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A Scholarship Fund: Because Education in Haiti Is Not Free | Annual Report 2026



Scholarships granted: 7,923 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 2025 – 26 Academic Year

- 555 Scholarships in Pre-K – University Students
- 435 Pre-K to High School Students
- 62 Technical School Students
- 58 University Students
- 93% High School Graduation Rate
- 88% of Graduates Receive a Crosby Scholarship to University or Technical School
- 309 in Youth & Adult Literacy, Tutoring Sex Ed & Summer Camp

Our Scholarship Programs

Primary School Program
This school year, The Crosby Fund provided 211 Primary School scholarships to children from Pre-K through 6th grade. These scholarship students attend 56 different schools from across the rural Artibonite Valley. To reach as many families as possible, we limit support to one child per household. Selection begins as early as Pre-K, guided by each family's financial need and specific circumstances. As part of our selection process we aim for an equitable gender balance, as well as geographically drawing students from villages across the 30-mile Artibonite Valley region.
Children who meet The Crosby Fund's academic standards, continue in the scholarship program year over year. This year, 15 students advanced into our Secondary Program — progress made possible in part by our tutoring program, which supports 5th and 6th graders in French and mathematics.
A Primary School Scholarship costs an average of $250–300 per year and covers tuition, books, and a uniform.

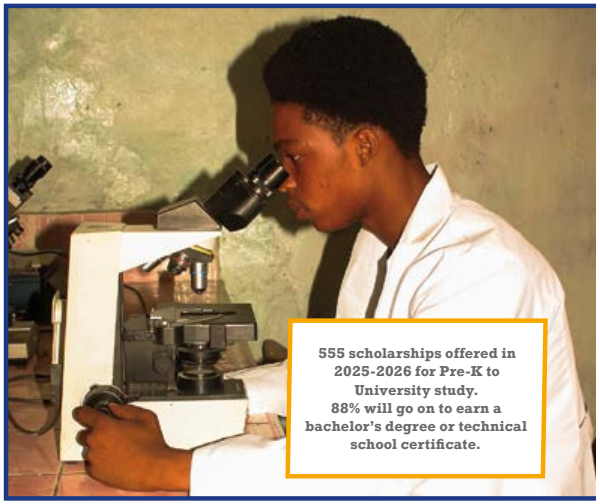






Secondary School Program
In this year's Secondary School Program, 224 scholarships were awarded to students from 7th grade through "Philo" (the mandatory 13th year for students continuing on to post-secondary study). While most of our secondary school scholarship students advance directly from our Primary School Program, we typically welcome roughly 10 new students each year based on academic excellence and financial need.
Throughout the year, students who need extra support receive tutoring in math, science, and languages at our Education Center in Deschapelles and at a second location in nearby Verrettes (see the Tutoring Program section for additional details).
This year, 23 students graduated and will move on to post-secondary study at either a university program or a technical/professional school. Which educational path they take depends on each student's results on the Philo exam, a standardized national test administered by Haiti's Ministry of Education. Every Crosby Fund graduate, whether they qualify for technical/professional school or university, will be offered a full scholarship.
The average Secondary School Scholarship costs $400–$500 per year and covers tuition, books, and a uniform.

Technical and Professional School Program
After completing their post-secondary education, 58 students received scholarships this year to attend a technical or professional school program of their choosing. Beyond covering full tuition for these 3 to 4 year programs, each scholarship includes a laptop computer and a stipend for room and board or travel expenses as needed. As part of our broader commitment to the community, we also help select local students who excelled outside our program to fund their final year of study.
We're proud to share that this year 8 students earned their degrees or certificates in fields including nursing, medical laboratory sciences, pharmacology, business administration, education, and cosmetology.
Technical and Professional School Scholarships range from $1,500 to $3,000 per year, depending on the school, its location, and whether a living or travel stipend is needed.



555 scholarships offered in 2025-2026 for Pre-K to University study.
88% will go on to earn a bachelor's degree or technical school certificate.



Roland Zilius shown here during his internship year in dentistry.

University Program
Each year, select Crosby Fund graduates become eligible for university scholarships based on their Philo exam scores, academic record, and demonstrated aptitude for university-level study. This year, 54 students received full university scholarships, along with 4 additional scholarships for students completing a required internship year to finalize their degrees. The Crosby Fund is very proud to announce that this academic year 4 students completed their degrees in fields including accounting and dentistry.
All University Program students receive a living stipend to help cover rent, food, and transportation, along with a laptop which is essential for reading assignments, homework submissions, and access to online learning. We're deeply grateful to the Nan H. Altmayer Charitable Trust for once again funding laptops for our entire incoming freshman class.
A university scholarship averages $3,500 a year, depending on the school and field of study, and covers both tuition and a living expense stipend.

Career Development Program

Education, and the hope it creates lies at the heart of everything we do. That commitment extends beyond the classroom as we continue partnering with our university and technical school graduates to help them build lasting professional careers. Through the Career Development Program, launched in 2021, The Crosby Fund has awarded grants to young entrepreneurs launching new ventures throughout the Artibonite Valley, giving them both a foothold in their chosen fields and a chance to serve their communities in meaningful ways.

Jeanvil Jean Wilson is a case in point. A Crosby scholar with an engineering degree from Université Élisé Joseph, Jeanvil applied for and was awarded a Crosby Fund grant in 2025 to build a permanent school in the remote region of Haute Bélanger. He had founded the school years earlier and has been running it out of a temporary, open-air space ever since. With the grant's first installment disbursed in 2025 and the second following in 2026, construction is now progressing steadily, and we look forward to keeping you updated as Jeanvil's new school building continues to take shape.



Jeanvil Wilson in front of the construction for his new school in Haute Bélanger. The current school is pictured below.



Guerrens Aristide, an Agronomist with a degree from Université Episcopale d'Haïti, pictured here on his Artibonite Valley farm funded by The Crosby Fund.



Education Center Programs



Tutoring Program

Every student in our program must pass a national standardized exam in 9th grade and "Philo" (13th grade) in order to stay in our program and to advance into our Post-Secondary program. Yet overcrowded classrooms, inadequate school infrastructure, and high student-to-teacher ratios leave many students struggling to keep pace with their coursework — particularly in the critical subjects of mathematics, language, and the sciences. To help address this gap, The Crosby Fund employs 10 tutors to run an after-school tutoring program, giving students the support they need to maintain their scholarships, advance to the next grade, and prepare for their national exams.

This year, we have 65 students participating in the program at our Education Center in Deschapelles and in the neighboring town of Verrettes. Fifth and sixth graders receive tutoring in French and mathematics, while secondary students at both locations receive extra help in French, English, math, and science. The results speak for themselves as more of our scholarship students advance to the next grade each year, with consistent, measurable gains on their national exams.



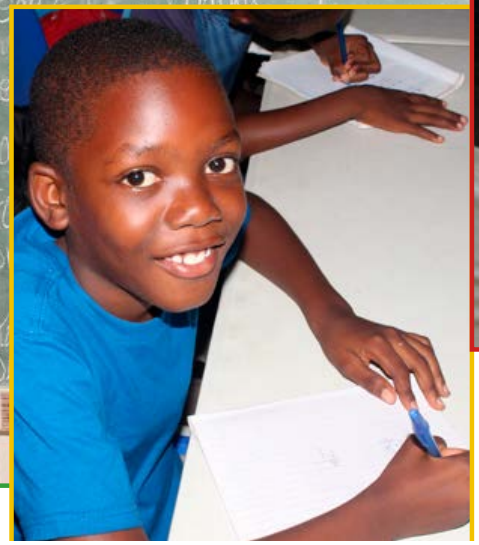
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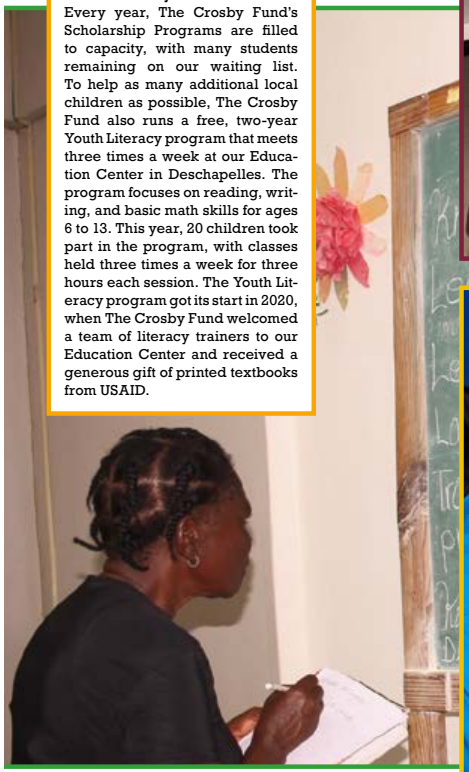
Supporting Education in the Community
The Crosby Fund's Education Center in Deschapelles serves as a year-round educational hub for the wider community, offering Adult and Youth Literacy programs, Tutoring, Summer Camp sessions, Sex Education, and other educational initiatives at no cost to local participants.

Youth Literacy
Every year, The Crosby Fund's Scholarship Programs are filled to capacity, with many students remaining on our waiting list. To help as many additional local children as possible, The Crosby Fund also runs a free, two-year Youth Literacy program that meets three times a week at our Education Center in Deschapelles. The program focuses on reading, writing, and basic math skills for ages 6 to 13. This year, 20 children took part in the program, with classes held three times a week for three hours each session. The Youth Literacy program got its start in 2020, when The Crosby Fund welcomed a team of literacy trainers to our Education Center and received a generous gift of printed textbooks from USAID.

Adult Literacy
Nearly half of all Haitians are unable to read or write — a staggering figure that underscores how urgent the need for literacy programs remains in the country. Launched in 2019, The Crosby Fund's Adult Literacy Program brings reading, writing, and basic mathematics instruction to adults of all ages from the Deschapelles community. The program is led by local teachers and follows a curriculum developed by the Haitian Ministry of Education. This year, 30 adults are enrolled in the two-year program, attending classes three times a week for three hours per session. Upon completing their second year, students sit for a standardized exam. In what is always a joyous celebration, The Crosby Fund hosts an end of year graduation ceremony at our Education Center.







Sex Education
Education, self-advocacy and confidence are powerful tools for young people trying to navigate the complex transition into adulthood. Each year, our Education Center in Deschapelles hosts a Sex Education program designed to help students, particularly young women and girls, make informed, empowered choices about their health and futures. Led by doctors and registered nurses from the area, the one-day seminar teaches students from 9th through Philo (13th grade) about early pregnancy prevention, gender equality, family planning as well as sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS prevention.



Computer Lab
Computer literacy has become as important to a student's education as reading or math, and The Crosby Fund's Computer Lab makes sure essential computer training is available at our Education Center. Saturne Emmanuelson, a Crosby Fund alumnus who now manages the lab, guides secondary students through a wide range of computer skills that will be critical as they move on to university and technical school. The lab's eight workstations are open daily to all students, not only for homework and tutoring, but for online coursework in foreign languages through Duolingo and mathematics through Khan Academy. Applicants to our Career Development Program also rely on the lab as they draft their business plans and applications for submission. Note: We are always grateful to receive donations of gently used laptop computers. **To learn more about giving, please contact Ted Crosby at president@crosbyfund.org.**



Summer Camp:
Each year at our Education Center in Deschapelles, The Crosby Fund offers a summer camp for children ages 5 to 13. Sessions include arts and crafts, singing, dancing and sports, as well as a hardy lunch, all led by our Haitian staff alongside volunteers from the community. But the camp offers more than just recreation. Many children in the Artibonite lack regular access to school, so we incorporate basic educational activities into each day as well. This year, despite ongoing difficulties around the country, we are glad to report that summer camp took place as planned, providing 104 local children a welcome break and a sense of normalcy during these difficult times.

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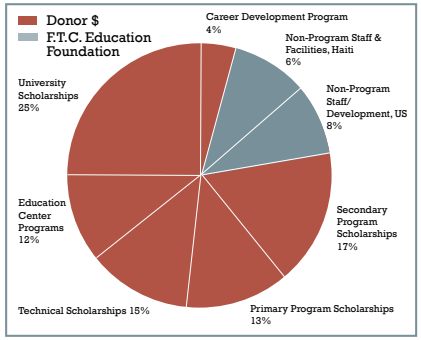
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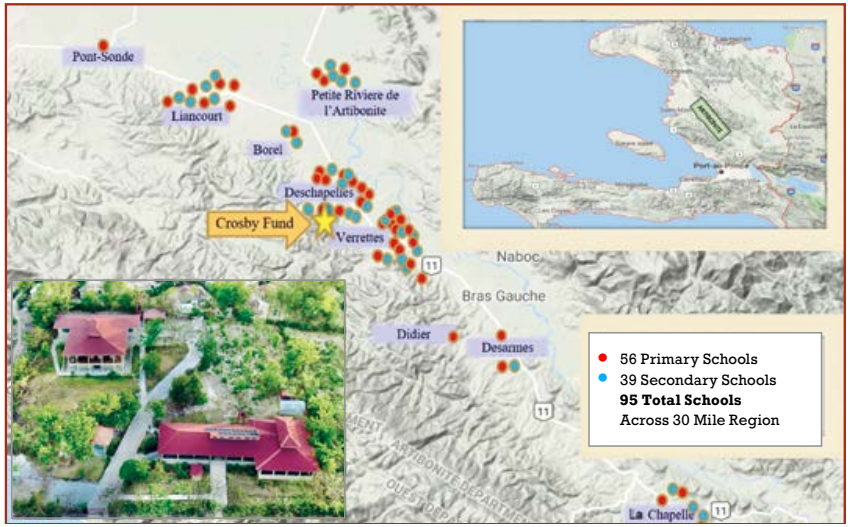
Our operating and program expenses for 2025-2026 were $906,977. The administration and all operating costs in the U.S. and Haiti are covered entirely by the F.T.C. Education Foundation.



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