

**The Haitian Project, Inc.
Community Update: It's All Happening at Once
August 28, 2013**

Special Note for Midwesterners:

We are greatly looking forward to the Annual **Big Get Together** which will be hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Crystal Lake, IL on **Saturday, September 7th** at 6:00 p.m. The evening will include a delicious Haitian menu, an art auction, and live music.

Deacon Patrick Moynihan, President of THP, will travel from Haiti to attend the BGT with his wife, Christina, and their two youngest children, Timothy and Marianna. The Moynihans are looking forward to seeing the many people in the Rockford Diocese who have made it possible for them to continue their mission as a family!

For more information or to attend, call Barb at [815-245-4556](tel:815-245-4556) or email wheelsback@aol.com.



Top: Students fulfill their summer work requirements taking stock of LCS textbooks, sweeping up leaves around campus, and painting recently-repaired bed frames. Bottom: Deacon Patrick Moynihan crushes rocks with Volunteer Andrew Hycza; Volunteers sport their professional uniforms as they pose with Deacon Moynihan.

Though LCS students often refer to the summer months as "vacation," work at Louverture Cleary never really ceases. Throughout the summer, each student returns to campus for at least six days of Netwayaj [work projects]: sweeping up fallen leaves, sorting through metal and glass recyclables, and maintaining the incinerator. This expectation of continued participation in the community during so-called vacation reminds everyone that our work and our community are ongoing.

In August, the Volunteers join in this work. For the neophytes, this is a period of training. Afterall, you cannot ask others to do what you have not done.

This year the Volunteer squad is led by Amanda Gaal —a third-year veteran (back row center in picture #5). Few understand and act on the call to serve and serve continually to the degree displayed by Amanda. She is beyond a “go-to”. She is the first to rise and the last to quit. She approaches every task, from digging holes and crushing rocks to making shots on the basketball court, with determination and enthusiasm.

Currently it is unique to have a Volunteer return for a third year, but in the future it will be more commonplace for Volunteers to make longer commitments. To facilitate this, we have entered into a partnership with Providence College. This will allow Volunteers to pursue a graduate degree in Education or Theology while serving with THP. As the partnership develops, we hope to expand these possibilities to include other fields of study. Returning Volunteers who enroll in the program will attend summer classes through PC and receive credit for the application of their studies through their work with THP. Of course, service comes with its own rewards, but I look forward to our Volunteers receiving credit for giving so much of themselves to our mission.

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