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It is doubtful that \$41,000 a month could support a Medical Center, Brace Shop, and School for 200 children with disabilities in the United States. But, Père Duveaux stretches every dollar to the max, and the result is a safe campus, students passing their national exams, families fed, and children treated for birth defects, broken limbs, and trauma. Your gifts do this. You make the difference.

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Thank you for your generosity and support!



SVC Makes Some Upgrades

The St. Vincent's operating budget (\$550,000 in 2026) covers the basics: salaries for 110 employees, daily food for 300 (100,000 meals a year!) and security. Obviously, there are many other needs, and guided by Père Duveaux's strategic planning, the CMMH Board seeks additional support. This support is often in the range of \$100,000 annually, and we are blessed with regular donations from the Episcopal Dioceses of Connecticut, New Hampshire, North Dakota and West Tennessee, several parishes, and you, our generous readers/donors.

These capital improvements are guided by several criteria: how they benefit faculty, students, and the

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Medical Clinic; are the materials available in-country; do we have all the necessary funds in-hand before we begin the project; and, finally, can the work fly under the radar locally so as not to attract unwanted attention?

Despite these constraints, St. Vincent’s has managed to make some significant upgrades in the past year. By U.S. standards, they may seem small, but progress in Haiti is measured in small increments, and all of the recent improvements are aligned with St. Vincent’s long-term resilience.

- There is now a roof on the Music and Art Building. In Haiti, St. Vincent’s is known for its music. Because we are a school for children with physical disabilities, our buildings are clustered close together. We are also conserving space on our 8.6 acres for increased future boarding capacity, playing areas, and vegetable gardens. The Music and Art Room was constructed as an add-on to the Brace Shop when that was built to replace the space at the downtown Medical Clinic, destroyed by gangs in 2024, but it lacked a roof. Now, it has one! And St. Vincent’s can honestly claim that there is a Music Department.
- Renovation at the back of the Administration/Residence Building has created three small bedrooms and a bath. These new rooms will accommodate staff who heretofore have had to sleep on the library floor during weeknights when it has been unsafe for them to return home. Albeit small, the rooms will have bunk beds to make best use of the space. Cross ventilation provided by barred windows will keep them comfortable.
- As St. Vincent’s creates the long-term strategy for remote learning, we have purchased a server and six laptops. Before we can work with students remotely, we need to train all of our faculty, and we need to have the appropriate equipment. This is a beginning!
- Over the course of this summer, we will expand our open-air chapel. Adjacent to the school entrance and newly-constructed guard house (which has a lavatory), the chapel serves as a waiting area for the parents who walk their children to school and stay for the day. Here, they are safe, protected from sun and rain, and can join in the mid-day meal. But, the space isn’t big enough to accommodate all of them! The enlargement, which is timed to be ready for the opening of school, will also mean that, for the first time, St. Vincent’s can hold all-school meetings.
- There will be an off-site “Envisioning the Future” meeting with the faculty and outside facilitators in July. This is an opportunity to listen to, and address, the concerns of the teachers, to strengthen the curriculum, and to better equip our students for productive lives.



St. Vincent’s Will Host a Summer Music Camp

Known for the only bell choir in the country, St. Vincent’s also offers instruction in piano, guitar, violin, and viola. Flutes are coming! There are six music teachers, most of whom are part-time. Simeon, now in his 80s, will come out of retirement this summer to lead a two-week intensive Music Camp on the campus. Reginald, who teaches typing during the academic year, will assist with the bell choir. And those new small bunk-bedded rooms at the back of the Administration Building will help to accommodate boarders who want to enhance their musical skills.

SVC Observes National Holidays

Teacher Appreciation Day is May 17th, and Flag Day is May 18th. Both are national holidays in Haiti. And both are eagerly anticipated as students and their families celebrate country, teachers and teachers’ assistants - some 62 of them. Games, singing, dancing, individual instrumental recitals, art exhibits, speeches, and festive meals replace classes for two joyous days.

