



Hands Helping Haiti
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ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

Hands Helping Haiti is a faith-based organization that is working alongside our Haitian sisters and brothers through self-help programs intended to empower families and break the cycle of poverty through education, better health, clean water and sanitation. Hands Helping Haiti is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, incorporated in the State of Illinois, Federal Tax ID # 46-0609237.

The 2019-2020 year has been challenging. During the First Quarter of 2019 the political unrest in Haiti grew. In addition to the violence, the economic conditions worsened. Our US teams were not able to visit due to security issues. Then, coronavirus hit the world. This has caused the same difficulties in Haiti as it has in the US. At this time, it does not appear that our US teams will not be able to visit until 2021.

Our self-help programs, the school and water project, have been able to continue during this time. We believe that the continued success of these programs without our physical presence, shows the value of a self-help philosophy and evidence of the Haitian leadership essential for real transformation.

In addition to providing much needed education and clean water, the projects provide much needed jobs for the suffering economy. The two programs create more than 30 full-time jobs and support those families. Unfortunately, the medical program was unable to offer any medical clinics since it relies on US professionals.

The School Program assists the Modern School of Savanette by providing classrooms, a lunch program and subsidized tuition. During the past school year, the school had approximately 250 students in eleven grades - two preschool grades, a kindergarten and first through eighth grades. Approximately thirty people are employed as teachers, teacher aids, a cook, janitor, security and administrator. The school is operated as a Haitian organization that is self-supporting, except for HHH providing the classroom buildings, lunch program and reduced tuition. All Haitian schools were shut down for approximately four months due to coronavirus. They will be beginning the new school year in October. We are currently building one more classroom so that the students can graduate 9th grade, which is the major Haitian milestone needed before entry into high school.

The Water Program produces and installs biosand water filters in homes. We are the only production facility in the Sud-Est Department and network with other NGO's to expand our reach. During the year we installed 314 filters in the Lavaneau, LaMontagne, Peredo and Cap Rouge areas. When the Covid-19 crisis hit, our staff provided hand-outs and raised awareness on handwashing. The total number of people reached with filters and hygiene education was approximately 3,100 people. The water project employs 8 people, including technicians, a carpenter and a driver.

We have two websites – www.handshelpinghaiti.com and www.haitiwaterproject.org. Both websites have more detailed information, photographs and links. You may also email hhwaterproject@gmail.com with questions and comments.

A summary on our financials for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 follows.



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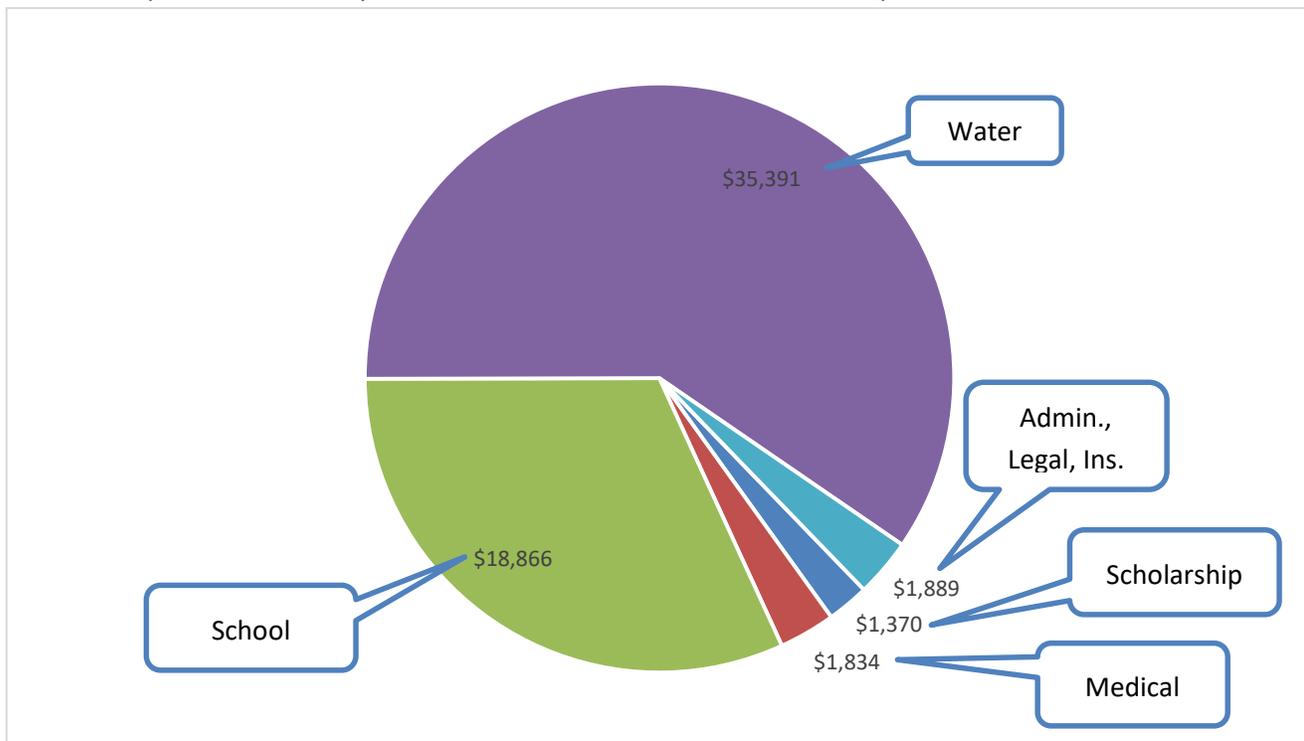
Financial Summary
Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

INCOME

Our income during the year was \$73,299. Income includes donations from individuals, families, businesses, churches, religious communities, and fundraisers. Fundraisers were the annual spaghetti supper, trivia night, filter campaign and jams/jelly sales. Contributions were designated by the contributors for general support and medical, 12%; school, 28%; and water, 66%.

EXPENDITURES

Our total expenditure for the year was \$59,350. A breakdown of these expenses follows:



Ninety seven percent of our expenditures were spent in Haiti for the operations of the three focus areas, medical, education and water. Approximately three percent was spent for legal, insurance, postage, and fundraising activities.

Travel to Haiti by US team members is funded entirely by the travel team members.

If you have any questions on our self-help programs or how to get involved, please check out our websites or send an email. A copy of our IRS 990 for 2019 may be downloaded from our Accountability page of www.haitiwaterproject.org.