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Vue Aérienne de La Vallée de Jacmel

## THE YEAR 2023

Despite the insecurity that still reigned in Haiti, the École Moderne was able to start the year 2023 as planned after the Christmas holidays. Thanks to the first payment of the year for the school canteen, the traditional joumou soup welcomed the students. The donations of books and teaching materials sent in August 2022 finally arrived at their destination in January 2023, making the students happy and especially the teaching staff interested in diversifying and enriching the “teaching-learning” context. The partnership between the Foundation and the École Moderne de La Vallée continues, providing the children and the community of La Vallée with a wind of hope!

**POVERTY RELIEF** The high cost of living, inflation, and the difficulty of obtaining food have increased the cost of purchasing food and the cost of gas for cooking. The sum of CA\$900 was paid each month to provide four hot, balanced meals per week to the 250 students to enable them to study well and succeed in their school career. A total of CA\$9,750 was used for the school canteen.



The opportunity arose to meet the Country Director for Haiti of the World Food Program (WFP). Mr Jean Martin Bauer was in Quebec to raise awareness of the dire need for funds to meet demand. In fact, more than 4 million of our fellow citizens cannot eat enough and the WFP has received barely 30% of the funds necessary to fulfill its mission. Each school canteen, in such conditions, constitutes valuable assistance for the most deprived students and families.



## November campaign



was done with Recettes en Pot as a partner, a company from Trois-Rivières in Quebec which allows the Foundation to collect a percentage of sales to supply the school canteen at École Moderne. This company also distributes food bags to local food banks. The Foundation chose the Gatineau Food Security Center and the Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Center to receive these donations for the benefit of poor families in the Ottawa-Gatineau region. It thus highlights the contribution of buyers from these regions.



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: A MAJOR PROJECT!



A call for help from management to have computers at school to meet the curriculum requirements of the Ministry of Education for New Secondary. In fact, students travel miles to go to the library with their computer science teacher to use the city's equipment and Wi-Fi. The Council did not remain deaf to the request. He requested a donation from NAV Canada which generously provided around fifteen computers. The School's new computer room is therefore equipped with a computer for class management, computers for students and a monitor to facilitate demonstrations.

We cannot thank enough all those who, in addition to NAV Canada, intervened to make the project a reality and offered their service voluntarily, in technical support for the installation of software, in the purchase of additional equipment, in help with transportation to 'in La Vallée, which required unusual logistics given the insecurity that still reigns on the main roads. Dedicated donations of \$3,332 made it possible to carry out the project.



## PROJECTS IN PERSPECTIVES



For the 2023 school year, the Foundation purchased 10 blackboards and also desks and benches for the new Secondary class which was being added. The management of the École Moderne would like to build a building adjoining the 3rd cycle classes in 2024 to house a refectory and also serve as an auditorium and activity room for students and the community. A quote is in the

crosshairs. Unable to currently finance such a project, the council offered assistance in developing plans. A second project could see the light of day if finances allow, and that is the installation of doors in classrooms. This would protect students from wind and rain and ensure the conservation and safety of educational materials.

## ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION

### SCHOLARSHIPS AT L'ÉCOLE MODERNE

The foundation enabled 26 students to attend the École Moderne by covering the costs of tuition, textbooks and uniforms. Each year, students who leave this group of subsidized students are replaced by others whose families cannot afford the expense. The sum of CA\$5,804 was paid in 2023. Once again, the École Moderne recorded a 100% success rate in the certification tests for the 9th grade. The students, teachers and management deserve a big round of applause. We will not forget to also salute the parents who make so many sacrifices so that their children have a solid background that will allow them to do well in life.

### OUR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER STANDS OUT!



Our recipient of the four-year scholarship at Quisqueya University, in Port-au-Prince, completed the 2023 winter session with flying colors. From the start of the 2023-2024 school year, he distinguished himself by being appointed Delegate for Accounting Sciences. The inauguration ceremony took place in October. This allowed him to meet executives and become known to the students he represents. It is with great pride that the council received the academic results and the nomination of Francisco to whom it wishes to continue his studies with the same fervor! An amount of CA\$1,300 per year is allocated to this scholarship

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## CELEBRATIONS FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL



**AND  
ALSO  
THE  
FEAST  
OF ITS  
PATRON**



An invitation was extended to dignitaries of the city and the Parish as well as to schools in the area to also celebrate the 20 years of existence of the Modern School. The ceremony, which was held on December 9 at the Saint Jean-Baptiste de Ridoré Cathedral, was marked by the performance of the École Moderne choir and the students. The new songs learned for the occasion made it possible to appreciate the work of the students and the master chorister. The Festival continued at the School to further build ties with the community! The Board of Directors presents its sincere congratulations to its exceptional partners on behalf of all those who support the School through the Foundation.

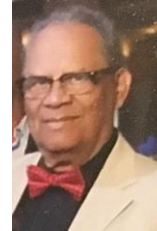
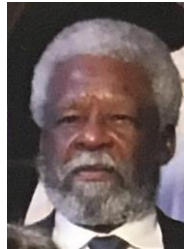
## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REPORTS

The annual general meeting was held on December 16, 2023. In addition to the board members, it welcomed 9 participants including 7 regular members. It was an opportunity to report on projects carried out during the year with partners in Haïti. A special meeting held in March 2023 allowed the adoption of the financial statements for the year 2022. The ARC publishes these results and they can be consulted by the public @ [www.arc.gouv.ca](http://www.arc.gouv.ca). The financial statement for the year 2023 was presented subject to income and expenses to be recorded by December 31. The members of the council were re-elected and the participants were able to make proposals to increase donation collections and ensure the sustainability of the Foundation.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCES

Thanks to our loyal and generous donors, the foundation has accumulated an income of 22 327 CAD. Expenditures on management, charity and awareness totaled 20 436 CAD. The Foundation's financial balance sheet, counting the assets already in hand as of December 31, 2022, is 11 789 CAD. If we include the value of the investment made with the Royal Investment Fund Inc., the assets are 24 890 CAD. These amounts will be readjusted once the income tax declaration forms have been received. Since all operations of the Foundation are carried out by volunteers at their own expense and it has no employees, 100% of all contributions received are always spent on carrying out projects in Haiti.

## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Rangée du haut** : Guillaume Sévère (Président) France Bernard (Vice-Président)  
Marie Lissa Guérin (Secrétaire-Trésorière) Roger Bélizaire (Président sortant)  
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Rudolph Dupuy (F) Édouard Saint-Lô (F) Frantz Cartright (P) Anthony Damas (C)

## FUNCTIONS ON THE COUNCIL

**The Communication Committee** led three campaigns which won respectively: in March (4 605 CAD), in June (2 918 CAD) and in November (2 420 CAD). The WEB site and the FaceBook page are used to raise awareness and promote activities. The most popular covers were the start of the school year with music, the launch of the Let's educate! One bite at a time and the participation of the Modern School in the celebration of the Saint Jean-Baptiste Parish. A total of 157 people follow the page (57% women and 43% men).

**The Projects Committee** looks at requests from partners but also considers sustainable development projects that affect the entire La Vallée community. The culture of the area with regard to development projects is an essential element in achieving the set objectives.

**The Finance Committee:** the Foundation's finances were at their lowest level in March and May 2023. The high cost of living for partners and inflation which is eating into the finances of donors are signals of drastic change alarms for even more sustained efforts to ensure the continuation of projects. Long-term investments have also followed stock market prices and are also waiting for the economy to rebound.

## THANKS ! MESI ANPIL

A big thank you to all our donors whose contributions have made possible the realization of the projects initiated since its official creation in 2011. Your unwavering support has enabled the construction of a school kitchen and canteen, the construction classrooms and support for teachers and the community during earthquakes. It also made it possible to advance the academic careers of students in vocational training and primary and secondary students. The number of students at the École Moderne has also increased to more than 250 students who are doing well thanks to your encouragement.

Our partners in Haiti work hard and hand in hand with the Foundation! Their high degree of professionalism, their motivation and their perseverance despite the difficulties have ensured that the School and the students integrate well into the community and advance education. Finally, to all those who invest volunteer hours so that the Foundation progresses, thank you for the time invested, the expertise offered and the encouragement! This year we added to the webmaster, the accountant, active members, participants in fundraising campaigns who, through their action, made it possible to obtain additional donations and recruit new people to the donor list.

### TO MAKE A DONATION

- **By interac:** [fondationlpquerin@gmail.com](mailto:fondationlpquerin@gmail.com)
- **On the WEB :** [www.slq64fondationlpquerin.org](http://www.slq64fondationlpquerin.org)
  - PayPal, Zeffy or directly on the Canada Helps Web site by specifying the Foundation as the recipient of the donation
- **By Mail : A personal check to:**
  - SLG64 Fondation Louis-Philippe Guérin,  
43 Bergeron private, Orléans, ON Canada, K1C 0C2



### Become a member

Membership fee: \$10 fee through Interac

Or on the Web through Zeffy [Membership fee](#)