



HELPING HAITIAN CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SINCE 1987

PAZAPA 2010 Annual Report





Message from Co-Presidents

Dear Friends of PAZAPA:

It has now been more than a year since the tragic earthquake of January 12, 2010 devastated Haiti. The PAZAPA center was damaged beyond repair, but luckily all the staff and students survived uninjured.

We have been amazed at the outpouring of support from our friends in the days and weeks following the disaster. The support enabled us to quickly get services up and running again. Immediately after the earthquake, staff visited students at their homes to work with them since no classes could be held. In April, through your generous donations, PAZAPA was able to buy an airy parcel of land on Jacmel's outskirts. By May the special education school and the school for the deaf were running again in temporary facilities provided by Plan Haiti. Visiting teams of medical professionals used these facilities for orthopedic assessments, occupational therapy, and physiotherapy. PAZAPA was even featured on a TV series, *On Surfari*, that documented the generous efforts of a group of socially conscious surfers who helped PAZAPA to colorfully paint its classrooms.

PAZAPA will soon have a permanent building, thanks largely to grants provided by Children's Blind Mission and Plan International. These two organizations have committed to rebuilding the center (see architect's plan in this report) and supporting a portion of PAZAPA's operating expenses. Aid from Children's Blind Mission has also enabled us to revitalize our rural outreach program to disabled children in six villages in the Southeast Department.

We are grateful for all of the support we received in response to this tragedy and stand committed to providing high quality services to children with disabilities. In the coming year, we will be raising funds to run the center, equip the new building, enhance staff training, and extend our services further into the rural areas. With your support, we will be able to continue our mission to serve one of the most vulnerable groups in Haiti.

Sincerely,

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Co-Presidents, PAZAPA USA



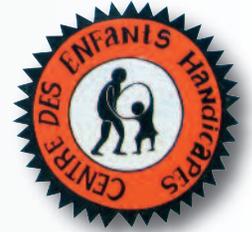
THE PAZAPA MISSION

The mission of PAZAPA is to provide the treatment, education and development of children with disabilities and to integrate them into the community. PAZAPA was established in 1987 and has been registered as a Haitian non-profit since December 1997. All services are offered free of charge.

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Architect's Plan for the PAZAPA Center



PAZAPA Center resurrected after the devastating January 2010 earthquake



PAZAPA Orthopedic & Medical Services

PAZAPA continues to provide clinical evaluation, orthopaedic, neurological, and plastic surgery, occupational and physical therapy, and rehabilitation for physically disabled children. PAZAPA continues its partnership with CURE International by casting and correcting free of charge all clubfoot patients under the age of two. An average of 19 patients per month are covered by this program. The most recent orthopaedic clinic held by CURE was with Dr. Kaye Wilkins in October 2010.

Local and international medical volunteers provide all treatment for the children with foot, knee, and hip deformities. Six surgical patients were treated in May 2010 by the Salva Vida Team lead by Dr. Fred McGlynn.

Cleft palate and hydrocephaly patients are few and are sent to Healing Hands Haiti upon diagnosis for immediate treatment. The staff nurse, a local physician, and the physiotherapy technician provide pre- and post-operative care to ensure best results during and after treatment.

PAZAPA provides, free of charge, medication to control epilepsy as prescribed by local and international volunteer physicians. A total of 23 children are on seizure medication.

The staff nurse is also available for educating families about hygiene, birth control, immunization, and reducing endemic problems of malnutrition, HIV, and diseases caused by unsanitary conditions. PAZAPA, along with Plan Haiti and the Haitian Timoun Foundation, has provided awareness training on cholera prevention and care to all staff and students.



PAZAPA PROGRAMS

PAZAPA Special Education

The devastating earthquake in January 2010 disrupted the school year and severely damaged PAZAPA's building. With the help of the PAZAPA US board, we purchased a one-acre parcel of land on which we are now operating. The center re-opened in May 2010 under temporary shelters provided by Plan Haiti, and activities continue under the same shelters. Both Plan And CBM have made a commitment to fund the construction of a new building.

In an attempt to help the children cope with the trauma of the earthquake, PAZAPA, along with the Fédération Haitienne des Personnes Handicapées, organized a Special Olympic-themed summer camp. We also had the pleasure of a visit from the On Surfari team who, along with the children, painted the center, making the school much more colorful and attractive to the eye. The On Surfari team also took a few of the deaf kids surfing for the first time! All these activities created many friendships and smiles.

The new school year was launched in October 2010. PAZAPA currently provides special education and therapy to 103 children with developmental/mental challenges from infancy to late teens. The school provides four levels of education:

- Early intervention (0-3 years) focuses on working with mothers and other caregivers to ensure that stimulation therapy and socialization techniques are learned and carried out in the home.
- The early school level (4-10 years) emphasizes motor, language, and social skills while helping children develop confidence in their abilities.
- A kindergarten-level sign language class is offered to six children with severe language or hearing impairments.
- The senior class continues the academic program, assisting those students who can manage a regular school curriculum to be "mainstreamed" in an afternoon public school program. Senior students who have achieved the maximum academic level are taught life skills, cooking (for home and commercially), sewing, carpentry, and other skills either at the center or through an apprenticeship arrangement. Five hearing impaired girls are learning sewing at a local professional school.



- Ten children with multiple, severe disabilities who are unable to attend the school are enrolled in the home visit program and seen in their own homes and community by PAZAPA teachers and visiting volunteers. In September 2007, the dry food distribution, normally donated to the home visit children by Catholic Relief Services, was cancelled. The PAZAPA monitors watched as these children became malnourished and consequently unable to progress. Subsequently, requests for funding dry food distribution to the home visit families were submitted and approved; however, we are still waiting for these funds to arrive.

PAZAPA subsidizes boarding school education for one visually impaired child at Ecole St. Vincent in Port-au-Prince. The center also pays the school fees for one physically disabled girl who attends high school in Jacmel.

The school programs were abruptly shut down in December 2010 until the beginning of January due to the violence surrounding the election and the spreading of cholera in the Jacmel area. Canadian Association Step by Step donated funds for a Christmas party, which was held December 21. Each child received a special meal and a gift.

PAZAPA School for the Deaf

The PAZAPA School for the Deaf is in its fourth successful year. Currently 30 children attend from junior kindergarten to grade 6. We continue to be proud of our students' success in the national grade 6 exams. This year two out of two students passed! The major challenge has been finding professional or vocational training for graduates, especially for the boys.



PAZAPA Family Support Programs

The staff at PAZAPA believes that the health and development of a child is closely related to the family's economic status. Often the mother, obliged to be the sole caregiver for a disabled child, is unable to work outside of home. To help alleviate this problem, PAZAPA has facilitated small independent commercial ventures through business loans to families of PAZAPA children and also to senior students. In September 2009 Canadian Association Step by Step began supporting this program, which now benefits a total of 20 parents and graduates.

Thanks to capital provided by the Fonds Canadiens d'Investissement Local, we have launched a new project preparing local goods such as peanut butter, jams, and baked goods for sale. The income goes directly to the parents and graduates who are part of the project. This project has been so successful that we have been unable to keep up with the demand!



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PAZAPA Outreach Program

Most children with disabilities in rural areas of Haiti have little to no access to any type of educational or medical services. They may be hidden away by their families, who fear being stigmatized. PAZAPA attempts to address this problem through outreach to remote areas. In 2010, the outreach program brought help to more than 316 children in rural areas in the Southeast Department. With funding from Christian Blind Mission, PAZAPA has been able to re-energize its outreach program by identifying new outreach areas and providing formal training on disability and prevention to local area monitors. The monitors then educate the parents, and PAZAPA supports their efforts with site visits, awareness conferences, and forums. Solutions to the problems faced by individual communities vary depending on local resources and the degree of isolation of each area.

PAZAPA now has a total of six outreach locations. The monitors have been working closely with the parent groups to identify areas of focus, such as educating parents on the mission of PAZAPA and its outreach program, identifying children who need PAZAPA's services (seizure medication, clubfoot treatment, family planning methods, etc.); and establishing small community projects to generate income (fruit and vegetable growing, goat raising), incorporating both parents and challenged children.

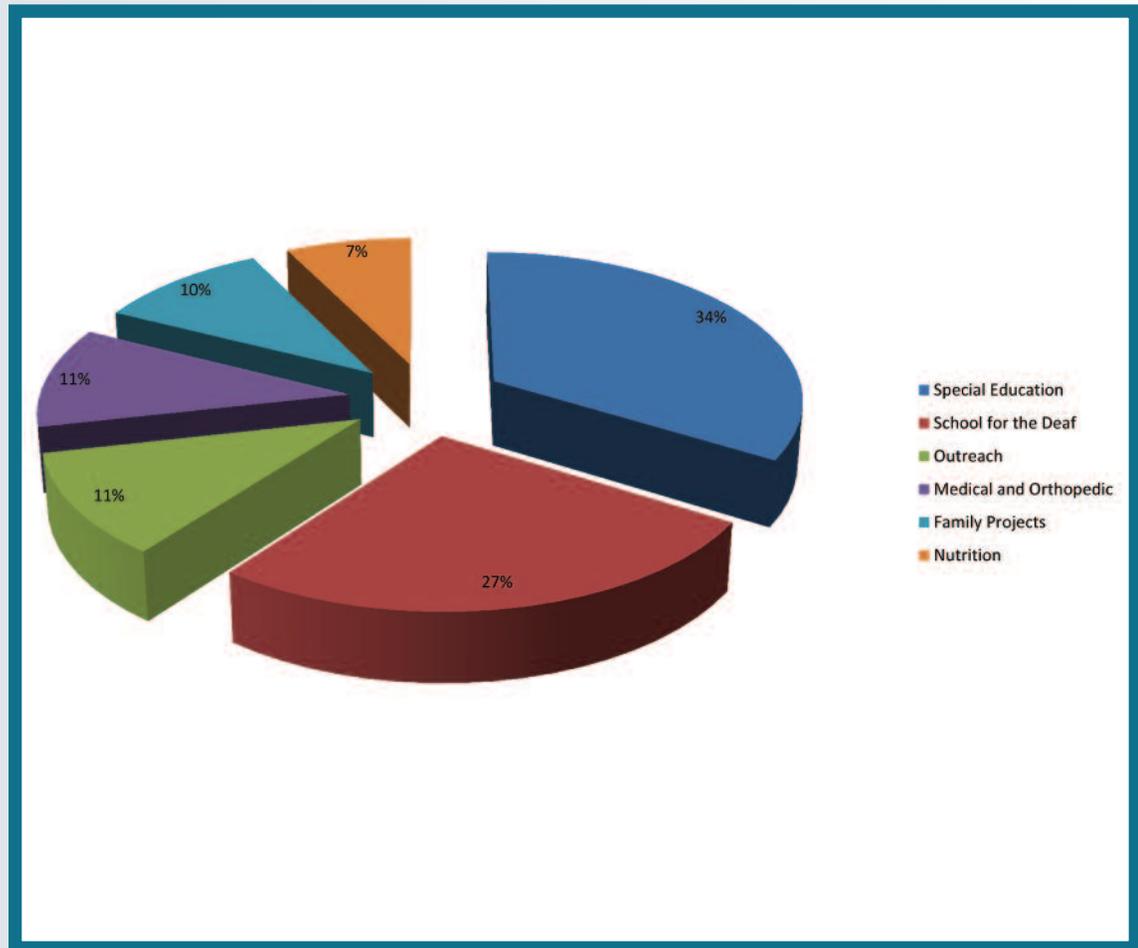
With 70 percent of the Southeast Department's 1 million people living in rural areas, PAZAPA sees the need to expand the reach of the outreach program. In the coming years, PAZAPA will seek the funds to be able to establish more outreach sites so children with special needs can access the services they so desperately need.



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PAZAPA 2010 Financial Summary

Program Expenses	(USD)
Special Education	37,178
School for the Deaf	29,338
Outreach	12,260
Medical and Orthopedic	12,024
Family Projects	11,226
Nutrition	8,153
TOTAL	110,179



Unaudited figures:

During 2010 PAZAPA USA supported operating expenses of \$110,179. PAZAPA USA also made a capital grant of \$44,750 for the purchase of the parcel of land on which the new facility will be situated.

An additional \$40,000 in capital grants (through PAZAPA USA) are projected for 2011, which will be supplemented by grants from Plan International and CBM International.

Conclusion

PAZAPA has been a source of hope and help for disabled children and their families since 1987. It has operated continuously through political turmoil, hurricanes, embargoes, international isolation and neglect, as well as the devastating events of 2010. In spite of these challenges, PAZAPA is recognized by supporters and by members of the Jacmel community as a unique and vital organization.





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