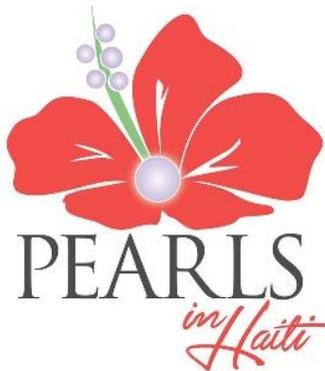


2019

Annual Report



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Message from the Director



Dear friends,

2019 was an arduous time for the country and people of Haiti. The entire year was marred with fuel shortages, hyperinflation and political unrest. Years of poverty, scarcity and corruption came to a boiling point, especially with the approaching 10-year anniversary of the earthquake. Recognition that millions of dollars of aid money, designated for infrastructure, was misappropriated drove thousands of demonstrators into the streets in protest; blocking roads, setting fires, looting business, and forcing businesses and schools to close for weeks at a time.

I was unable to visit our projects in Bonnette in 2019 due to dangerous protests. In order to reach the village you must take a road that goes right through an area that continues to be plagued by gang violence. Many organizations working in that area have had to suspend their operations, but I am thankful to report that despite all the challenges, God still provided for and blessed the village of Bonnette through PEARLS in Haiti! This past year is a good example of why building local partnerships, empowering individuals and focusing on sustainable initiatives is so very important. My job is to be an ambassador for the people of Bonnette. To tell their story and raise awareness and funds to support the needs that have been identified in their community. As homesick as I am for Haiti, I am not needed on the ground for the work to continue.

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. Through your partnerships, we have begun to make a positive and sustainable impact in the community.

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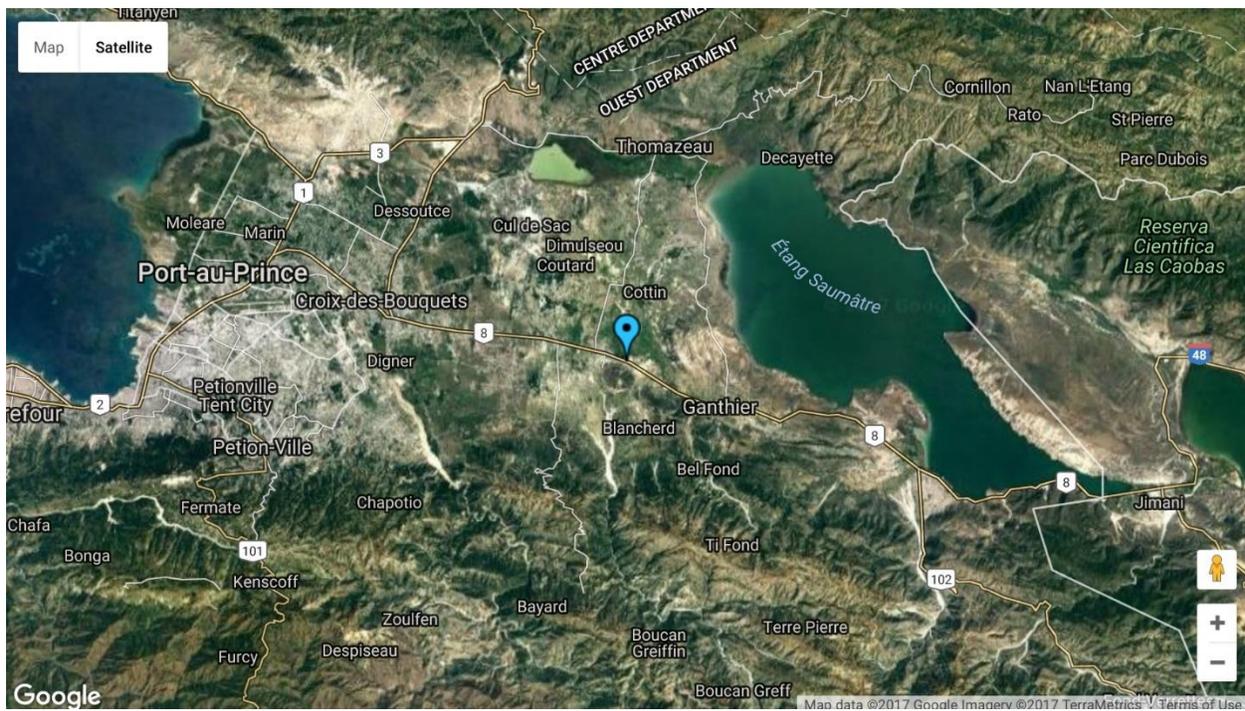
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Mission

Empowering individuals. Strengthening communities. Alleviating poverty.

Vision

Partners Enriching Academics & Resources Leading to Sustainability in Haiti



Program Accomplishments

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 continued to be funded for children whose families could not afford to send them to school. Each recipient was granted not only tuition for the academic year, but the grant also covered uniforms, books, school supplies and tutoring as needed.



Clean Water

-Potable water was provided for the 1,000-gallon tank at The Village School of the Future for the entire year. This allowed 300 students, faculty and the community access to clean drinking water which reduced the risk of waterborne illness. In addition, a Swedish organization built new latrines at The Village School of the Future. Funding provided by PEARLS kept the 500-gallon sanitation tank full so that the students could wash their hands and further cut down on the spread of disease.





-Funding was secured in 2019 to fix an existing well, located one mile from The Village School of the Future, and to dig a new well on the school property. Having water trucks deliver and fill the tanks monthly met a critical need and was cost-effective, but it was not a sustainable solution. There were times that the tanks were dangerously low due to roadblocks and demonstrations preventing the water trucks from reaching Bonnette. PEARLS In Haiti is now partnering with an organization whose mission is to provide drinking water through the digging of wells. An HHI crew visited Bonnette in December and began evaluating the sites.

Zero Hunger



-Nutritious, locally sourced meals were served to 300 students and faculty five days a week at The Village School of the Future. The first lunch, in the 14-year history of the school, was served on January 14th. Although schools across Haiti were forced to shut down due to ongoing demonstrations, the cooks at The Village School of the Future still showed up and prepared food for those students who could safely come. For many of the children this was their only meal for the day. In 2019 funding for over 48,000 meals was raised which will provide hot school lunches to the students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.



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, clean water and access to basic health care, PEARLS in Haiti is helping alleviate poverty in Bonnette

Impact Story: The Elien Family

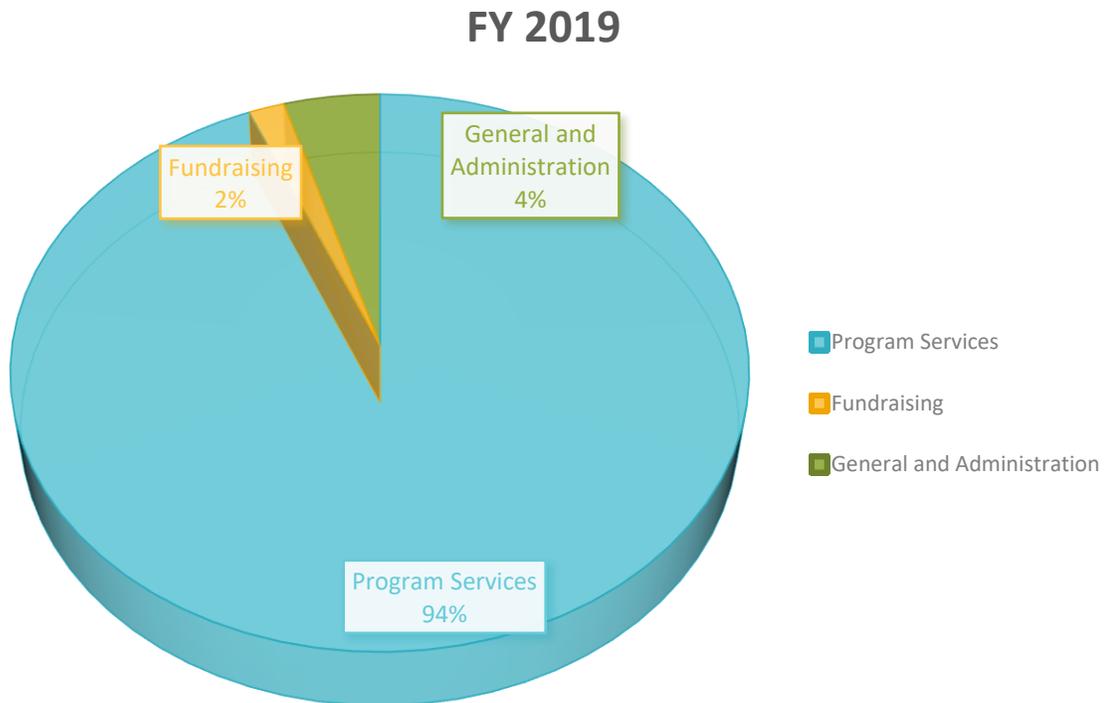
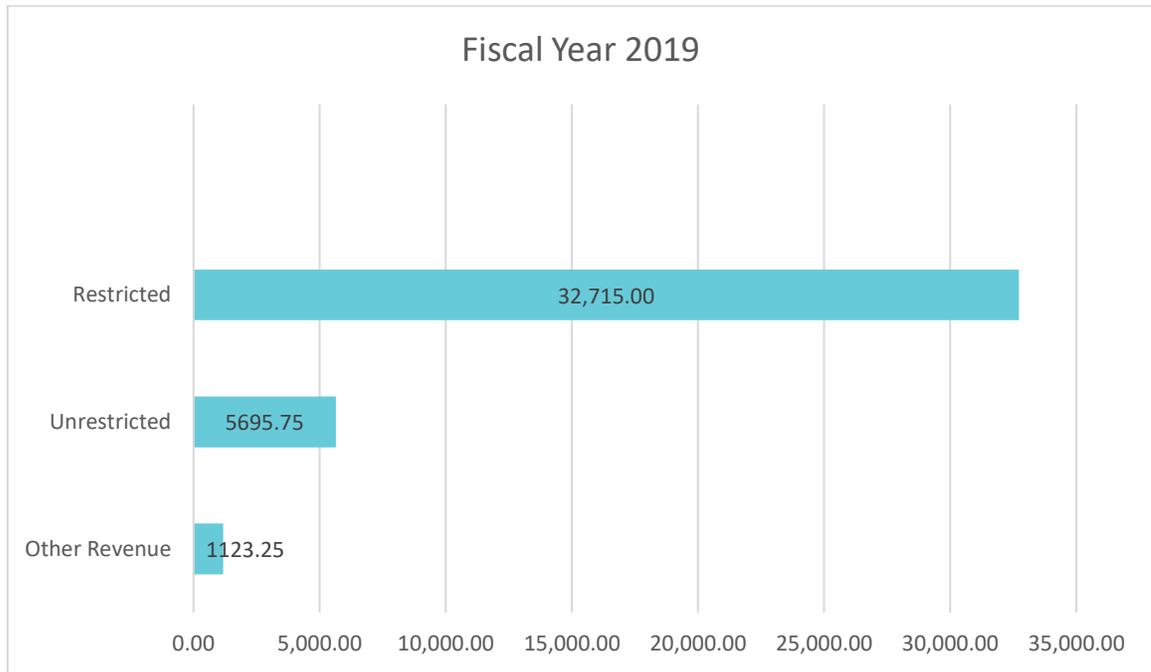
Emmanuel and Faloute Elien live in Bonnette and are the parents of two children that attend The Village School of the Future. Farens and his sister, Woodjerry, began attending the village school over five years ago and are both currently in the 5th grade.

Neither Farens or Woodjerry are recipients of the PEARLS of Wisdom educational grant, but the nutritious food, drinking water and household Filter of Hope they received, thanks to the financial support of PEARLS in Haiti donors, has significantly improved their lives. Although Emmanuel has a job as a driver and Faloute works as a vendor, hyperinflation and supply shortages, caused by ongoing political and economic strife, has made it even more difficult to provide for their family.



Emmanuel and Faloute have long been grateful for the quality of education their children are receiving right in their community at The Village School of the Future. To now have nutritious meals and clean water available has helped relieve the burden of keeping their children healthy and fed, while also freeing up wages for other pressing needs.

Fiscal Year at a Glance



Income Statement
For Year Ending December 31, 2019

Public Support

Contributions, Unrestricted	\$5,695.75
Contributions, Restricted	<u>\$32,715.00</u>
Total Public Support	\$38,410.75

Other Revenue

Net Merchandise Sales & Events	<u>\$1,123.25</u>
Total Public Support & Other	\$39,534.00

Expenses

Program Services	\$26,063.00
Supportive Services, Fundraising	\$477.48
Supportive Services, General & Admin	<u>\$1,291.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$27,831.48

Revenue in Excess of Expenses	<u><u>\$11,702.52</u></u>
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