

EDUCATION

Quality education is hard to come by in Haiti. There is no governmental assistance, a shortage of qualified teachers, no standardized curriculum, limited educational supplies, and fewer schools because of the earthquake. Children face a language barrier as school is taught in French rather than the local language, Creole. Many parents can not afford tuition and only 67% of students are enrolled in primary school. Less than 30% of those students reach 6th grade and only 20% of eligible age children attend secondary school. It is not surprising, then, that the Haitian literacy rate is only 53% as opposed to the average 90% literacy rate for other Latin American and Caribbean countries.



“Education means the world for our children. Before living here, most of them had never once been to school. Without school, there is no future. Especially in a country like Haiti, education can make the difference between poverty and a stable life. The children realize this, so to them education means life! You working for our kids to have education is actually working for them to have LIFE.”

Gabriel Fedelus, Founder & Father

HAITI



Haiti, established in 1804, was the first independent republic in Latin America and first black led country in the world. Haiti's history has been plagued by governmental instability marked by changing rulers who irresponsibly abused power, plundered the natural resources, and left the majority of Haitians living in poverty. In 2010, Haiti experienced a 7.0 magnitude earthquake which resulted in hundreds of thousands of deaths and devastated the country's infrastructure. Poverty increased as the earthquake caused the loss of homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses. This left people without jobs and 60% of Haitians are currently living on \$2 a day. Many children were orphaned or abandoned. Without access to education and a stable home life, these children will not rise out of poverty nor change the future for Haiti.

Imagine becoming a Difference Maker who will create a new future for the children of Love Orphanage.

BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER PROGRAM



**Creatively Enhancing Education
at Love Orphanage in Haiti**



**Girl Scout Gold Award
Sam Milano**

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CHANGING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

“I believe a loving home and a good education are the ways these children can rise out of poverty and transform their lives”



Sam Milano - Be a Difference Maker Program Creator



Girl Scout Silver & Gold Awards

As a Difference Maker Ambassador, I am committed to helping children access a well-rounded, creative, sustainable learning experience. I believe this is the way the LO children can rise out of poverty and avoid the risk of domestic abuse, illiteracy, and unemployment leading to substandard living in Haiti.

Upon completion of my Silver Award and a successful Be a Difference Maker Program, 17 children attended 2 years of private school, passed annual exams, and enjoyed in-home supplementary education. I was surprised to learn that sending children to school with tutoring was “necessary but not sufficient” to meet the goal of using education to rise out of poverty. Therefore, my Gold Award project will expand the Be a Difference Maker Program so to creatively enhance their education.

BUILD A CLASSROOM / LIBRARY

As part of my Gold Award, I am working on creating an enriching, in-home learning environment where the children can study and prosper. My goal is to provide them with a classroom library where they can receive tutoring, do homework, and have art, music and yoga classes. I am organizing a book drive to collect French books, educational materials, learning games and art supplies. These supplies will be delivered directly to LO in June.



Raising Awareness

Build Classroom / Library

CULTURE CAMP AT LOVE ORPHANAGE

I am going to Haiti in June, 2016, for the first Love Orphanage Culture Camp experience! I will be a Team Leader for the children’s creative learning experiences, including my “Bringing the World to Haiti.” A group of volunteers and I will be learning side by side with the children. We will make friends and enjoy field trips, creative classes, athletics, yoga, art camp, and cross cultural lessons.



Children of LO

Temporary Home

PURCHASE AND PAINT A “TAP TAP” BUS

Transportation is a huge challenge for Gabriel and the children. Love Orphanage does not own a vehicle, thus they are unable to leave their home. Children learn naturally through play and exploration. Purchasing a Tap Tap to serve as part of their creative learning environment would allow for field trips so the children could explore their country and culture. Renting out the Tap Tap could also generate additional income for Love Orphanage.



Tap Tap Bus

Field Trips