

# July & August

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## Upcoming

### Needs:

- Rent
- School Tuition
- Contributions for Water Project
- Christmas gifts



## LOSSES & GAINS

July and August Updates: Join us in gearing up for new projects and partnerships.

One of our most recent arrivals, Guerline, has decided her place is not at CHOAIDS. Guerline Pierre is 18 years of age and she had originally come to us through Grace Children's Hospital on May 17, 2017. Guerline chose to leave the house three months after her arrival.

While Guerline was with us she was often sick with diarrhea, vomiting and had fluid in her lungs. Nurse Gillis of the Ti Kay Klinik was a great help in caring for Guerline through her illnesses. Thankfully, we were able to nurse her back to health. As Guerline got better, she requested more freedoms. Unfortunately, there are freedoms that we could not give her and she decided to leave. Because she is of age, we

could not stop her leaving. Though we care for her well-being and are sad to see her go not knowing how she fares outside of our facility, we could not force her to stay. We wish her well and hope that you will think of her in your thoughts and prayers.

In other news, we have lost one of our long-time financial contributors, **Feed the Hunger**. We appreciate their years of support and hope to fill the gap with new donors. Please consider talking with friends, family, co-workers, etc. about the needs of CHOAIDS. We are consistently trying to broaden our reach to help our kids get all the care they need. Thank you!

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**TOP:**

Alexandra on park slide

**MIDDLE:**

Dania

**BOTTOM:**

Mackenley and Kervens

## HEALTH REPORT

After months of delay, Zachary's ARV medication regimen was changed as of August 16. Our youngest resident, Edison gets sick on and off. When he first came to the CHOADS house we were told Edison had syphilis, but we took him to Grace Children's Hospital for testing and he is syphilis free! However, he has been suffering from fevers, colds and a body rash. He was also tested for malaria and two additional ailments. All of the tests were negative.

## TI KAY

Our partnership with the Ti Kay Klinik has been invaluable. Dr. Coffee, Ti Kay founder, has assigned nurse Kim Gillis from Vancouver, Canada to some of our children. Ms. Gillis will be living in Haiti for the next two years. She has helped us care for the medical conditions of our children especially Guerline, Edison and Zachary.

## CHANJE MOVEMENT

We are happy to announce a new partnership with the Chanje Movement! They presented us with a gift of \$5,200 towards school tuition. We are grateful for their contributions and have only \$5,679 left to pay to cover the tuition for the year. Brian and Michelle from the Chanje Movement visited the house bringing backpacks and water bottles for the kids. They were also kind enough to donate an additional \$40 to purchase a walker for young Edison. Thank you Chanje Movement!

## WATER MISSION

A couple of engineers headquartered in Charleston, South

Carolina have partnered with us to design and build a safe drinking water system for our children. For some time, many of the children have experienced skin conditions (similar to small boils/pocks) that we believe could be from our water.

We are in the initial stages of this project and the total cost of implementation has not been finalized but we expect the cost to be between \$3,000 and \$5,000. The engineers have offered to help offset our costs and will be conducting a survey of our grounds in September. Please consider contributing to this project to help ensure our children have clean drinking water. We thank everyone for working with us and hope to continue to make good things happen in the lives of the CHOADS children.

## OTHER NEWS

Marie, John and Hope (advisory committee members) are planning to visit the CHOADS house in November. The goals of this trip are as follows:

1. Dental care for the children in the most need (especially Valentina). John will be discussing the need with friend Dr. Ihor Suszko. We're hoping to bring the children to Cap Haitien for treatment at the dental school.
2. Fundraising. Marie will be reaching out to supporters to help raise funds to transport the kids to Cap Haitien for dental care.
3. Bring a pair of shoes and a Christmas gift for each child.
4. Submit final documents to Child Welfare (Bien-Etre Social or IBSR).
5. Fun activity for kids (movies or ice cream).