

MCA d'Haiti

A NEW START FOR THE YOUTH

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Editorial

Dear friends and partners,

November is the partners meeting month. This virtual gathering gave us all an occasion to meet, share and plan for the coming year. It reminds us that our journey is a 20 plus year one! Before this crisis, we used to meet twice a year in person, one partner visit in Haiti and one meeting in North America where progress, budget and report are discussed.

On another note, Stephane Vaillancourt, Quebec YMCA CEO and President, the most senior YMCA d’Haïti partner is retiring. Stephane has been more than supportive for the last 22 years. He has voluntarily took a vaccine against “Haiti fatigue”! We will be forever grateful and in thinking him for his service, we dedicate this edition of the journal to him and wish him the best retirement ever.

This partners meeting was a very good one and thanks to the extraordinary effort of Ernest Lamour, Greater Rochester CEO, we met new faces this year. Ernie is so dedicated to the cause of getting the Haiti coalition stronger that he never lost an occasion to invite his colleagues over. Welcome Charlie from Greater Boston YMCA, David from Old Colony and Bertram from Greater Brandy Wine.

We are also thankful that World Service has decided to keep supporting at the same level: Nico, Tom, Mary and the others who renew their support. We want to thank Tom Wells for his contribution to remake the YMCA of Caracol

porsche that collapsed and Jean Scutt who donates laptop computers for the national office.



Alayna, our new national director who conclude this month her first year at the position, had the opportunity to speak with our friends and partners of the YMCA d’Haïti to introduce herself and share the desire and motivation to give back to the YMCA and the communities.

Against all odds, our YMCA is not giving up.

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Programs & Activities

The programs and activities are going well in our CCYs, we continue to work for the well-being of the communities we serve. Our strategy of regaining lost spaces in a safely manner for the staff and volunteers is bearing fruit, while the repairs in the Caracol CCY infrastructure continues.

At Bainet, the football training are always on. In addition to the Afterschool program which is every day, films projecting, sports and recreational games are the favorite pastimes. Every Thursday, good manners training organized by the coordinator for the little ones continues.



At Laboule, sport, painting and sociocultural games continue to make the youngsters blossomed in the community. A class of English as second language has started once a week now. The adult literacy class shares the space with the youngsters of the Afterschool program.



In Camp-Perrin, the parents are happy to go to their occupations knowing that the Afterschool program has fully restarted and their youth are now receiving good tutoring for the December period exams. 50 children and youth are actively participating in the Saturday club.



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