

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT



*To whom much is
given, much is
expected!!*

Update from Haiti

After an incredibly tumultuous start to the 2021-2022 school year, things settled down to the degree that students were able to attend school on a fairly regular basis. The concerns around the travel within the city of Port-au-Prince remained throughout the school year and continue to be problematic for student safety while going to and from school. This concern led to the procuring of cell phones for students earlier in their secondary school career so that communication and the transferring of travel funds to individual students was safer for both the students and our volunteers. Covid continues to be problematic, but the sky rocketing inflation has really created an unimaginable strain for the families of our students. Final exams for students not graduating were held early to avoid the anticipated disruption on the occasion of the anniversary of the assassination of the former president.

The introduction of a lunch program for the students was a key component to ensuring that the physical health of each student was being considered as essential to success academically. In some cases, it was the only meal of the day for the students. The additional academic support and individual tutoring at the school for the students has been second to none and has certainly resulted in much better academic results.

We continue to be very grateful to the school for the care and support that they give to each student. Additionally, we are so thankful to the volunteers in Haiti who go out of their way to ensure the health and safety of our students. Lastly, we would be remiss to not thank those who have donated and continue to donate to allow student who would have no academic opportunities and a limited future, a chance at moving themselves and their families forward. Thank you to everyone!!!

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Meet Our Graduating Students!

This year there are 3 graduating students. Each of these students has worked very hard to achieve their goals. They have overcome many obstacles including incredible violence, Covid 19, a lack of food and exponentially raising prices for everything in Haiti. We are very proud of these young people and look forward to watching as they continue their journey.

Miterline

Miterline started with us when she was in grade 10 after she was in danger of not being able to continue due to financial concerns. She needed to live with her aunt as her parents were unable to support her. She is looking at going to law school after university so that she can support her family.

*“When you know better
you do better.”*

– Maya Angelou



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“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

– W.B. Yeats



Rachelle

Due to financial concerns Rachelle was unable to start secondary school with her peers. Her father died when she was quite young and, with seven brothers and sisters, there wasn't any money to support her. She is looking at going to university if she can get a scholarship or support so that she can become a nurse.

Wells

Wells was a late arrival to our program as he came to us a result of the earthquake of 2021 which made him unable to attend his school due to significant financial concerns. He completed grade 12 this year and has obtained a partial scholarship to university where he will study in a pre-med program.



Congratulations to all our students for a successful school year but especially to our graduates who are moving on in their education!

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How Can You Help?

Each year many individuals look for worthy not-for-profits or charities to donate money to but they want to be reassured that donations will go directly to the stated cause. Children of the Light (.ca) mandates that every single cent donated goes directly to supporting the needs of the students' education. So, if you want to help with tuition, or with daily expenses, or with educational resources, just indicate where you would like your money directed and we will ensure that it goes there!

Make a difference in the life of a young student by donating to today's generation to provide for tomorrow's generation!!

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

– Nelson Mandela

Information about Children of the Light

Who are we?

We are an international Not-for-Profit organization for the support of children currently with a focus on education in Haiti.

Mandate

The mandate of Children of the Light (.ca) is to support, develop or promote education and training programs for youth in developing communities and to relieve poverty within these communities by providing children and their community with the fundamental basic needs of food, education and health supplies.

Vision

Our goal at Children of the Light (COTL.ca) is to support students through their high school career, one student at a time. Students are selected because of their passion, commitment and likelihood of success. As a small organization we deal directly with the schools to ensure that every cent donated to Children of the Light goes to support the students.

Financial Accountability

As in all organizations that accept support from the public, Children of the Light guarantees that all donations to support the education of young people in Haiti goes directly to support their education. All workers and support persons at COTL volunteer their time and expertise, including paying all of their own expenses. In this way, one hundred percent of the money that is donated for the students goes directly to support their educational needs.

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