

# IMPACT REPORT 2020



 Believe<sup>IN</sup>  
HAITI

# A MESSAGE FROM WHITNEY

## FOUNDER & CEO

2020 proved to be a challenge for the world, and it was no different for Believe in Haiti. While COVID did not have significant or drastic impacts in Haiti or St. Roch, it did limit our ability to physically connect with community members, many of whom still struggle daily to find food for their family or opportunities to work. Believe in Haiti was still able to meet these needs in the community through the feeding and school sponsorship programs, which were the genesis behind our organization and have been running strong for almost 10 years.

Through the recent difficulties, Believe in Haiti, was able to endure and still advance our programs. I am most proud of the growth of our sewing program. With the infusion of funds through a grant from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, we will be able to purchase 6 additional treadle sewing machines and greatly increase the number of participants we are able to include in our program. This program has become a model of sustainability, as recent sewing program graduates were able to provide school children with uniforms.

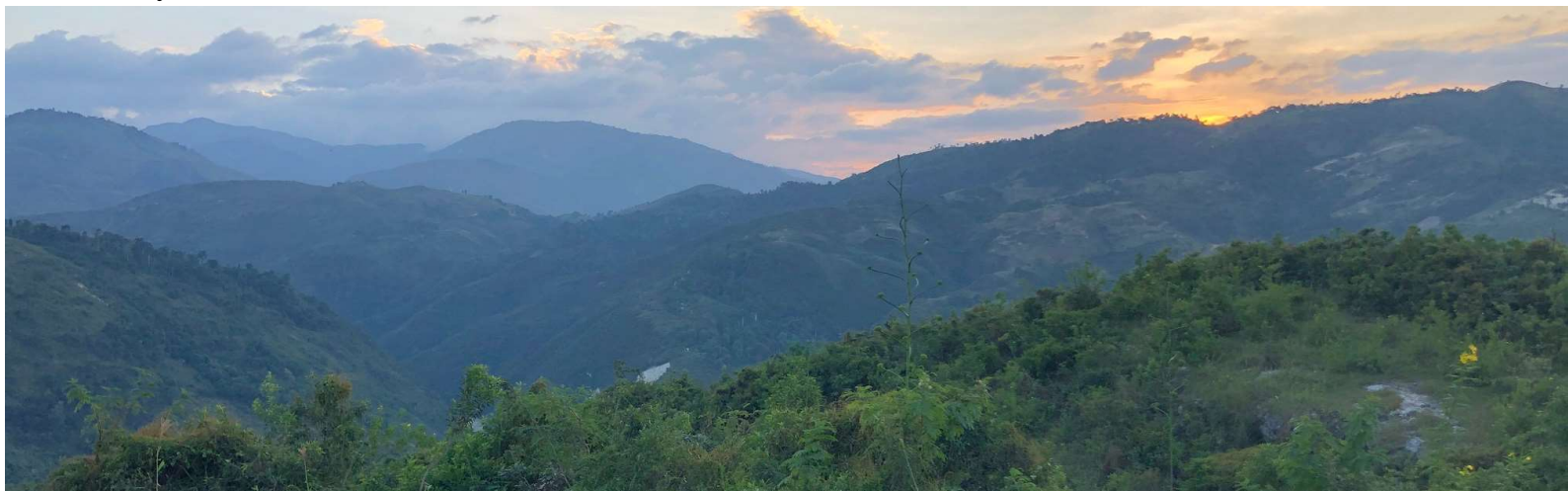
I am also ecstatic over the recent groundbreaking of the Hope Center, which has been a dream of mine for years. The Hope Center will be a community hub and serve as a training center for all of our programs. The Hope Center will also have a library/computer room and a large kitchen which will serve as a bakery in the future. The Hope Center will be complete in the spring of 2021 and I can't wait to share photos of the completed building with our partners and donors.

The farmland has been very productive over the last year, with healthy crops of cabbage, peppers, manioc, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, spinach, and corn. This produce has been used to supplement the feeding program, while any leftover produce was sold in the local market. The goat program was also started in 2020 and is progressing well, with a healthy herd and several pregnant nannies.

The biggest lesson we have learned during our time in Haiti, is that the people are abundantly resilient. Regardless of the hardships faced by the people of Haiti, they persevere. Their perseverance is an example of how Believe in Haiti can endure and provide the desired changes in the community. It is your collective support that makes all this change possible in Haiti. Please join us on our journey to strengthen the rising Haitian generation. I Believe in Haiti.



Whitney Henwood



# 2020 AT A GLANCE



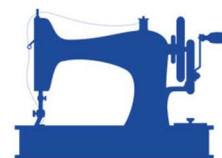
**273** Students Enrolled,  
**99** of which are new to  
the Program

Sewing Program continues  
with **14** students



English Program continues  
with **19** students

**6** Sewing Machines  
purchased through grant to  
expand sewing program



Construction started on  
**2,500** square foot  
Hope Center

**36,000** Meals Fed



**4** Trips Taken by Board  
Members Amidst COVID  
Pandemic

**2** Boer Goat Rams  
Purchased and Breeding  
Program Started



**3** New Contractors Hired

**1900** COVID masks  
sewn and distributed by  
sewing program students



# ABOUT BELIEVE IN HAITI

## MISSION

Devoted to keeping Haitian families together through love, education, and service, while empowering individuals to rise above their current poverty level.

## VISION

To build community relationships which will have lasting, generational change. It is important to measure and quantify our donor's impact, but we also never lose sight of the families and individuals we work with and their stories.

## CORE VALUES

These three core beliefs drive our commitment to serve the people we connect with in Haiti.

### GIVING HOPE

The devastation of the 2010 earthquake only amplified the destitution and poverty of the people. But Haiti is resilient. And we Believe in Haiti.

### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Families are essential to lifting Haiti out of poverty. Strengthening families will strengthen the rising generation and will impact the overall stability of the nation.

### BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Dealing with poverty, hunger, and malnutrition requires a strong community of not only facilities, but also of families, from across the world, working together to bring hope.





## SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

At Believe in Haiti, we believe that **Education** is the key to change. We currently support a total of **273** students at three schools. Believe in Haiti provides teachers and administration with **opportunities and resources** to improve their teaching skills. Additionally, we support **5** university students through a scholarship program. Students are only eligible to submit an application for the scholarship program after they have graduated from secondary school and passed the national exam.

A photograph of three young children sitting at a wooden table. The child in the foreground is a girl with pink bows in her hair, wearing a pink and white checkered shirt, looking down at a yellow bowl of food. Two other children, also in checkered shirts, are visible behind her. The image is semi-transparent, serving as a background for the text.

## FEEDING PROGRAM

Thanks to the support of [Feed My Starving Children](#) and [Lifeline Church](#) we have been able to continue our feeding program. During the school year, which was shortened due to COVID, we are able to feed over **600** children per day, three days per week, which totals **1800** meals per week!

During the summer months, we still offer food to those children who live close enough to make the trek. In total, we fed over **36,000** meals in 2020.

# SEWING PROGRAM



The Believe in Haiti Sewing Program has provided some of the young people of St. Rock with basic sewing skills. Students in the sewing program were able to **serve** their community by sewing face masks once the COVID outbreak started, which was significant in preventing community spread in St. Roch. Preparations were also made to significantly grow the sewing program thanks to a recent grant, which is focused on providing **employment** opportunities.



## ENGLISH PROGRAM

Believe in Haiti continues to provide a successful English program to residents of St. Roch. We recently hired two new English teachers, one of which will be teaching an advanced class. Many of our program participants have actively helped [translate](#) for board members during vision trips.

# AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

The Believe in Haiti Farm continues to be a training ground, where a variety of vegetables, cash crops, and trees have been planted. Many of these vegetables have been used in the feeding program. In addition, some of the additional vegetables have been sold in the local markets. A significant feature of the agricultural program in 2020 was the incorporation of a goat herd. Two Boer goat rams, a large and stout breed, were purchased to increase the genetic gain of the herd. The agricultural program is becoming more **sustainable** each year, while helping **enrich** the lives of community members.



# MEET THE TEAM

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Whitney Henwood, Founder & CEO  
Registered Nurse, Amazing Care Home Health

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Owner, Belkay Enterprises

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Assistant Coordinator, Better World Editions

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Erin Bretzing, Agriculture Program Coordinator

Marci Davison, School Program Coordinator

Brittney Gardiner, Feeding Program Coordinator

Erin Hale, English Program Coordinator

Chuck LaCouture, Medical Support

Karen LaCouture, Medical Support

Megan Layton, Newsletter

Crystal Porras, School Sponsorship Program Coordinator

Deb Rolph, Event Coordinator

Leah Rogers, Finance Manager

Michelle Standifird, School Sponsorship Program Coordinator

Jensen Sutta, Photographer

Susan Turek, Sewing Program Coordinator

## IN-COUNTRY CONTRACTORS

Dimitry Florestal, In-Country Director

Sobner Louis, St. Rock Liaison

Frantz Jean Baptiste, St. Rock Liaison

Jeanine Jn Pierre, Sewing Instructor

Dave St. Juste, English Instructor

James Albert, St. Rock Liaison

Gerald Lesprance, English Instructor

Guilande (DouDou) Dalce, Head Cook

Tiset Joseph, Cook

Patricia Julmis, Cook

Helene Dorisca, Cook

JnClaude Rinvilus, Cook

Frandy (Papouche) Mardi, Transport



Education Program to Prevent  
Spread of COVID-19 in St. Roch



Groundbreaking of 2500 square  
foot Hope Center



Number of Children of In-Country  
Contractors Impacted by Believe in  
Haiti Programs & Salaries



Feeding Program Cost Per Meal

# IMPACT STORIES

Dave, a participant in the school sponsorship program for several years, and a recent graduate of secondary school, was severely injured in a soccer game. A kick to his head broke his orbital bone, which began putting pressure on his eye. Local doctors and surgeons could do little to help relieve the pain or potential loss of his eye. Medical partners of Believe in Haiti became aware of Dave's situation and wanted to help. Dave was able to travel to Colorado and receive the care and surgery he needed, all with donated time, resources, and expertise. Dave was able to make a full recovery during his time in Colorado, while increasing his English and computer skills. These skills are now a benefit to Believe in Haiti, as Dave has returned to Haiti, and is working as an instructor for the English program. We believe this is the real impact of Believe in Haiti; providing unavailable services to people and empowering these people to make the positive changes they can in their own lives and their community.



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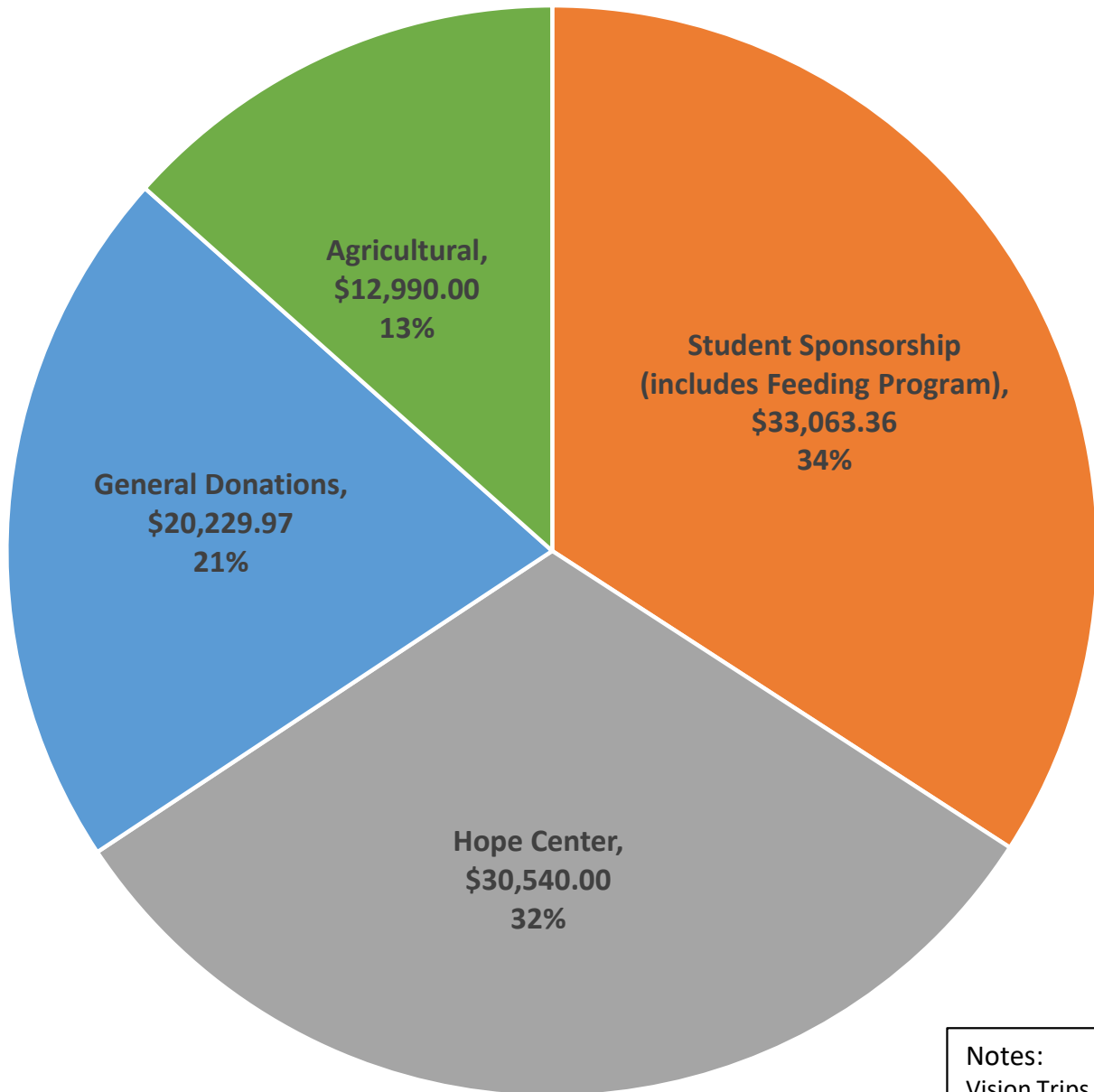
The programs of Believe in Haiti have been shown to have significant, compounding effects in the community of St. Roch. A great example of these effects is Souvinese, who is the daughter of our head cook. Souvinese and her family benefitted from the school sponsorship program, as she graduated from secondary school and passed her national exam. Believe in Haiti also helped support a portion of Souvinese's post-secondary education as a medical laboratory technician, while her mother's wages as a cook provided the balance of her tuition. The impacts of Believe in Haiti's programs can be generational, as Souvinese can now provide for a future family and help her siblings because of her training and education. Believe in Haiti is committed to helping children with their education, which increases their opportunities for successful careers.

# IMPACT STORIES

Jackson has been a part of the school sponsorship program since the inception of Believe in Haiti. Jackson always has a smile on his face and is quick to joke and play. Jackson's smile was dampened in December with sadness and mourning as his mother passed away during childbirth. The death left the family confused and desperately searching for help in caring for the baby. The family even considered giving the baby up to an orphanage, which is a frequent occurrence in similar situations in Haiti. Believe in Haiti staff were able to intervene and discuss the situation with the family. Through these discussions, Jackson's aunt agreed to take and care for the baby, after Believe in Haiti was able to provide some support. In this instance, Believe in Haiti was able to directly fulfill their mission to keep families together by providing assistance and comfort, while helping the family grieve over their loss, but also galvanize around a new brother and son.

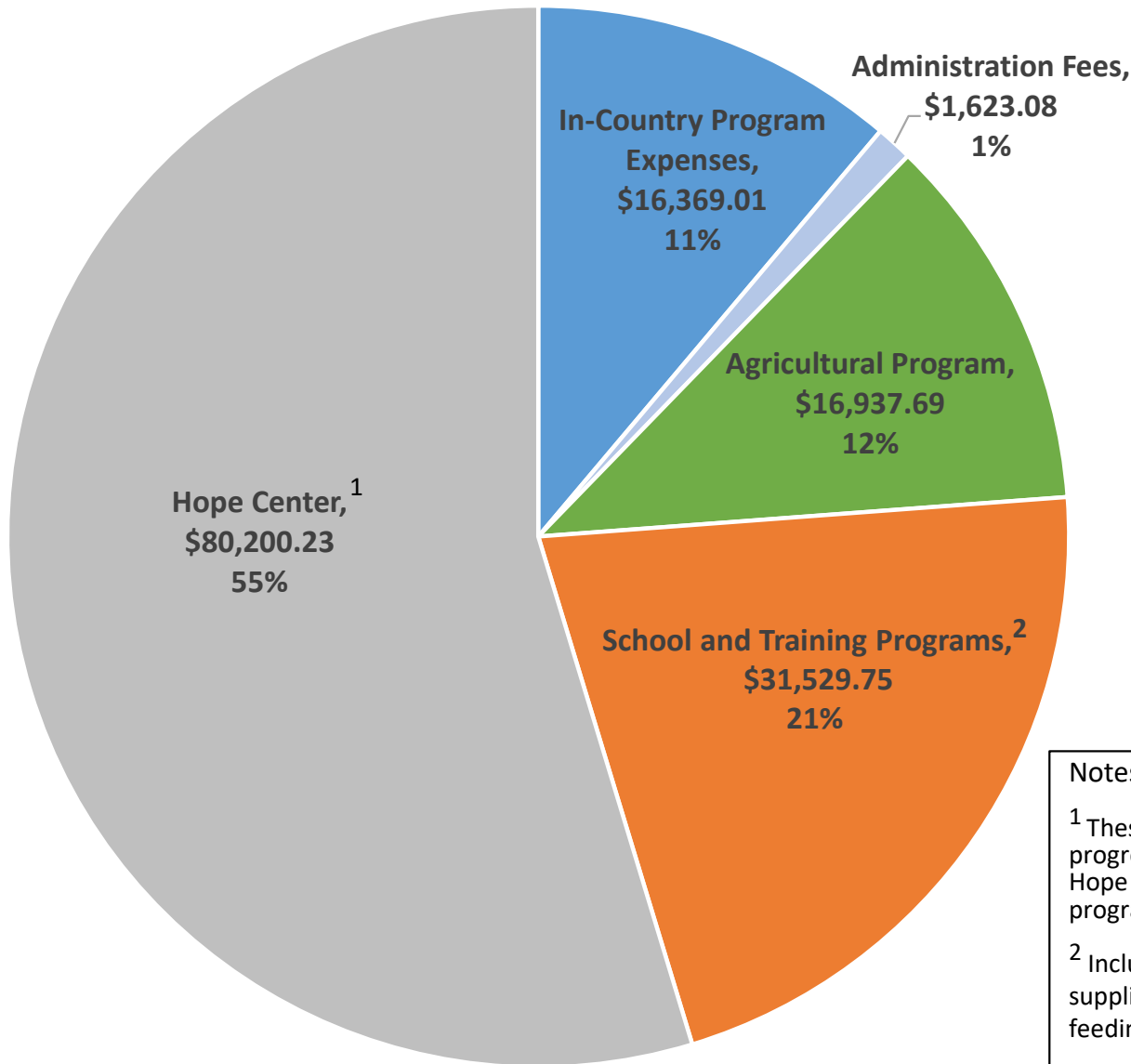


# DONATION SUMMARY



Notes:  
Vision Trips are not included, but are paid for by participants

# EXPENDITURE SUMMARY



## Notes:

<sup>1</sup> These construction progress payments for the Hope Center support all the programs of Believe in Haiti

<sup>2</sup> Includes tuition, books, supplies, uniforms, and feeding program

How we  
spent  
your  
donations

98.9%

**Programming –**  
Primary and  
Secondary School;  
Feeding Program;  
Sewing, English and  
Agricultural  
Training; In-country  
contractor wages

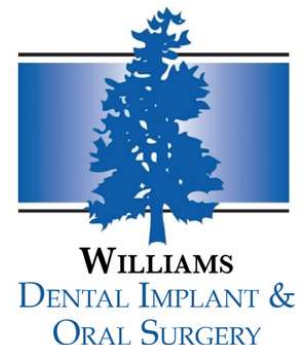
1.1%

**Administration –**  
Fundraising, Legal,  
No paid staff in the  
U.S.

# 2020 SPONSORS & PARTNERS



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