



Introduction to Fondation Enfant Jesus (FEJ) and FEJ-USA

FEJ-USA

FEJ-USA is a US-based, non-profit organization operated by concerned US citizens (many of whom are adoptive parents) to help end the cycle of poverty in Haiti. Working alongside 'Fondation Enfant Jesus,' FEJ-USA offers logistical, volunteer, and financial support to provide education, health care, and community development in impoverished regions in Haiti. FEJ-USA has 501(c)(3) status and is registered in the State of North Carolina. Our US tax id # is: 20-5525662

FEJ: History and Purpose

Fondation Enfant Jesus (FEJ) was founded in 1985 by Lucienne Duncan, a widow and resident of Lamardelle. FEJ's mission is to break the cycle of poverty in Haiti by promoting sustainable human development for impoverished children and their families through a robust, full-life development program, including culturally sensitive information, child and family advocacy, health services, community building and enhancement, support for entrepreneurship, and a comprehensive child and family protection program. All FEJ services and training programs are provided to marginalized families regardless of race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, or political association. We believe in the power of people working together to build brighter futures and create lasting change.

Core Programs

FEJ works with five core programs to fulfill its mission: The Crèche Enfant Jesus orphanage, the Community Clinic Enfant Jesus, Caris Intensive Treatment Unit, the Enfant Jesus School, and their Chache Lavi (Seeking Life) program. All of FEJ's programs use a holistic approach so that children and adults learn how to help themselves and can utilize their skills and talents to benefit their community.

Crèche Enfant Jesus: FEJ has been recognized as a top-tier child welfare institution in Haiti by Institut du Bien-Être Social et de la Recherche (IBESR). We believe every abandoned or orphaned child deserves a loving home with parents providing care, education, and security. We first seek to reunite children with their own families and then work with national and international adoption agencies to place them in homes where they will be nurtured and loved. For children not fortunate enough to be adopted, we provide love, character development, schooling, and opportunities to learn valuable skills that will enable them to become self-sufficient and positively contribute to Haitian culture and society. As of January 2024, the Crèche has 40 children in its care.

Community Clinic Enfant Jesus: Access to health care is extremely difficult for residents of remote regions like Lamardelle, so FEJ built the clinic to ensure that the school, the community of Lamardelle, and the surrounding areas would have access to high-quality health care at a minimal cost. The clinic offers regular medical services, including prenatal, maternity, postnatal care, physiotherapy, women's health and pediatrics, and educational services, like nutritional programs for children and pregnant women. In 2023, the clinic doubled the number of medical visits to 6,838 vs. 2022.

Intensive Treatment Unit: Since April 2020, our Caris Foundation Pediatric Intensive Treatment Unit has provided 25 residential bed medical treatment units caring for hundreds of children with challenging medical problems, such as severely malnourished children and HIV-positive children. Children come from throughout the country to receive specialty care from this unique facility located in Port au Prince.

Enfant Jesus School: Enfant Jesus School is a model of quality and innovation in childcare services and one of the oldest existing schools in the region. Its mission is to reduce the growing literacy gap of the impoverished children and families of Lamardelle and the surrounding region and ensure that every child has access to basic education programs. Up to 360 children attend Enfant Jesus School each academic year.

Chache lavi (CL): The "Seeking Life" training program is a transformative 6 to 18-month program initiated in FEJ Haiti and Canada. "Seeking Life" aims to empower women, newcomers, and individuals from racialized communities who have experienced traumatic events. Imagine a program that helps women discover their full potential, cultivate unshakeable resilience, and integrate seamlessly into Haitian and Canadian society. "Seeking Life" offers a unique journey of personal growth, combining powerful skill development strategies, financial literacy training, and comprehensive integration support.

Innovation - FEJ Children's Center (FEJCC): Nestled in Port-au-Prince, the FEJ Children's Center (FEJCC) is FEJ's primary office and site of the Intensive Treatment Unit, spanning three stories and covering 7,500 square feet. The facility is dedicated to serving the local community and children in need of critical medical care across Haiti. Strategically located near the U.S. Embassy and Toussaint Louverture International Airport, FEJCC guarantees enhanced accessibility for adoptive parents in Haiti, providing seamless access to the facility.

FEJCC has successfully navigated the meticulous certification process led by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), securing prestigious LEED Platinum and WELL Silver certifications. This commitment aligns seamlessly with FEJ's mission to cultivate a healthier, cleaner, and environmentally friendly space for both staff and children.

-Conference Room: Equipped to foster collaborative efforts and community engagement.

-Local Public Art: Enhancing the aesthetic appeal and cultural richness of the center.

-Recycling Program: A robust initiative promoting environmental consciousness

Employing a sustainable approach, FEJCC incorporates energy and water-efficient features, creating an eco-friendly building. The emphasis on LEED Platinum certification underscores the efficient utilization of resources and integrates a state-of-the-art water sanitation system.

In addition to LEED certification, FEJCC embraces the seven concepts of the WELL Building Standard (WELL). This integration prioritizes the health and well-being of FEJ's staff and children, enhancing their overall experience.

More than a physical space, the FEJ Children's Center symbolizes FEJ's unwavering commitment to fostering a sustainable, healthy, and supportive environment for the community and children in Haiti. Through its strategic location, eco-friendly construction, and dedication to certification standards, FEJCC stands as a testament to FEJ's enduring mission and values.