



HHBS News Update

Note from founders

Welcome to Helping Hands Bring Sunshine (HHBS) first newsletter. We would like to thank each and everyone of you for your interest and support.

For those of you who already know about HHBS, we hope that this newsletter will serve as a great communication tool to inform you of all HHBS current and future activities.

For those of you

who are just getting to know HHBS, WELCOME and THANK YOU for your devoted interest.

HHBS is a not for profit organization which was incorporated in February 2009, currently a 501 C (3) candidate, designed to assist the Haitian communities in need by providing immediate and long term relief.

We are dedicated to improve the daily lives of Haitian in need by

providing immediate assistance, implementing health awareness programs, and partnering with like minded organizations/ individuals in community development.

This new year shall bring new and exciting new projects for HHBS.

We look forward for your continuous support for the betterment of Haiti.

With appreciation,

Fran Juste & Sonia Duchatellier

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Upcoming Events:

- HHBS joins efforts with CINA, CHF international and other reputable US organizations to build school in Cabaret, Haiti. Project to begin in Jan 2010
- HHBS 3rd distribution in Cabaret, Haiti March 2009
- HHBS 2nd Annual Fundraiser in New York City. More information to come at a later date

Accomplishments...

So far, HHBS has participated in 2 distributions in Cabaret, Haiti (February and July 2009). We are currently planning for another distribution scheduled for early March 2010. We would like to thank all of you who donated clothes, food, toiletries for the men, women and children of Cabaret. We could not have done without you. We distributed over 200 kits to the people in need of Cabaret. A kit consists of food,

clothes, shoes and toiletries. The people of Cabaret, especially the children, were extremely grateful and appreciative.



Sonia and Fran during distribution at Cabaret Haiti, July 26th 2009

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN MAKING OUR THIRD DISTRIBUTION A SUCCESS!!!

Past Events...

HHBS first annual fundraiser event was held at the Woolworth Tower Kitchen on June 27th 2009. Over 200 guests attended and supported our cause. The theme for the evening was: "Change and Renewed Hope to Haiti". Many Haitian-American artists participated, including Marcel Wah, Richard Laurent aka "Earthman Experience", Opera singer Ms Audrey Dubois.

Buyu Ambroise Band and DJ Hard Hittin Harry treated our ears with some wonderful music while guests were escorted to the silent auction room to bid on some wonderful prizes. Many of our guests also won some wonderful prizes including RHUM bar-bancourt, wine baskets, jewelry and much more.

The theme for the evening was : " CHANGE AND RENEWED HOPE TO HAITI "

Funds collected was used for shipment of barrels from USA to Haiti , transportation cost from Port Au Prince to Cabaret and cost associated with related to distribution activities in Cabaret on July 26th 2009.

Current Events...

We are currently seeking funds to ship 20 barrels for our March 2010 distribution. We need your help! We can't do it alone. If you would like to donate or know anyone who would like to donate, please visit our website @ www.helpinghandsbringsunshine.org, click on 'donate' button to donate by credit card. Or if you prefer to

mail a check, send it to PO BOX 1267 NY, NY 10150. Make the check payable to HHBS.

We have also started raising funds for the school project collaboration. We have pledge to raise \$15,000 and we know with your help we will be able to meet our goal. As the project develops we will keep you inform through

our newsletter, website, and events.

"Together we can bring Haiti to a level of independence"

In the News...

HHBS President and Vice President were interviewed for the documentary *Repiblik* (Haitian Creole for "republic"). *Repiblik* is a social entrepreneurship film project serving as a forum for the voices of the Haitian republic and documenting a growing movement of Haitians (at home and abroad) determined to *do something* - to collaborate with like-minded individuals in producing positive and legitimate change in their homeland. *Repiblik* tells the story of Haiti's past, present and future through a mélange of portraits of the Haitian people, while focusing on four individuals representing a cross-generational look at the efforts of Haitians and Haitian-Americans actively working to

renovate their homeland. *Repiblik's* end goal is to strike a match in a nation's dialogue, and affect the course of Haiti's future. . When asked why did the *Repiblik* team decided to interview HHBS founders for their documentary, the following statement was said, "The producers believed the founders of *Helping Hands Bring Sunshine* embodied the model and vision of *Ayisyen lòt bò dlo*, who despite having minimal resources, are giving back to their native communities in Haiti through active effort, collaboration and hope, challenging the general pessimism in the Haitian and Haitian-American community.

Furthermore, we believed your refreshing and positive outlook towards the possibility of

a new Haiti in the 21st century

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captured the sentiments of countless Haitians worldwide, who although having adopted foreign homelands, still hold Haiti as *lakay*"

Yaz Marseille

Executive Producer, Repiblik

What's coming...

Our next phase is to partner with CINA, CHF International and other reputable organizations in Haiti, to build a school for over 100 students in Cabaret. HHBS will be responsible for providing classroom furniture for the newly

constructed building. This project is scheduled to begin early next year. We are very committed and dedicated to bring change and renewed hope to Haiti; however we can NOT do it alone. We need every bit of help we can get.





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"Helping Hands Bring Sunshine has such a simple and basic agenda and that is to help the people of Haiti. The passion that brought this group together is infectious and is what lead me to help in the efforts. They are truly trying to make a difference in such a personal way. Its nice to a know a little effort can still go a long way." ...Alison Sheasley, Member

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HHBS team...

Team USA:

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Sonia Duchatellier, Vice President
Mary Ellen Bager, Treasurer
Alison Sheasley, Member
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