

THE ACR SPIRIT

A year in review newsletter from the Association for the Children of Regnier, Haiti



Association
for the
Children of
Regnier,
Haiti (ACR)

*"Bringing hope to
a generation, one
child at a time."*

Fundraising Throughout the Year

With your support, we raised over \$66,000 in 2021

In lieu of in-person fundraising galas and events this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, ACR opted for online fundraising to support the students of Regnier! These initiatives included a Facebook fundraiser in celebration of ACR's 26th Anniversary (February 25th), the Pot of Gold and Green Raffle (August 31st), and the GoFundMe following the August 14th earthquake.

With your support, we have raised **\$66,488** as of December 29th. Meanwhile, we spent **\$76,044** on construction, school faculty salaries, the food program, and school supplies and furnishings. We thank you for your continued support and dedication to the children of Regnier, Haiti, especially in these challenging times!





IMR prior to the earthquake



Immediately after the earthquake



Clearing the rubble



In progress construction

On the Road to Recovery

Following the impacts of the August 14th Earthquake

As we all know, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake devastated Haiti on August 14th of this year. Although the school was not in session, minimizing the direct impacts to students, the Institution Mixte de Regnier's three-story building collapsed and the security walls and other buildings received considerable structural damage.

A GoFundMe was created to fund the immediate repairs and construction necessary for the school. So far, **\$8,500 (after fees)** has been raised through the fundraiser, not including financial contributions received separately.

With the financial assistance of all of our supporters and the perseverance of ACR members, the demolition of the damaged three-story building, clearing of the rubble, and the beginning of construction for the seven-classroom building occurred within two months. The new school year welcomed 285 K-13 students in October.

There is still work that must be done to ensure a safe and resilient school for the students and return to previously scheduled school programs. With your support in the coming months, we aim to continue the construction and return previously scheduled programs to the school!



See the full Le Nouvelliste article in the blog post on ACR's website

In Regards to COVID-19

As we know, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to disrupt our daily lives in 2021.

Please remember that you are an extension of the ACR Haiti Inc. family and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.



A Special Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to ACR and supported the students of the Institution Mixte de Regnier in this time of need. We wanted to give a special shout-out to the following individuals and organizations for **not only** donating financially but dedicating their time to ACR through separate fundraising initiatives:

Freedom Chapel International

Sevan Kuyumjian

Freeport High School Human Relations Club

Carina Tenaglia Art

Ron LaFrance

Updates for the Institution Mixte de Regnier

In spite of setbacks to the school year, there were several notable achievements and events this year

NATIONAL EXAM

Despite having to miss school days because of extreme weather events, the students at the Institution Mixte de Regnier prevailed at this year's National Exam. **81%** of IMR's 9th graders passed the exam, with grades surpassing that of students in other parts of the country! Congratulations to these students!

IMR STAFF

ACR welcomes the new Institution Mixte de Regnier staff members who began this school year!

School Administrator - Ingenieur Wilgens Jeudi,
(former student)

School Director - Jimmy Jean Baptiste

Assistant Director/Dean - George Bruno Polynice
(former student)

Discipline Coordinator - Varnel Louissaint
Secretary and Treasurer - Ensie Etienne

FOOD PROGRAM

In November of 2020, ACR partnered with Leonie Kitchen and Garden (LKG) to begin a breakfast program for the student!

Since then, hundreds of meals have been provided for students to ensure that not only were they receiving a quality education, but they were also receiving a healthy meal! Even as the school reopened following the earthquake, LKG has continued to serve food to the students, including the national dish - rice and beans - with chicken, carrots, and potatoes during the week of Thanksgiving!

CLASS HIGHLIGHT

Did you know that IMR offers a business class for its students? In this course, students learn the art of entrepreneurship to help start their own ventures!

Snapshots from IMR





Congratulations to our Winners!

We wanted to reiterate our congratulations to the winners of the Pot of Gold and Green Raffle! Out of 2,231 tickets sold, we had our first prize winner Ronald B. (Ticket #1092), winning \$1,115.50 and our second prize winner, Delcon F. (Ticket #1717) with \$557.75.

ACR was able to receive a profit of \$9,481.75, (\$303.40 was subtracted from the grand total to account for expenses attributed to the raffle) following the fundraising! Missed out on this opportunity to win? Look out for the return of the Pot of Gold and Green Raffle in April of next year!

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In this new year, please continue to keep ACR and the Institution Mixte de Regnier in your thoughts!