

Crosby Fund For Haitian Education

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A Scholarship Fund: Because Education in Haiti Is Not Free | Annual Report 2025



Scholarships granted: 7,368 since 2004

Our Mission

The Crosby Fund is guided by the deep conviction that a brighter future for Haiti depends on educating its youth and preparing them for professional careers in Haiti. Less than half of Haitian families can afford school for their children, therefore, The Crosby Fund provides full scholarships for students from pre-k through university and offers additional academic support at our Education Center in Haiti's Artibonite Valley.

Our Impact 2024 – 25 Academic Year

- 565 Scholarships in Pre-K – University Students
- 444 Pre-K to High School Students
- 63 Technical School Students
- 68 University Students
- 98% High School Graduation Rate
- 100% of Graduates Receive a Crosby Scholarship to University or Technical School
- 61 Youth and Adult Literacy students

Our Scholarship Programs

Our Primary and Secondary programs are the backbone of our work in Haiti, and we are grateful to report that all our scholarship students in these programs attended schools throughout the school year. Some students were transferred to different schools for safety concerns. Our staff worked with parents and school administrators to make the transition possible.

Primary School Program

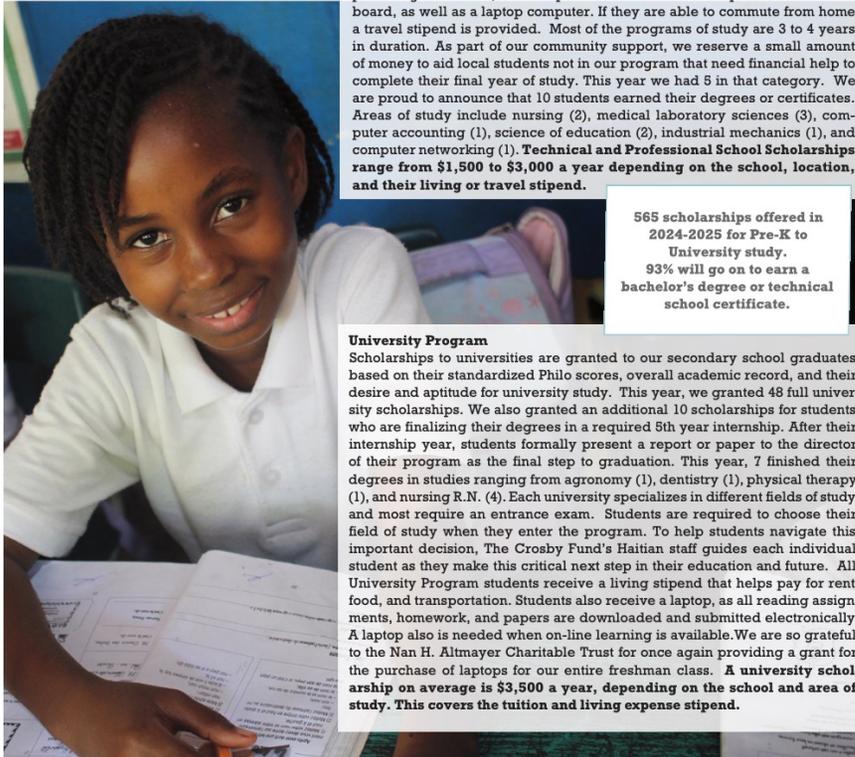
During this academic year, we offered 228 scholarships for children in Pre-K to 6th grade. These students attended 56 schools in the Artibonite Valley, usually closest to their homes (see the map on back page). We select only one child per family to help as many families as possible. Students are selected at the pre-K to first grade level based on their family's financial need and situation. We keep in mind a gender balance and select from townships within the 30-mile region where we work in the Artibonite Valley. Students who achieve academic success will advance to the next grade. This year, 21 will advance to the Secondary Program. This success is in part due to our tutoring program that gives assistance to 5th and 6th graders in French and mathematics. **The average Primary School Scholarship is \$250-300 per year. It includes tuition, books, and a uniform.**



Secondary School Program

210 scholarships were granted this year to students in grades 7 to Philo (a 13th college preparatory year mandatory for post-secondary study). These students attend 39 schools in the Artibonite Valley region. Most of these students advanced from our Primary School program, but each year we select about 10 new students into the program based on their academic achievement and financial need. Throughout the year, we assist struggling students with tutoring opportunities in math, sciences, and languages at our Education Center in Deschapelles and a local school in the nearby town of Verrettes. (see our tutoring report). 21 students graduated this year and will go on to post-secondary study either in the university program or the technical/professional school program. The type of post-secondary school they attend depends on the results of the standardized Philo exam administered by the Ministry of Education in Haiti. Due to budget constraints, some graduates will have to wait a year before receiving their post-secondary scholarship. This past year 3 students were placed on a waiting list for the Technical and Professional Program, but they will all begin either university or technical school this fall. **The average Secondary School Scholarship is \$350-\$450 a year. It includes tuition, books, and a uniform.**

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Despite the ongoing difficulties across much of Haiti, our Technical/Professional School Program as well as our University Program have continued either online or in-person with only periodic interruption. Since much of the violence in Haiti has been centered in and around Port-au-Prince, we made the decision to no longer send our scholarship students to university in the capital city, requiring them to attend universities located in safer locations within Haiti. This decision, like so many others since violence broke out across Haiti, has been made possible by the effort and fortitude of our extraordinary Haitian staff.

Technical and Professional School Program

This academic year we granted 63 scholarships to students who continued on to our Technical and Professional school program. These students attended 20 schools in Gonaïve, St. Marc, Limonade, Mirebalais, Cap-Haitien, and Port-au-Prince. For the safety of our students we now require that they choose a school located in towns other than Port-au-Prince. In addition to providing full tuition, we also provide each student a stipend for room and board, as well as a laptop computer. If they are able to commute from home a travel stipend is provided. Most of the programs of study are 3 to 4 years in duration. As part of our community support, we reserve a small amount of money to aid local students not in our program that need financial help to complete their final year of study. This year we had 5 in that category. We are proud to announce that 10 students earned their degrees or certificates. Areas of study include nursing (2), medical laboratory sciences (3), computer accounting (1), science of education (2), industrial mechanics (1), and computer networking (1). **Technical and Professional School Scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$3,000 a year depending on the school, location, and their living or travel stipend.**

565 scholarships offered in 2024-2025 for Pre-K to University study. 93% will go on to earn a bachelor's degree or technical school certificate.

University Program

Scholarships to universities are granted to our secondary school graduates based on their standardized Philo scores, overall academic record, and their desire and aptitude for university study. This year, we granted 48 full university scholarships. We also granted an additional 10 scholarships for students who are finalizing their degrees in a required 5th year internship. After their internship year, students formally present a report or paper to the director of their program as the final step to graduation. This year, 7 finished their degrees in studies ranging from agronomy (1), dentistry (1), physical therapy (1), and nursing R.N. (4). Each university specializes in different fields of study, and most require an entrance exam. Students are required to choose their field of study when they enter the program. To help students navigate this important decision, The Crosby Fund's Haitian staff guides each individual student as they make this critical next step in their education and future. All University Program students receive a living stipend that helps pay for rent, food, and transportation. Students also receive a laptop, as all reading assignments, homework, and papers are downloaded and submitted electronically. A laptop also is needed when on-line learning is available. We are so grateful to the Nan H. Altmayer Charitable Trust for once again providing a grant for the purchase of laptops for our entire freshman class. **A university scholarship on average is \$3,500 a year, depending on the school and area of study. This covers the tuition and living expense stipend.**



Crosby Fund Program Director Vaudy Jean Baptiste with Socrate Success Mathurin, a recent dentistry graduate from Université Bertrand Aristide.



Agronomy student Tamara Petit-Nord studying the effects of climate change and adaptation on rice production during her final internship year at Université Episcopale d'Haiti.

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Career Development Program

As a part of our core mission to help deliver the promise of an education, The Crosby Fund continues to work with our university and technical school graduates to prepare them for long-term professional careers. To that end, since 2021, The Crosby Fund's Career Development Program has provided grants that help young entrepreneurs build new businesses across The Artibonite Valley, not only setting them on a path to lifelong careers, but providing important services to their communities at large.

This past year, Jeanvil Wilson, one of our Crosby scholarship recipients with a degree in engineering from Université Élisé Joseph, applied for and received a Crosby Fund Grant to construct a new school building in the remote region of Haute Bélanger. Having founded the school several years ago, Jeanvil has been operating the school in a temporary open-air facility, but now with new funding provided by the Crosby Fund, we anticipate this new school building will be completed in 2026.

Feguy Francois, a past Crosby Grant recipient and trained electrician and solar technician, expanded his business offerings to include computer and mobile-phone repair, a critical service in rural developing areas.

Past Crosby Grants have gone toward funding commercial agriculture and poultry projects, a health clinic, and a welding business. This coming year, as new applicants bring forward new business ideas, the Career Development Program will continue to work to develop and fund new initiatives that will bring jobs and critical services to the communities of The Artibonite Valley region.



Feguy Francois and co-worker in the computer repair shop.

Jeanvil Wilson and students in front of the site for his newly funded school in Haute Belangere.

Education Center Programs

Tutoring Program

Before moving from primary to secondary school, every Haitian student is required to pass a series of standardized tests. Given that many schools in Haiti are over-crowded and poorly built, with sub-standard student/teacher ratios, too many students fall behind in their coursework, especially in the critical subjects of mathematics, languages, and sciences. With the hope of lowering these numbers, The Crosby Fund has employed 10 tutors and offers an after-school tutoring program designed to help students keep their grades high enough to retain their scholarships, advance to the next grade, and better prepare them for their standardized national exams. This year, 118 students participated in the tutoring program at our Education Center in Deschappelles as well as the neighboring town of Verrettes. Tutoring in French and mathematics are offered to 5th and 6th graders, while French, English, math and sciences are provided to Secondary students at both locations. Each year, on average, over 93% of our scholarship students advance to the following grade and consistently show marked improvement on their national exams.



Letter of Thanks

The Crosby Fund's generosity embodies much more than material or academic support: it is a symbol of hope, a light in our sometimes dark path, an outstretched hand that lifts us toward the future. You have sown seeds of courage, ambition, and resilience in our lives. And we will do everything to ensure that these seeds bear the most beautiful fruits, through our success, our integrity, and our future dedication to others. Please accept, in all humility, the expression of our eternal gratitude. We will never cease to thank you. For your impact goes beyond the boundaries of education: it touches our souls, it transforms our destinies.

*With all our hearts,
Peterson Joseph, Sleydens Frimane, J. Mauristel
Electromechanical Engineering Students at GOC University*

Education Center Programs

Supporting Education in the Community

For the surrounding community, The Crosby Fund's Education Center located in Deschapelles acts as a hub for all things educational, not only for our Literacy, Tutoring, and Summer Camp programs, but for other community educational programs as well, year-round, free of charge.

Adult Literacy

As part of our ongoing mission to support all aspects of education, The Crosby Fund's Adult Literacy Program, started in 2019, offers reading, writing and basic mathematics to adults of all ages in the local Deschapelles community. Local teachers administer the program which is based on a curriculum provided by the Haitian Ministry of Education. This year, we have 39 adults participating in the 2-year program. Classes meet three times a week, 3 hours per session. After completing the second year, each student takes a standardized exam, and those earning a passing score receive a certificate of literacy.



Youth Literacy

With The Crosby Fund's Primary and Secondary scholarship programs filled to capacity every year, and with half of all Haitian families unable to afford school, The Crosby Fund offers a free literacy program for non-scholarship children ages 6-13 at our Education Center. The goal of the program is to provide children in the community with basic literacy and math skills. Like the adult literacy program, the 2-year program meets 3 times a week, 3 hours per session. This year, we had a total of 22 participants in the program. At the program's founding in 2020, The Crosby Fund hosted a team of literacy trainers at our Education Center and received a generous donation of printed textbooks from USAID, to whom we remain grateful.

Computer Lab

As an increasingly critical part of any modern education, The Crosby Fund continues to offer computer training at our Education Center's Computer Lab. Under the tutelage of Saturne Emmanuelson, a Crosby Fund alumnus and Computer Lab manager, secondary students receive training in a broad range of computer skills essential to their ongoing academic success as they prepare for the transition to university and technical school. Our computer lab and its eight workstations are open to all students for daily homework, tutoring, as well as online courses in foreign languages (with Duolingo) and mathematics (through Kahn Academy). In addition, applicants to our Career Development program take advantage of the Computer Lab as they prepare their business plans for submission. Note: Donations of gently used laptop PC computers are always appreciated. Please contact Ted Crosby for more information of how to give. president@crosbyfund.org



Sex Education

To empower young women and girls, as well as enable young people to make more informed choices through adolescence and young adulthood, The Crosby Fund hosts an annual Sex Education program at our Education Center in Deschapelles. These weekend seminars, taught by registered nurses, are organized into two groups according to grade level: 5th to 9th and 10th to Philo. Topics include puberty, prevention of early pregnancy, gender equality, family planning, as well as prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV AIDS for the older group.



Summer Camp:

Every year, to try and bring a little happiness and fun to the children of Deschapelles, The Crosby Fund offers summer camp for children ages 5-13. Each session includes a variety of fun activities from arts and crafts, singing, dancing, and sports, led by our Haitian staff as well as others from the community. Like many children in the Artibonite, some participants in the camp are unable to attend school so we try and incorporate a little education into the camp's daily activities as well. This year, despite the continuing troubles across the country, we are happy to report that summer camp once again went off as scheduled, and that 90 local children were able to attend.



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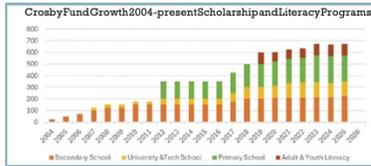
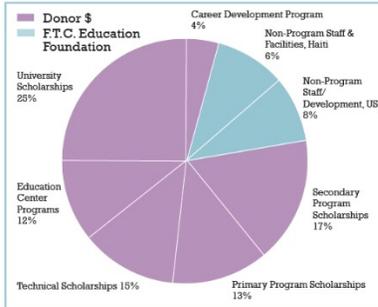
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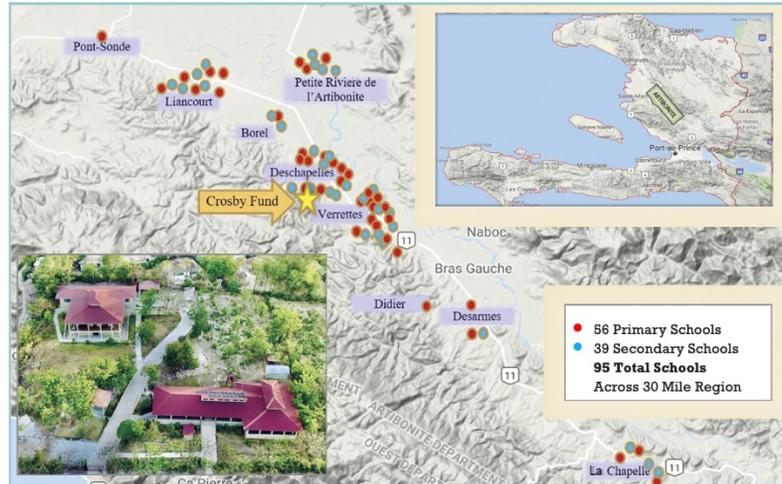
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Our operating and program expenses for 2024-2025 were \$875,120. The pie chart below shows the breakdown of our expenses. The administration and all operating costs in the U.S. and Haiti are covered entirely by the F.T.C. Education Foundation.



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