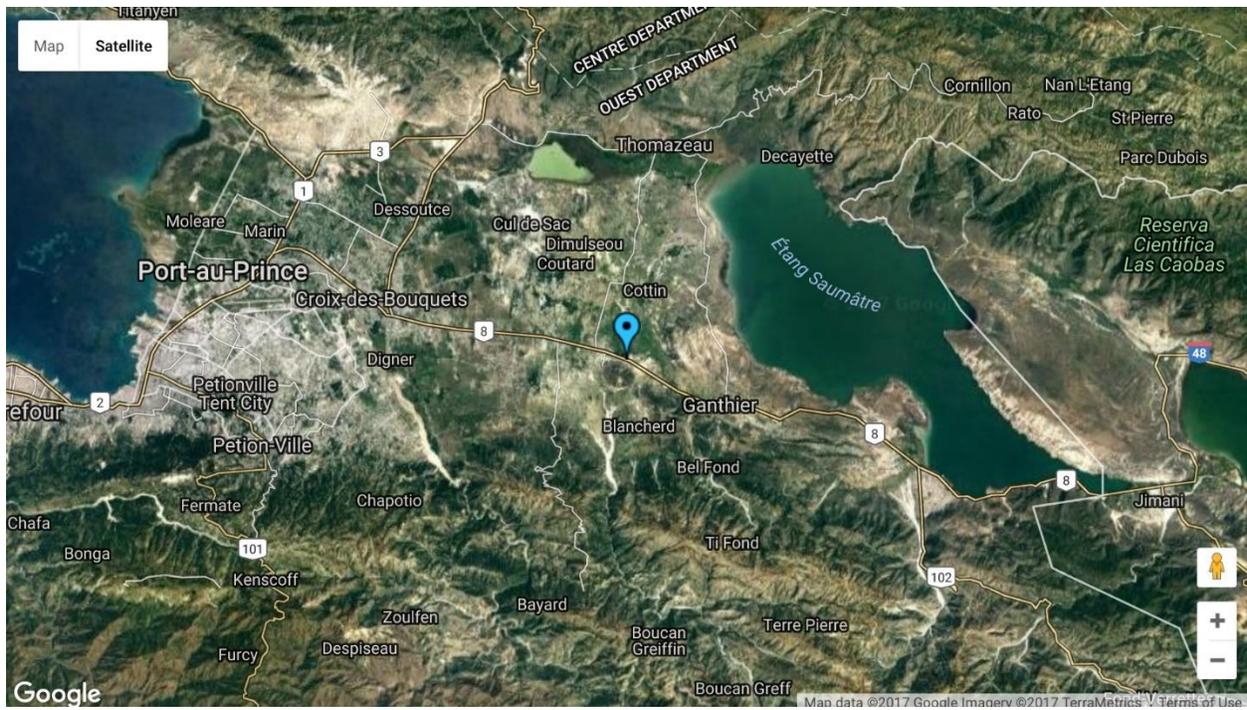
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# Mission

Empowering individuals. Strengthening communities. Alleviating poverty.

# Vision

Partners **E**nriching **A**cademics & **R**esources **L**eading to **S**ustainability in Haiti



## Program Accomplishments



### Haiti Program Manager

In August PEARLS in Haiti hired a part time Program Manager. Robenson Luceus makes monthly trips out to Bonnette and is in regular contact with the director of The Village School of the Future, Sainfait Exius, as well as PEARLS Director, Rachel Mills, in the US.

**PEARLS in Haiti's initiatives are consistent with five of the top six United Nations sustainable development goals.**



### Quality Education

-Seven PEARLS of Wisdom Grants were funded for children whose families could not afford to send them to school. Each recipient was granted not only tuition for the duration of their education through the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at The Village School of the Future, but the grant also covers uniforms, books, school supplies and tutoring as needed.



### Clean Water

-3,000 gallons of drinking water was delivered to The Village School of the Future each month. Through the Fresh Water PEARLS initiative, 300 students, faculty and the community had access to safe, clean water.

-A cistern filter was purchased and installed on the 1,000-gallon water tank located on the school property as part of the Fresh Water PEARLS initiative.

-250 household Filters of Hope were distributed to the families of students in Bonnette providing up to 10 years of clean drinking water. Each filter purifies up to 150 gallons of water per day which can be shared with extended family and neighbors.



### **Zero Hunger**

-\$5,000 was raised and transferred to start the PEARLS of Nutrition initiative to provide nutritious, locally-sourced lunches to 300 students for the first time in the school's history. The first school lunch was served on January 14, 2019.



### **Good Health and Well-Being**

-60 Confidence Kits were made and delivered to pubescent female students allowing them to attend school during their menstrual cycle with sanitary, quality supplies.

-Shoes and socks were provided to 65 of the most impoverished students at The Village School of the Future.



### **Zero Poverty**

-Poverty is more than the lack of income and resources to ensure a sustainable livelihood. Poverty includes hunger and limited access to education, safe drinking water and basic health care. By partnering with The Village School of the Future to provide an education to more children, nutritious food and clean water for students and access to basic health care, **PEARLS in Haiti** is helping alleviate poverty in Bonnette.

## Impact Story: Wensley Pierre

10-year-old Wensley Pierre lives in Bonnette, Haiti with his parents. Both of Wensley's parents were born and raised in the village. Wensley's father, Wisley Pierre, farms to provide a living for his family and his mother, Stephanie Maxil, is a homemaker.

Wensley has been attending school at The Village School of the Future since kindergarten. He's a 4<sup>th</sup> grader this year. His parents chose to send him to The Village School of the Future not because it is local, but because the school is known for its sound academics.

Stephanie is more satisfied than ever with their decision to enroll their son at The Village School of the Future. She is very pleased with the positive changes that have occurred since PEARLS began partnering with Director Exius. Not only is her son getting a solid education, but he now receives clean drinking water and food at school. The new latrines are also a welcomed improvement.

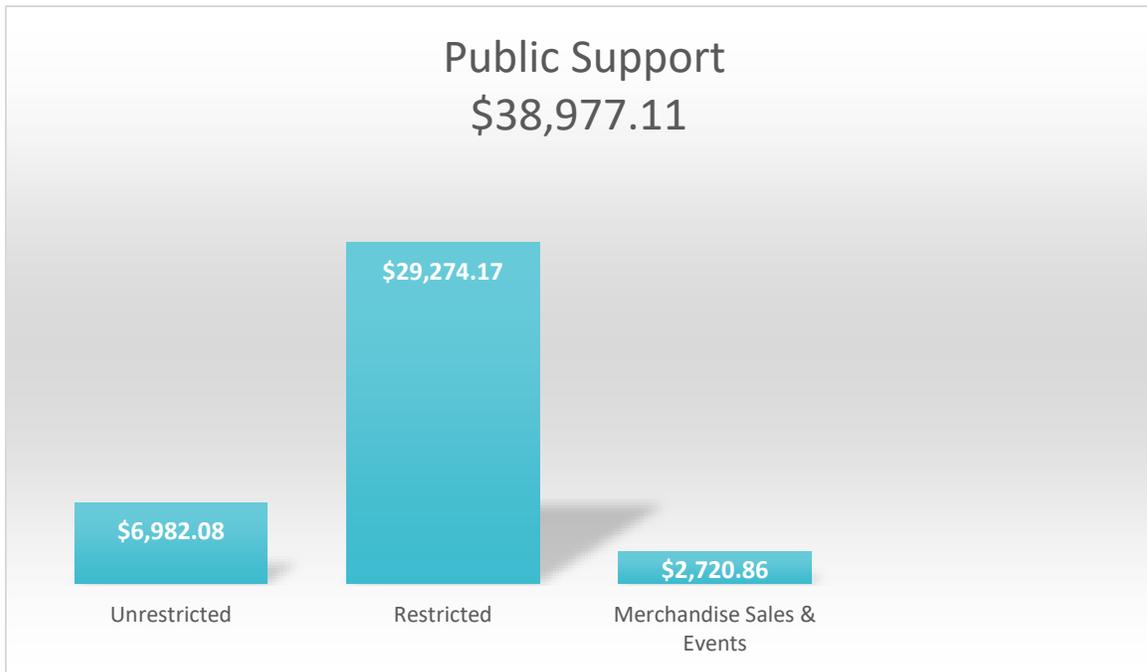
When asked what she would say to PEARLS donors about the feeding program, Stephanie's face beamed as she answered that thousands of thanks would not be enough to express her gratitude. She just wishes that the donors would understand how grateful she is for their support to her son and her family.



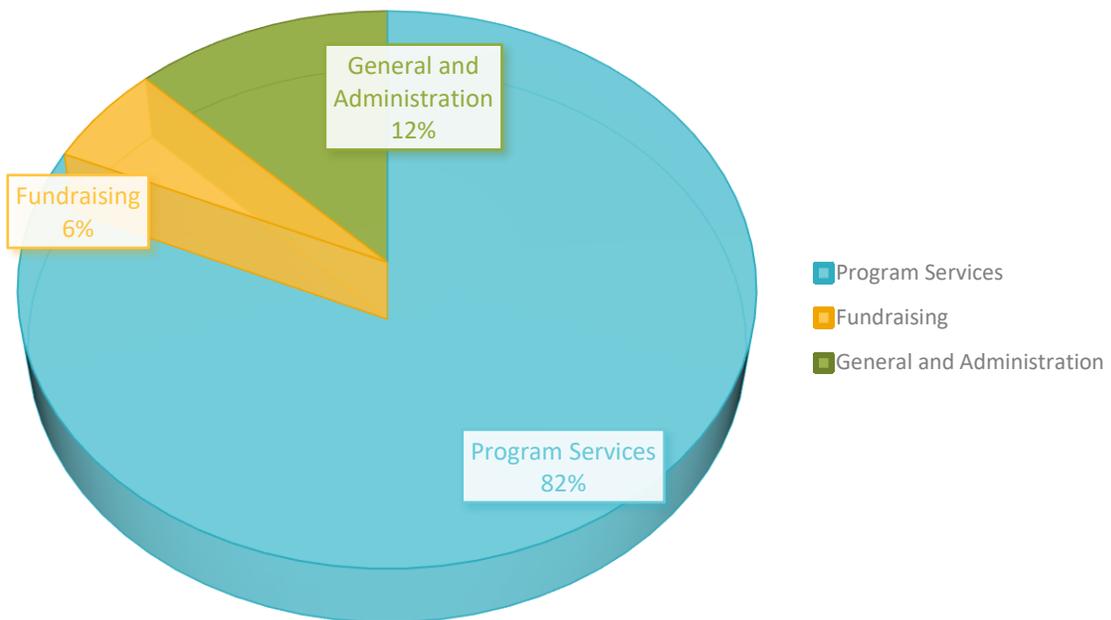
Besides the obvious impact that clean water and a school lunch have on her son's ability to learn, having nutritious food and safe water has impacted their entire family. She no longer must worry about whether her son will have something to eat that day. Stephanie shared that before PEARLS in Haiti funded lunches for the students her heart would often break. Providing an education for children is expensive in Haiti and many days the Pierre's couldn't afford to provide breakfast to their son. Stephanie is happy knowing that her son will receive a hearty meal at school. Sometimes Wensley even saves some of his lunch and takes it home to share with his mom! Wensley's family also received a Filter of Hope from PEARLS in Haiti that allows them access to safe water at home.

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## Fiscal Year at a Glance



## FY 2018



# Income Statement

## For Year Ending December 31, 2018

### Public Support

Contributions, Unrestricted	\$6,982.08	18%
Contributions, Restricted	<u>\$29,274.17</u>	75%
Total Public Support	\$36,256.25	93%

### Other Revenue

Net Merchandise Sales & Events	<u>\$2,720.86</u>	7%
Total Public Support & Other	\$38,977.11	100%

### Expenses

Program Services	*\$17,570.61	82%
Supportive Services, Fundraising	\$1,269.16	6%
Supportive Services, General & Admin	<u>\$2,670.93</u>	12%
Total Expenses	\$21,510.70	100%

Revenue In Excess of Expenses	<u><u>\$17,466.41</u></u>
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*\*Program Services Note: \$17,354.25 of donor restricted funds in checking to be dispersed over duration of PEARLS of Wisdom grants.*