Dear Friends of the What If? Foundation,

It’s with great excitement that I share our 2016 Annual Report which shows the quantifiable change you’ve made possible over the last year. 2016 was a particularly special year. Not only did we realize the long-held dream of opening the Father Jeri School, but amidst the destruction of Hurricane Matthew, I witnessed first hand the power of What If’s partnership with Na Rive and their extraordinary ability to deliver that change under extreme circumstances.

Led by their tireless program director, Lavarice Gaudin, Na Rive achieves miracles with the funds you provide, managing to stretch resources to reach more children and more families as unexpected needs arise. We work together to plan and strategize how What If can support their efforts, but getting things done in Haiti, especially after a hurricane, requires a level of creativity, adaptability and resourcefulness that is hard to fathom. I have seen time and again how Na Rive draws on their unwavering determination, knowledge and networks to deliver support with compassion in the face of endless challenges. When Hurricane Matthew hit, it was difficult to make sense of the magnitude of the need amid all the chaos and uncertainty. But I was certain of one thing: Lavarice and his team would figure out what to do and how to do it. Because they always do. I am immensely grateful for our partnership, and to you for making their work possible.

With love and gratitude,

Suzanne Alberga
Executive Director
What If? Foundation

A NOTE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Back in the early days when the food program was one day a week and the number of students receiving scholarships was about ten, Father Jeri Jean-Juste shared his vision of a neighborhood school with me. In his heart, he could “see” it built and serving the children of Ti Pas Kaza. I could “see” it too, but we had no idea how such a big project would ever become a reality. I started to think about next steps, but he said it wasn’t time yet. The food program was in its infancy and resources were needed to expand it to two days a week, then three, four, and eventually five.

“First we feed the children, we keep them alive. Then, the school,” he said.

This clarity of vision has guided the What If? Foundation and Na Rive all these years. And in 2016, it led to the fulfillment of our shared dream of children walking through the doors of a beautiful new school to receive quality education.

I am so grateful to Father Jeri for inspiring us all, to our donors for their love and generosity, to the What If staff and board for their devotion, and to the members of Na Rive for their perseverance, heart, and tireless work on behalf of the children.

“Men anpl chay pa lou” — “Many hands make the load lighter.”

Margaret Trost
Founder
What If? Foundation
**EDUCATION**

The goal with all of Na Rive's education programs is to foster the next generation of leaders in Haiti: children who are empowered, thoughtful, resilient, resourceful, proud of their heritage, and ready to work together for positive change. The cornerstone of these education efforts is the Father Jeri School.

**FATHER JERI SCHOOL**

The Father Jeri School welcomed its first students on September 5th. 188 children, aged 3–19 years, are currently enrolled across 10 grades. Our shared goal with Na Rive is to expand over the next few years to offer education all the way from Pre-K to a high school diploma.

There are 41 teachers and 23 staff working at the Father Jeri School. The teaching team, which includes 8 full-time and 33 subject-specific part-time teachers, brings depth and breadth of expertise to the curriculum. The staff includes the administration team, a doctor, a nurse, a cleaning crew, security guards, and a team of afterschool teachers.

In addition to the wide variety of classes, the school provides students with enrichment activities throughout the year, including field trips to important national sites and a week-long retreat.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The What If? Foundation's scholarship program began in 2001 to help students attend school in Port-au-Prince. In the 2016 academic year, 16 students graduated from the Father Jeri School and 36 from the Ti Plas Kazo Community School. A total of 64 students were in high school, 17 of whom graduated. The program continues to support students financially and academically.

**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Na Rive's popular afterschool programs continue to thrive. Father Jeri students and community members receive academic assistance, as well as the ability to learn income-generating skills like Macramé, Computer Basics, Calligraphy, and Sewing — 650 children joined the Summer Camp in 2016.

**SUMMER CAMP**

Over six weeks during the summer, parents can rely on a safe place for their children to play, receive nutritious meals, and learn income-generating skills like Macramé, Computer Basics, Calligraphy, and Sewing — 650 children joined the Summer Camp in 2016.

**FOOD**

Hunger and malnutrition remain a daily reality for the majority of Haitian children and their families.

2016 marked the 16th anniversary of La Manje, Na Rive’s community food program in Ti Plas Kazo. As the needs in the community have evolved over the years, Na Rive has adapted to better meet them. There are now three ways your donations provide for the children and families of Ti Plas Kazo.

**TRADITIONAL HOT MEAL PROGRAM**

Every Monday through Friday, the Na Rive cooking team serves a hot, nutritious meal to the children who live nearby. Up to 800 meals are distributed with love each afternoon.

**SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Every school day, students and staff of the Father Jeri School are served lunch in the cafeteria. This is a rare occurrence in Haiti, since most schools do not provide food to their students. But Na Rive knows this daily meal supports the nutritional needs for learning and creates the bonds that nurture a powerful sense of community.

**FOOD PANTRY**

A substantial part of the community Na Rive serves moved to Ti Plas Kazo after the 2010 earthquake, when a tent settlement was established there for those who had lost their homes. Last October, the Haitian government dismantled that tent community, forcing hundreds of families to leave. These families — who have been relying on the food program for years — are now miles away from the place they have come to consider home, without permanent housing or enough income to reliably purchase food.

To address this need, Na Rive created a food pantry where these displaced families can pick up rice and beans to cook at home. Up to 60 families visit the food pantry each week, keeping nutrition on their tables and saving them from walking miles to Ti Plas Kazo every day.
HOPE

Haitians continue to endure incredible challenges, from political unrest to economic injustice, drought, food insecurity, and cataclysmic weather. With the support of your donations and Na Rive’s resourcefulness, we have been able to respond quickly and effectively. We are very proud to see how our partnership with Na Rive proves so effective at providing hope and opportunity when children and their families need it most.

HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF

Your compassion and generosity helped us raise $90,000 for Hurricane Matthew relief efforts. Na Rive used their contacts and channels to direct these funds toward food distribution and mobile medical clinics in the most affected communities in Southern Haiti. From October to December 2016, more than 5,263 meals were provided, and 1,232 people were treated in the mobile clinics you helped support.

BUILDING THE FUTURE

Every program we support is designed to foster hope and opportunity for the children, who are the future of Haiti. We believe food and education are the key building blocks to create positive systemic change. Na Rive’s work among the children of Ti Plas Kazo is nurturing a new generation of leaders who can create new possibilities for themselves, their community, and their country. Together, we stand with Na Rive and all the children of Ti Plas Kazo as they take steps towards a brighter future. And we are so incredibly grateful to you for joining us on this journey. Pitit piti na rive.
**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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Since 2000, The What If? Foundation has partnered with members of the Ti Pli Katazo 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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