

What is Hearts with Haiti?

Hearts with Haiti, a non-profit (501c3 status) organization whose primary mission is to support the vision and ministry of the St. Joseph Family in Haiti, which includes the St. Joseph's Home for Boys in Port-au Prince, Wings of Hope in Fermathe, and Trinity House in Jacmel.



A Brief History

In 1985, Michael Geilenfeld, a former brother with Mother Theresa's Brothers of Charity, started a small home for five boys to bring them off the streets and offer them a Christian family life.

Twenty-four years later there are now three homes serving more than 80 children. Graduates from the first home, St. Joseph's Home for Boys, run a home for disabled children called Wings of Hope outside Port-au Prince and a home for young boys called Trinity House in a small coastal town.

Hearts with Haiti provides financial assistance to the children and young adults of St. Joseph's in Port-au-Prince, Wings of Hope in Fermathe, and Trinity House in Jacmel through donations and fundraising activities. Hearts with Haiti tries to match expertise of individuals with needs at the homes to provide opportunities for the children in areas such as the arts and academics and to provide medical and therapeutic needs.

Because the leadership of all three homes and the boys themselves believe in giving back in gratitude for having been brought off the streets, the St. Joseph Family has reached out beyond the family to provide opportunities for the poorest of the poor children in their neighborhoods. There are now 32 girls from a nearby slum in Port-au-Prince attending school, 8 neighborhood children participating in the community art center, 72 children attending the [Lekol Sen Trinitie](#), 25 children in the [Saturday Restavek program](#) in Jacmel and 5 day students at Wings of Hope, thanks to the boys who have voiced the needs of the neglected children (just as they once were) and found sponsors from the U.S. and Canada to help.