



An orphanage  
*Transformed*

**ESPWA**  
IMPACT REPORT  
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*“Children develop best in caring families. Families grow stronger in vibrant communities. And communities secure the future through their children.”*

## the evolution of **ESPWA**

ESPWA was founded in 1998 as a traditional orphanage in Southern Haiti. After 20 years, upon assuming the financial sponsorship of ESPWA from Free the Kids, Inc. in June 2020, **Overture International has successfully transitioned ESPWA from an orphanage to a child development and family strengthening center** that provides vital programs for children and support for their families with the ultimate goal of keeping the family unit together. Because orphanages are NOT the answer. Children who remain in their homes, regardless of extreme poverty, have the best chance of a sustainable future. Over the last 12 months, we’ve facilitated the reuniting of **252 children** with their families and already, these transitions have proven extremely successful for all involved, including the children, their families and the community at large.



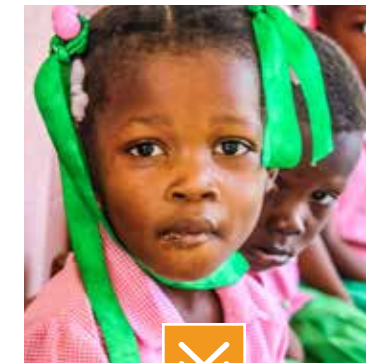
### OUR **BELIEF**

We believe that children need their parents and that nothing can replace the connection of a loving family.



### OUR **PURPOSE**

Our mission is to alleviate the devastating effects of poverty on vulnerable children in Southern Haiti.



### OUR **DREAM**

We aspire to become the largest and most qualified educational and child development center in Southern Haiti.



our  
programs

**1 Education** Classes are offered for **Pre-K through University Prep** to vulnerable children at a reduced tuition rate or full scholarship. Religious education is also offered during the school day, which develops the spiritual, moral, ethical and service culture of the students.

**2 After School** **Physical, social and community activities** are focused on developing life skills, enabling children to reach their highest potential. **Enrichment activities** include job exploration and professional development through internships with key partners.

**3 Family Strengthening** We focus on **developing parents as good role models** in the home and providers for their families by training and offering them resources for personal skill development and vocational development.

**4 Crisis Care** In collaboration with Haiti's child welfare agency (IBESR), we provide **temporary residency** in safe family-style homes for children in crisis while their families regain their ability to care for their child(ren), at which point children are reunified with their families.

**Coming Soon** Within the next few years, our goal is to add **vocational training programs** for community adults, **personal development classes** for parents and **professional training programs** for public health and agriculture.

# our campus repurposed

Our 7-acre campus and 120 acres of farmland are alive and well, thriving in a way no one could have imagined just 12 short months ago. **A campus that was once reserved strictly for housing and schooling of ESPWA's orphans has now been repurposed with a broader reach in mind.** Today, children, families and community members alike are all welcomed on campus and encouraged to benefit from the many programs we offer.

Here's how we now use our facilities:

<b>Girls &amp; Boys Villages</b>	<i>afterschool programs and activities</i>
<b>Teen Village (not pictured)</b>	<i>afterschool sports and other physical activities; classrooms for our job exploration classes (i.e. plumbing and driving) and our Young Adults Empowerment program</i>
<b>Shelter Homes</b>	<i>remodeled for our crisis care cases</i>
<b>Medical Clinic (not pictured)</b>	<i>public health training for children and adults; counseling for young adults, children and families; a hub for community medical partners to provide immunizations and other health services; medical missions teams</i>
<b>Dining Hall &amp; Kitchen</b>	<i>preparation space for school meals and snacks for students; meeting place for parents and community events; potential shelter during natural disasters</i>
<b>Old Secondary School</b>	<i>Creative Arts Center for dance, arts and macrame classes</i>
<b>Farmland</b>	<i>crop-share land for both ESPWA and surrounding communities</i>



# a year in review

In the face of it all, the past 12 months have been filled with monumental milestones and impact!



We facilitated the reuniting of all **252 children** previously living at the orphanage with their families



We've **repurposed all structures** at ESPWA from housing for orphans to facilities for community-wide educational programs



We're the **only child development center in Haiti** to offer a full range of classical education, programs and resources for family strengthening and self-sufficiency



We've officially become part of a collaborative effort with **child protection partners** in Haiti to preserve and strengthen families and communities

## 850 students

attended our K-University Prep (Philo) school

## 250+ students

attending ESPWA schools are on full scholarship

## 32 youth

have participated in our Young Adult Empowerment Program

## 75 students

have been involved in our after school program

## 98% of students

have succeeded in their year-end government exams

## 60 plots

of farmland are being crop-shared with 6 communities



## a family reunified

At the young age of 5, Rickens Adonis was placed in an orphanage by his mother who did so in hopes of providing him with a brighter future. His mother, Fabiola, was a single mother living in extreme poverty and struggled to meet his basic needs. In September 2016, Fabiola placed Rickens at ESPWA because of her lack of understanding around the dire consequences that family separation has on a child.

A few years later, when we made the decision to reunify all ESPWA children in the orphanage with their parents, we focused on educating parents about the importance of their roles in the lives of their children, including Fabiola. Fortunately, it didn't take long for Fabiola to realize she'd made a terrible mistake and that no one else on earth could truly care for her son or help him develop the way his own mother could.



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After conducting both a psychosocial and economic evaluation of Fabiola's family and our community assessment, our social workers customized a plan for Fabiola to help her achieve independence and reassume the care of Rickens as well as her other two children. Her plan included:

### 1 PARENTAL EDUCATION AND COUNSELING:

Fabiola participates in our trainings on child protection, parental responsibility and proper childcare. She and her children also benefit from family counseling sessions.

**2 HOUSING:** We've provided a house for Fabiola and her family to help facilitate the proper physical development of her children.

**3 CLASSICAL EDUCATION:** We've provided school scholarships for all three of Fabiola's children.

**4 BUSINESS SUPPORT:** Fabiola graduated from our business training program after which we provided her with technical and financial support in the startup of her business. Today, Fabiola is able to provide basic needs for her children.

Rickens' case is a perfect example of how ESPWA's transition from orphanage to child development and family strengthening center is not only helping to reunify families, but also to propel those families toward independence and self-sufficiency.

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# your support keeps children out of *orphanages*.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our Overture family, **we've accomplished so much over the past 12 months together—one child, one family and one community at a time.** But our work is far from complete. In fact, it has only just begun, as it will take years to help Haitians fully realize and buy into the power of this transformational shift. Will you be the key to continuing this positive transition for Haitian families? Gifts of all sizes are needed and appreciated. **Please keep children out of orphanages by giving your best gift today.**

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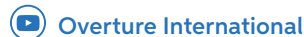
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