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From the president's desk

THE POWER OF UNITY: BECOME A MEMBER

The College Canado-Haitien & Frères du Sacré-Coeur Alumni Association, Inc. (CCH-FSCAA), as a (501)(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, provides substantial financial support to the Haitian students on the basis of need and excellence. Targeting the Education of the youth, the main axis of change and development, CCH-FSCAA vows to facilitate access to a solid academic and vocational formation towards readiness for University or professional demands of life.

To fulfill its quest, CCH-FSCAA relies on each one of you to become a member and sustain its endeavors with your continuous financial contribution. Since the recent earthquake of January 12, 2010 and its aftermaths, the hardship on the students and families has taken an enormous proportion, making your donation and membership more urgent than ever. By supporting CCH-FSCAA, you help open a door, build a bridge to higher grounds, rebuild damaged or destroyed structures, turn on a bright light on the future of the younger generation. The end result is a better world for them and for you. You help yourself by extending a hand to others. As we join forces in this mission through CCH-FSCAA, we also establish new contacts, rekindle friendships, and share our skills and resources. Together we can effect changes that benefit all of us.

The dedication and tireless work of executive and board members are purely voluntary, eliminating the burden of administrative costs. Each dollar given and received supports scholarships, programs or projects. CCH-FSCAA needs your support.

Become a member. Bring your ideas and suggestions to the table. Spend some times in the implementation of the projects. Donate money. .Donate money. Donate money. The reward is priceless.

Karl Dormésy
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LECTURE: **HOW TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN THE ENHANCEMENT
OF THE HAITIAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**

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YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUIRED - ADMISSION: FREE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010 - OVERVIEW

By Jean-Claude Bailey

It is this time of the year, once again, when CCH-FSCAA hosts its General Assembly gathering. To be precise, this year 2010 marks its seventh occurrence. This event is traditionally held sometime in the fourth quarter of the year and the exact time is usually announced via email, regular mail, our website, by telephone and word of mouth.

Why is it so important to hold such a meeting on a yearly basis?

First and foremost, it is a mandatory action, given the fact that the association is incorporated and is registered with the Treasury Department (IRS), as a 501 © (3) non-profit organization. In fact, on July 2004, the association, based upon established structures, became officially a legal

entity functioning according to the internal rules of the Constitutional Chart and the New York State laws relating to such associations.

Secondly, it rallies all supporting members, their families and friends in a semi-formal and fun atmosphere to inform them about the state of the association in general. Its purpose includes sharing the current activities and the upcoming agenda. Further, this is a good opportunity for the assistance to comment, offer their suggestions and even let loose some constructive criticisms. All of the above have proven to be necessary components contributing to the progress of all forward thinking organizations. In sum, the members are apprised as to how their contributions have been allocated to the benefit of CCH-FSCAA's target beneficiaries: the students.

What we expect to draw from this year's gathering is the solidification and expansion of our membership base. We want to enhance credibility to our cause and, of course, inspire new members to join us. We invite you to share your resources, skills and expertise with us for the benefit of the students in Haiti. The sequence of events following the tragedy of January 12, 2010 makes the urgency even more propelling. The most important thing is the fact the beneficiaries know that other people relate to them and are actually very concerned about them for the long term.

We are already happy and honored because you will attend our General Assembly on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at Brasserie Creole, from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

OUR HUMAN RESOURCES BANK

By Anthony Cherubin

The CCH-FSCAA, which is the alumni association for all the Brothers of Sacred Heart schools in Haiti, since 2004, provides scholarships to the students. By doing so, the association intends to influence four (4) entities of the Haitian society: the students, the parents, the schools and the motherland itself. Without neglecting the classical section, the association strategizes its donations to better support the vocational and technical sectors.

As a result of this approach, the students who already made the choice of vocational or technical studies can alleviate their financial difficulties. In addition, this will facilitate access to the job market. But if the employment rate stays low the way it is in Haiti at the moment, this may discourage students from engaging themselves in this path and amplify the prejudice that has been developing for years at the detriment of vocational training.

The CCH-FSCAA, wants to be a part of the solution. With the participation of alumni entrepreneurs and other professionals the association institutes a bank of Human Resources whose purposes are to create jobs and encourage entrepreneurship among the graduates of the Brothers of Sacred Heart Schools in Haiti. This model may be duplicated by other alumni associations and create step by step a better future for the Haitian youth.

The Human Resources bank will be implemented at two different avenues: in Haiti and abroad with

two different objectives.

The overseas Human Resources Bank represents a counseling committee helping students from Haiti or living abroad get access to Universities, be informed about immigration procedures, benefit from any program available to them and so on. The committee is comprised of professionals from different backgrounds reuniting a vast amount of experience.

The role of this committee is to help students make proper decisions that will lead towards achieving their goals. The committee may include parents, other students, professionals and all people willing to help direct aspiring college students in their decision making process.

The CCH-FSCAA is sending letters out to invite all to participate, however for those the association was not able to reach, they also are encouraged to be members of the bank. Individuals of the educational and vocational sector, parents with experience with their own kids and professionals working in any field of endeavors, please contact the CCH-FSCAA to offer your service.

The Human resources in Haiti will play the same role with an emphasis in creating opportunities for jobs and small businesses.

Presently, there are two schools in the network providing vocational and technical training: the Canado Technical School in Port-au-Prince and the

Sacred-Heart school in Les Cayes, Haiti. The Canado Technical School has a long practice of working with the Haitian entrepreneurs to get materials for practice sessions, internships, exams supervision, enhancement of curricula and even funding. The goal of this bank is to bring to the plate some new entrepreneurs who may have benefited from the Brothers of Sacred Heart education.

The informal sector is already a big player in the field which means that one cannot ignore it in any project involving small business development in Haiti. The spirit of entrepreneurship is vivacious in the motherland, but the CCH-FSCAA wants to take it a step further. This consists of teaching people success principles to develop prosperous companies, to be aware of the benefit of a corporation versus a sole proprietorship structure, to acquire the know-how to deal with organizations providing small business loans and so on.

Of course, all these do not come without challenges. The entire process may require the addition of entrepreneurship and leadership courses in the curricula, the establishment of proper relationships with financial institutions in the country and most of all the willingness of the major players to work as a team to make it happen. All in all, the most important thing is to start the process, meet with all the players and correct the mistakes along the way. Any graduate who has succeeded in this process will represent an enormous victory for the country.

NEWS - NOUVELLES

LE PROJET "LA CONSIGNE"

M. Marc-Eddy Bellabe, ancien professeur de français au Collège Canado-Haïtien, ami et supporteur de l'association des anciens des écoles des frères du Sacré-Coeur en Haïti, est retourné dans sa ville natale pour concrétiser l'un de ses rêves les plus chers.

En effet, Professeur Bellabe a ouvert le "Centre d'Education et de Formation Louis Bellabe" nommé après son regretté père. Cette institution est localisée à Chantal, une ville de l'arrondissement des Cayes dans le Sud d'Haïti.

La promotion 71-78 du Collège Canado-Haïtien travaille ardemment dans la collecte de fonds pour aider l'implémentation de cette institution. Elle a déjà désigné des responsables tant en Haïti et qu'aux Etats-Unis à cet effet et la réponse des memdres est réellement positive.

Cependant, la charmante ville de Chantal, le Centre d'Education et de Formation Louis Bellabe ont besoin du soutien de tout le monde. Envoyez un courriel à Lionel Coriolan à lcoriolan@etinstitute.com pour savoir comment vous pouvez y participer.

Your money at work

2010 - 2011 Scholarships

By Jean-Mary Desrosiers

In its continuing effort to promote education in the schools managed by the Brothers of Sacred Heart in Haïti, the CCH-FSCAA, Inc. will send in the beginning of October a check to Brother Jacques Anthony Germeil, principal of the Canado-Haïtien Secondary School and another check to Brother Isaac Valmeus, Principal of the Canado Technical School (Center of Vocational Training of Haïti).

Since its creation in 2004, the CCH-FSCAA has allocated thousands of dollars as scholarships on the basis of needs and excellence. This year, thanks to your generous contribution and help, the students will benefit once again from our financial support : \$7,000.00 will be sent to Haïti for the 2010 / 2011 academic year.

The CCH-FSCAA is proud to accomplish its humanistic and generous mission. It wholeheartedly thanks its members and friends for their continuous help and support and hopes that it can count on them in the future as well.

P.S. : The CCH-FSCAA congratulates and thanks the class of 1978 for its contribution, in the amount of \$1,126.00, toward the rebuilding of the Canado-Haïtien College and the St John the Evangelist school.

Urgent Need for Funding to Reconstruct Schools in Haïti

By Gerald Jean

During the years following the 70s and 80s, there has been an outcry claiming that the educational system in Haïti being in a state of inadequacy. With the level of illiteracy rising through the roof and the declining numbers of qualified educators, the problem seemed insurmountable. To add insult to injury, a devastating earthquake occurred on January 12, 2010. With an unprecedented destructive force, not only did it destroy hundreds of thousands of human lives, but also it flattened the public edifices. Today, we are facing the daunting task of rebuilding from scratch. This is where you and I step in.

We all know the value of a good, quality education. This starts right from the foundation. For decades, since 1943 to be precise, The Brothers of Sacred Heart have contributed enormously to provide the numerous less fortunate youth of Haïti with the basic education - beginning with the primary studies. While staying true to its origin, with the first two schools in Miragoane and Les Cayes, they branched out to many provinces throughout the country. Noticeably in Port-au-Prince were established: Impasse Laveau with Le Normalien, Saint Jean The Evangelist, Pope Jean XXIII and in the neighboring town of Mariani, Le Juvenat. The schools grew tremendously and with a greater demand for higher education, the formation of secondary studies became necessary. As the demographics changed, so did the need for higher learning, not only in the classical sense but also in the technical sense. Thus, the advent of the Canado-Haïtian College designed for both academic and technical studies in order to provide that quality education so desperately needed in both areas. The ultimate goal is to be

at the forefront in forming a new generation of individuals ready to serve the country at a higher professional standard.

As a consequence of the January 12 earthquake, two schools from the network were destroyed: the Saint Jean The Evangelist School and the Canado-Haïtian College Secondary School. Both were leveled to the ground, leaving thousands of students with nothing but a tent in which to get their education. Whitney Houston portrayed it very well in her song Children Are Our Future: "I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way." It is now our time to be counted in the reconstruction of the country by helping to raise funds to rebuild the schools. We cannot leave everything to the government. We, the people, are the government.

Our Association vowed to assist in the reconstruction. Therefore, our goal is to raise US \$500,000.00. This is where we need your help. We can make a difference in the lives of our Haïtian children that have been desperately in need to be educated as we, you, and I, have been in the past. We know times are tough, but they are a lot tougher than you can imagine in Port-au-Prince. Your valuable contribution of \$100.00 or more will definitely make a huge difference in the future of our country. Now is not the time for us to sit on the side line. Now is the time for us to make history. We are the beacon of hope for the next generation. We can complain about the way it is or we can start working on layering the initial bricks to the foundation that will positively shape the future. Lets us, together, make it happen. Please donate with all your heart.

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