2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Food & Education, Hope & Opportunity
For children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti
MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

2015 marked an incredible milestone for the What If? Foundation. After years of work and determination, the “Building the Dream” project to create a new school, kitchen and cafeteria in Ti Plas Kazo is now a reality. In a country with one of the lowest literacy rates worldwide, the construction of this building offers hope and opportunity to hundreds of children in one of Port-au-Prince’s most impoverished neighborhoods. More than that, it is already a bastion of pride for the entire community.

The building also provides permanence for our partner, Na Rive, so that they can bring all the programs together under one roof and plan for the future with confidence. Every day, Program Director Lavarice Gaudin and his team demonstrate their ingenuity and compassion in the face of ever-changing circumstances. Whether it’s experimenting with new ways to feed the children, nurturing leadership and self-sufficiency in young scholars, or just making it through political and environmental turmoil, we are deeply proud to be their partner.

The food program, the school, the future: none of it would be possible without you. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and dedication to the

A NOTE FROM MARGARET TROST, OUR FOUNDER:

I remember the day when Fr. Gerry Jean-Juste first shared his vision for a new school in Ti Plas Kazo with me. It was back in 2001. The food program was in its second year and was serving meals to 500 children just one day a week. That same day, Fr. Gerry taught me what’s become my favorite Haitian proverb and the motto of the What If? Foundation: Piti piti na rive. Little by little we will arrive. He must have known how important it would be for all of us to believe in the power of small steps taken over time with courage, perseverance, faith, and love.

And now, all these years later, we’ve reached our goal! The new school is built! Thank you for believing in the power of small steps and for being on this journey with us. The impact you are making in the lives of the children we serve - and all those in the future who will benefit from this school - is immeasurable.

With love and gratitude,

Suzanne Alberga, What If? Foundation Executive Director

“There is great hope for the future. Next fall we’ll be able to move the food and after-school programs to the new building and open the doors to students. By offering quality education we will help build a better future for our neighborhood and our country.”
—Lavarice Gaudin, Na Rive Program Director

children of Ti Plas Kazo and we are so excited for what 2016 brings. Together, we are building hope and opportunity for Haiti’s next generation.

Piti piti na rive,

Suzanne Alberga, What If? Foundation Executive Director
FOOD PROGRAM

1,200 MEALS A DAY

The food program continues to play a vital role in the Ti Plas Kazo community. Along with daily mealtime every Monday to Friday – often the only meal a child will have that day – Na Rive has begun experimenting with an informal food pantry, providing dry goods for families to prepare at home. Not only can more children be reached this way, but we’re also helping families eat together, so they can nourish their bond along with their bodies. Each meal costs about $0.65 cents, with food purchased from small markets and distributors to support the local economy.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

“...if you don’t know how to read or write, how can you become a president, or a lawyer? We are going to school so that we can help our country. In life, everything is connected.”
–Auguste Saran, age 12

“It’s thanks to education that I will be able to realize my dreams.”
–Lorite Rosenie, age 15

“I was happy to be at the summer camp with so many other children. I learned how to embroider tablecloths and do other handicraft work. I hope I will be able to sell some of the things I make, to help pay for my education.”
–Jacqueline, age 9

154 SCHOLARS

Most recipients of tuition assistance are the first in their family to receive an education. The Na Rive Education Team mentors each scholar, keeps parents involved with regular meetings, and supports academic success through tutoring and exam preparation classes at the after-school program. 98% of the students sponsored in 2015 advanced to the next grade level and 9 graduated from high school.

240 AFTER-SCHOOLERS

The after-school program’s innovative curriculum fosters both academic and entrepreneurial success in children ages 8 to 18. Exam preparation classes include instruction and tutoring in physics, biology, and chemistry, with computer literacy, English, sewing, and arts & crafts offered as well. In every class, the focus is on self-sufficiency, community-mindedness, and life-long problem-solving skills.

650 SUMMER CAMPERS

Na Rive’s six-week day camp gives girls and boys a unique opportunity to play, create, and simply celebrate being children while learning income-producing skills. Classes include music, cooking, calligraphy, sewing, arts and crafts, English, and computer basics. Field trips show these inner city children the beauty of their country, be it the beach, farms or the lush countryside.
Now that construction of the new school building is complete, the Na Rive team is hard at work preparing for the 2016 school year, and developing plans to relocate all the programs to the new space. The building has three stories and six classrooms and is equipped with a kitchen and a spacious cafeteria where nutritious meals will be cooked and served to students, as well as other hungry children who attend the food program.

The school’s mission, as set out by Na Rive, is to build the next generation of Haitian leaders. In addition to high academic standards and leadership skills, the students will be entrusted with maintaining the school and the surrounding yard. Parents will be encouraged to get involved so they know how best to support their children’s education and aspirations. This approach will enable the children of Ti Plaz Kazo to grow and thrive and, in doing so, help the community move towards a more prosperous future.

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### 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Fundraising | $52,661 | $52,661 | — |
| Administration | $45,260 | $45,260 | — |
| **Total Expenses** | $1,135,838 | $327,733 | $808,105 |

| Income Less Expenses | ($380,637) | $123,612 | ($504,249) |
| Net Assets, Beginning of 2015 | $686,274 | $266,458 | $419,816 |
| Change from 2015 | ($380,637) | ($2,217) | ($378,420) |
| **Total Net Assets, End of 2015** | $305,637 | $264,241 | $41,396 |

### 2015 EXPENSES BREAKDOWN

- Food Program: 18.6%
- Scholarship Program: 6.9%
- After School Program: 4.6%
- Summer Camp: 4.0%
- Fundraising: 64.3%
- Administration: 0.4%
- Building Project: 1.1%
- Other: 1.3%

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### ABOUT WHAT IF?

Since 2000, The What IF? Foundation has partnered with members of the Ti Plas Kazo community in Port-au-Prince, Haiti to provide food and educational opportunities to under-served children.

By pairing the commitment and expertise of our Haitian partner, Na Rive, with financial resources provided by our donors, we work together to make a difference in the lives of some of the world’s most impoverished children, providing hope and opportunity for a brighter future.

We are a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization established for the benefit of children in Haiti. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

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