

PAZAPA Activity Report 2014

The mission of PAZAPA is to support the treatment, education, and development of children with special needs, and to integrate them into the community-at-large. PAZAPA was established in 1987 and has been registered as a Haitian NGO since December 1997. All its services are offered free of charge, including medical, educational, and social-economic services. Because health in Haiti is the resultant of economic status, PAZAPA works to improve the economic lot of the families of children with disabilities. PAZAPA means "step by step" in Haitian Creole, and step by step PAZAPA has been making a difference in the lives of Haiti's special needs children and their families since 1987.

Special and Deaf Education

The New Building. The Special Education Program and the School for the Deaf activities continued in spring 2014 in temporary, post-earthquake shelters and then moved into the brand new Phase I new building. Phase I included two rehab rooms, nursing station, sanitation and three classrooms, and Phase II, completed in early 2015, included another classroom, administration rooms, teachers room, family projects room, and multi-media room. These two building phases were underwritten by Plan Haiti and by the German Government at an approximate cost of \$1M. The land was purchased with clear title by the Siloé Project (PAZAPA-USA). Further funding, estimated at ~\$250K from architectural plans and a contractor's budget, is needed to provide a cafeteria for students, a kitchen, a storage area, guard's quarters, and a safe, student-friendly playground.



PAZAPA resurrected on newly purchased land in temporary classrooms – 2011.



PAZAPA Children in New School

Services to Children with Cognitive Disabilities at the PAZAPA Center. The PAZAPA Center is currently providing special education and therapy to a total of 118 children with developmental/mental challenges from infancy to late teens. Of that number, 19 babies are currently benefitting from the early intervention class in which parents and caregivers work with children (0-3 years) to ensure that stimulation therapy and socialization techniques are learned and carried out in the home. The senior class continues the academic program, including those 8 students who can manage a regular school curriculum and 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. The children attending the Special Education Program can also count on one hot meal per day.

School for the Deaf. Currently 37 children attend the School for the Deaf from junior kindergarten to grade 6. A kindergarten level sign language class is offered to 11 children with severe language or hearing impairments. Six hearing-impaired young girls are learning sewing at a local professional school. The deaf student shown here, D’Août Marie Fritza, was belittled by other children, but she persevered to become an accomplished jewelry artist. D’Août Marie Fritza took ownership of her life and made her own decisions.



D’Août Marie Fritza
Hearing-impaired Student
and Artist

Visits by Special Education Professionals. The Special Education Program benefited from visits by Team Canada Healing Hands (TCCH) in the fall and spring. They spent a week at a time and provide speech/language therapy and physiotherapy support to the children at the Center and in the outreach locations. The PAZAPA staff also greatly benefit from TCHH’s visit because it was an opportunity for the staff to learn more, thanks to the in-service training they receive.

Special Events. The annual PAZAPA Carnival was held on February 28th and financed in full by the Siloé Foundation. Roseline Almazor, a student from the Special Education School, finally got her wish: to be a Carnival Queen for a day!!! Her joy and excitement were contagious and heartwarming that day! PAZAPA is proud to have been the only institution with a float and a crowd to parade the streets of Jacmel.

Family Support Programs



**PAZAPA Ti Commerce funds
Cayes Jacmel Entrepreneur**

Ti Commerce. The health and development of a child are closely related to the family’s economic status. Often the mother, as the sole caregiver for a disabled child, is unable to work outside of home. Therefore, PAZAPA has facilitated small independent commercial ventures through business loans to families of PAZAPA children as well as to senior students. Such micro-lending ventures are called “Ti commerce” (i.e., “little commerce” in Creole). A total of 58 parents and graduates are currently benefiting from these loans. The microloans have been offered concurrently with workshops on developing economic skills, and long-term financial planning for all participants.

Home Visit Program. Twelve children with multiple, severe handicaps who are unable to attend the school are enrolled in the Home Visit Program and are seen in their own homes and community by PAZAPA teachers and visiting volunteers. (In the first world they would be institutionalized.) Many of these children face poverty and hunger, in themselves major obstacles to their proper physical development. With the help of the Siloé Foundation, a monthly dry food distribution was provided to these families.

Orthopedic and Medical Services

PAZAPA continues its history of providing clinical evaluation, orthopedic, neurologic and plastic surgery, occupational and physical therapy, and rehabilitation for physically disabled children.

Local medical and international volunteers provide all treatment for the children with foot, knee and hip



Orthopedic – Club Foot- Assessment by Visiting Physician Fred McGlynn

deformities. They follow the children's progress, evaluate them regularly and decide if surgery is necessary with input from PAZAPA staff and the Outreach Coordinator. All recent surgeries have been held at the CCH facilities in Jacmel (Community Coalition for Haiti, a partnering NGO for PAZAPA in Jacmel), where 11 orthopedic patients were treated over the course of 2014, in part by joint team effort lead by Dr. Fred McGlynn (Salva Vida), and Dr. Kevin Latz from Kansas City.

PAZAPA provides, free of charge, medication to control epilepsy and infectious bone disease as prescribed by



Through PAZAPA Judi receives neurological consultation and seizure medications free.

local and international volunteer physicians. A series of neurological clinics have been held locally by visiting Dr. Chris Miller. This initiative is continued by Dr. Frantso Nelson to ensure follow up. With the increased activities and triage clinics in our Outreach Program, more children with epileptic seizures have been diagnosed, bringing our total number of children on medication to 80. For example the PAZAPA medical services reach 8-year-old Judi shown here, who lives in Cayes Jacmel. Judi has multiple neurological disabilities, and Judi receives free medical consultation and seizure medications, while his mother shown on the previous page receives Ti commerce economic help.

Outreach

Through its Outreach initiative to rural areas and with the support of the rural communities, PAZAPA provides medical and educational assistance to children with cognitive, neurological, orthopedic, and hearing disabilities. It deliver this assistance free of charge to the recipients. Over the last two years, PAZAPA's rural Outreach Program for children has been systematically upgraded. It now reaches a total of 157 children in five rural villages of Cayes Jacmel, La Montagne Bellevue, La Montagne LaCroix, Montagne Lavoute, and Lafond. The program upgrade has depended most heavily on training dedicated personnel and local leaders called Outreach Monitor, for whom future support will be necessary. These Monitors reside in the individual outlying rural communities. Monitors work with the



Meeting of PAZAPA Outreach Monitors, focused on Monitor Nicole Bernard of Montagne LaVoute

disabled children and their families, and they emphasize to them the importance of their children's education, socialization and health needs. Monitors maintain communication with the main PAZAPA Center in Jacmel. Many of these Monitors are themselves the parents of children with disabilities, and they provide critical cohesiveness between rural parent groups and the PAZAPA Center in Jacmel. The Monitors have received professional training in community health strategies through the Sant Kore Lavi organization out of Port au Prince.

The equally important Outreach Coordinator Exilus Pierre-Paul was essential for coordinating the PAZAPA Center with the Outreach villages and the Monitors there. He scheduled monthly meetings with the Monitors at the Center in Jacmel and together they plan their activities and targets. The Outreach Coordinator travels several times each month to each village to register students, attend to Ti Commerce activities, delivery medication, and facilitate visiting physicians such as Dr. McGlynn for orthopedic cases Dr. Chris Miller for Neurology, and Team Canada. The Outreach coordinator has had to travel over rugged, rocky, practically non-existent roads by motorcycle. Such travel is dangerous, and there have been frequent minor accidents. (Exilus' predecessor broke his leg.) For safety and efficiency of travel to its rural Outreach areas, a good 4WD vehicle will be essential.

Conclusion



PAZAPA has been a source of hope and help for disabled children and their families since 1987. It has operated continuously for over 25 years through changes of government, provided special funds in the aftermath of devastating hurricanes and earthquakes, and kept its doors open during embargoes, political violence, international isolation, and neglect. In spite of—or perhaps because of—these challenges, PAZAPA is recognized by supporters and by members of the government as a successful model in Haiti.

This is the Siloé Project (PAZAPA USA) Profit and Loss through December 2014.
 (See highlighted PAZAPA program expenses for the last seven years.)

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The Siloé Project
Profit & Loss
 January 2008 through December 2014

	<u>Jan - Dec 08</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 09</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense								
Income								
4010 Donations	56,179	127,928	279,465	94,818	124,563	255,806	168,642	1,107,402
4020 Interest Income	42	30	63	181	43	84	106	550
4025 Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4030 Dividend Income	2,856	648	681	553	2,156	4,978	13,564	25,435
Total Income	59,077	128,606	280,209	95,552	126,763	260,867	182,312	1,133,387
Expense								
5000 Pazapa Program Expen...	83,190	86,470	154,929	100,430	86,622	127,825	187,142	826,509
6010 T&E - Siloé	0	0	0	3,737	43	0	100	3,880
6020 Bank Charge	0	0	0	20	240	196	69	525
6070 Administrative Exp	1,693	3,960	5,351	3,675	3,779	3,987	3,005	25,449
6080 Fundraising Exp	4,600	18,882	11,392	3,666	767	13,359	20,273	72,939
Total Expense	89,483	109,312	171,672	111,527	91,452	145,367	210,590	929,402
Net Ordinary Income	-30,406	19,295	108,537	-15,975	35,312	115,500	-28,277	203,985
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Fiscal Strength of the Organization
This is the Siloé (PAZAPA USA) Balance sheet through Dec. 31, 2014

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The Siloé Project
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2014

	<u>Dec 31, 08</u>	<u>Dec 31, 09</u>	<u>Dec 31, 10</u>	<u>Dec 31, 11</u>	<u>Dec 31, 12</u>	<u>Dec 31, 13</u>	<u>Dec 31, 14</u>
ASSETS							
Current Assets							
Checking/Savings	22,605	77,103	185,184	168,656	201,811	302,947	251,093
Other Current Assets	0	225	0	0	0	0	0
Total Current Assets	22,605	77,328	185,184	168,656	201,811	302,947	251,093
Other Assets							
1510 Mary Payne Fund - Investm...	164,633	129,204	129,885	130,438	132,595	146,959	170,536
Total Other Assets	164,633	129,204	129,885	130,438	132,595	146,959	170,536
TOTAL ASSETS	187,238	206,532	315,069	299,094	334,406	449,906	421,629
LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
Equity							
3000 Opening Bal Equity	225,537	225,537	225,537	225,537	225,537	225,537	225,537
3900 Retained Earnings	-7,893	-38,300	-19,005	89,532	73,557	108,869	224,369
Net Income	-30,406	19,295	108,537	-15,975	35,312	115,500	-28,277
Total Equity	187,238	206,532	315,069	299,094	334,406	449,906	421,629
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	187,238	206,532	315,069	299,094	334,406	449,906	421,629

Additional financial information, including the 2014 IRS 990 and the program budget, is available upon request.