

The Haitian Project, Inc.
Community Update: All Support is Local
September 18, 2013



Top: Patrick Brun provides diesel to fuel LCS vehicles; LCS Alumnus Lucien Dossous ('04) makes a monetary contribution to Director of Operations-Haiti, Esther Paul, and President of THP, Deacon Patrick Moynihan. Bottom: Office of External Affairs junior staff member, James Coqmar ('10) collects in-kind contributions for LCS; Philo student, Maria Mieses, distributes donated cleaning supplies to students during Netwayaj (campus cleanup).

Since The Haitian Project community extends to wherever we have members and since supporters are most certainly members, technically all support, no matter if it is from Providence or Port au Prince, could be considered local. However, from a more narrow perspective, we define "local support" as support coming from the local Haitian community. We are fortunate to receive significant help locally. The help ranges from neighbors pitching-in on work projects to supporters donating diesel for our generators.

Local in-kind and financial support is handled through the OEA, our Office for External Affairs. OEA staff helps me maintain contact with our local supporters and manages the pick-ups of donated materials. Contributors and donated materials include:

- Patrick Brun, former THP Board member, and his family's business, CHABUMA, supports LCS through financial and in-kind contributions, including diesel fuel for campus vehicles.
- ITALA, a local pasta maker, donates various types of pasta.
- The Rebo Foundation provides quarterly donations of coffee and sugar.
- Topco Haiti contributes garlic, bouillon cubes, sardines and herring.
- Mirage Industries provides quarterly donations of bleach, Pine Sol and other cleaning supplies.

The real significance of "local support" goes far beyond its material value. It is an affirmation by the local community that LCS is a valued contributor to Haiti's future. People will often accept a gift out of politeness or lack of choice. By giving to support the mission, it proves that THP's contribution is well received, appreciated and, most importantly, on target!

While we are on the subject of in-kind support, THP is looking for a quality digital camera (along the lines of a Canon Powershot S100) to keep our updates sharp. If you are able to contribute, please contact Sunny-Dae Larson at our Providence office.

Peace, Patrick

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"What you receive as gift, you must give as gift."
"Se gratis nou resevwa, Se gratis tou pou nou bay."

---Matthew 10:8