FEJ: Where Every Season Becomes a Season of Hope

From Summer Smiles to New Beginnings: FEJ Is Nourishing, Educating, and Empowering Children in Haiti

BY GINA FERRUS, CEO AND CO-FOUNDER OF FEJ

At FEJ, every season brings new opportunities to create hope. This year has been filled with children's laughter, young women finding their voices, meaningful partnerships, and communities coming together to build a brighter future for Haiti.

Today, we invite you to join us in an important new chapter—one focused on helping children receive the care, education, and support they need to thrive.

Introducing the "Hope in Action" Campaign

Formerly known as the Bright Light Haiti Sponsorship Campaign, our campaign now carries a name that reflects FEJ's broader mission:

FEJ Hope in Action: Nourishing Futures, Empowering Children

This uplifting campaign will support children and families through:

- Emergency medical care
- Treatment and nutritional support
- School enrollment and educational expenses
- Clothing, books, uniforms, and school supplies
- Community partnerships and outreach
- Leadership and empowerment opportunities

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A Summer Filled with Joy and Possibility

Our summer activities at the FEJ crèche in Haiti reminded us that joy is an essential part of childhood development.

Through games, creative activities, learning opportunities, and moments of connection, the children enjoyed a season filled with smiles, discovery, and encouragement. We believe children deserve more than the basics. They deserve safe, nurturing spaces where they can learn, play, dream, and feel valued.

Every joyful moment helps shape a child’s confidence and sense of possibility.

Helping Children Return to School

When the school year began on October 5, 2026, families across Haiti prepared for a new academic journey. For many children, however, returning to school is not guaranteed.

School fees, uniforms, books, transportation, clothing, and basic supplies can create barriers that no child should have to face alone. Without support, eager and capable students may be left behind—not because they lack potential, but because their families do not have the resources to cover the cost of education.

Through FEJ Hope in Action, we aim to help many families and children in need.

With the support of donors, partners, and people who believe in Haiti's children, we can make the first day of school more than a date on the calendar. We can make it the beginning of a child's journey toward opportunity, confidence, and independence.

Providing Urgent Medical and Nutritional Support

Education cannot begin when a child is facing a medical crisis.

FEJ is also working to help 10 children experiencing severe malnutrition receive urgent medical admission and appropriate care. These children need immediate support, including access to treatment, nutritional services, medical monitoring, and compassionate care.

For a child facing severe malnutrition, timely intervention can make a life-changing difference.

Every child we help is a life touched. Every child we save is a miracle.

Your support can help give vulnerable children the chance to heal, grow stronger, return to school, and look toward the future with renewed hope.

A Year of Connection, Leadership, and Community

FEJ's work extends beyond crèche and school programs. Throughout the year, we have continued creating opportunities for connection, leadership, and empowerment.

Our spring events brought together supporters and community members who share our commitment to meaningful and sustainable work in Haiti. We were also grateful for the opportunity to visit France, strengthen relationships, and open doors for future collaboration.

In Montreal, our summer gathering created another opportunity to connect, learn, celebrate, and support FEJ's mission. Important work is strengthened by community—and sometimes by good conversation, warm fellowship, and good food.

One of the most meaningful moments was welcoming three young adults who were adopted from the FEJ crèche. They were no longer the babies we once knew. They had grown into remarkable young adults with dreams, hopes, and stories of their own.

Spending time with them was joyful, emotional, and deeply meaningful. As "Mommy Gina," I was reminded of the importance of staying connected and helping fill the gaps along each child's journey—from the crèche to adulthood.

Their visit was a powerful reflection of how care, belonging, and opportunity can shape a life.

We are also proud to celebrate the Haitian Women's Network Luncheon in Montreal, an important gathering honoring Haitian women, their achievements, resilience, leadership, and contributions to our communities.

When women connect, encourage one another, and share opportunities, the impact reaches far beyond the room.

How You Can Put Hope in Action

You can support FEJ Hope in Action by:

- Sponsoring a child's education
- Helping provide emergency medical admission for a child experiencing severe malnutrition
- Partnering with FEJ
- Organizing a fundraising event
- Launching a peer-to-peer fundraising project
- Sharing the campaign with your family, friends, and network
- Volunteering your time, skills, or resources

Your support can help provide the essentials children need to be safe, healthy, nourished, and ready to learn.

One child supported is one future protected.

One medical intervention can save a life.

One new outfit can restore a child's confidence.

One book can open a world of possibilities.

One act of generosity can help a child believe in what is possible.

At FEJ, we are not simply responding to immediate needs. We are investing in dignity, health, education, purpose, leadership, and hope.

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP PROVIDE

Education	Health	Nutrition
School enrollment, books, uniforms and supplies	Urgent medical admission, treatment and monitoring	Treatment and nutritional support for children in need

Help Us Put Hope in Action

Our goals are clear:

• Help 10 children experiencing severe malnutrition access urgent medical care

We invite you to stand with the children and families of Haiti.

Help a child heal. Help a child learn. Help a child dream.

Sponsor a child. Support emergency care. Organize an event. Share the campaign. Put your hope in action.

To learn more about FEJ Hope in Action: Nourishing Futures, Empowering Children, contact FEJ to sponsor a child, support emergency medical care, become a partner, organize a fundraiser, or make a donation.

Together, we can help create the brighter future Haiti's children deserve.

SUPPORT FEJ HOPE IN ACTION

With gratitude,

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"It Is Easier To Build Strong Children Than Fix Broken Men" — Frederick Douglass

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