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Your compassion *Realized*

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

# we are **Overture International**

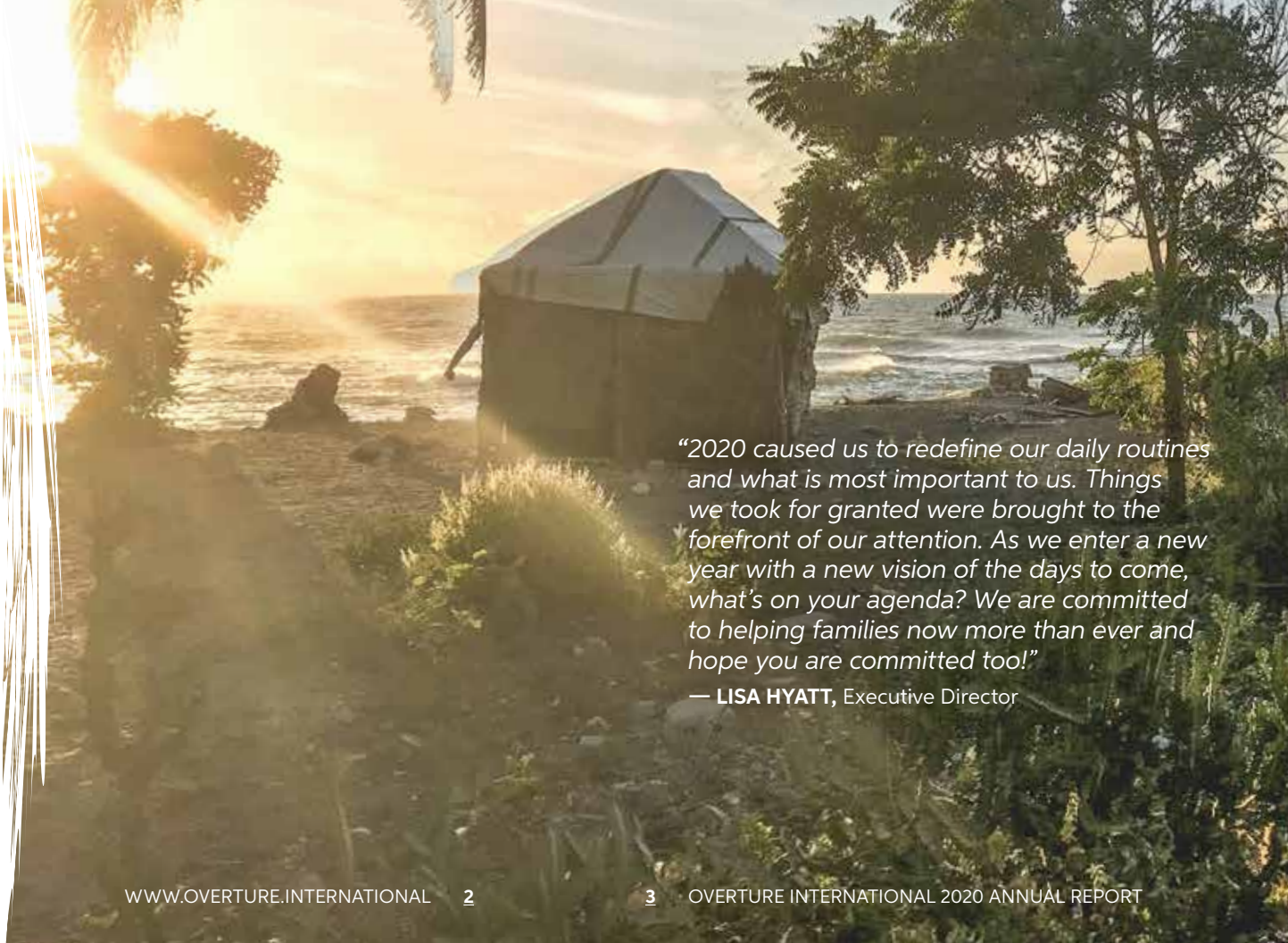
We believe sustainable change in Haiti is possible and we won't stop working until all Haitians are self-sufficient and no longer dependent on aid.

## Vision

We envision a Haiti where strong communities empowered by strong families overcome poverty with their own power, skills and determination.

## Synergistic Approach

We walk alongside Haitians at all stages of life, from childhood to parenthood. By combining social, community and economic development, we provide a comprehensive self-help approach for families to break the cycle of poverty and aid dependency.



*“2020 caused us to redefine our daily routines and what is most important to us. Things we took for granted were brought to the forefront of our attention. As we enter a new year with a new vision of the days to come, what’s on your agenda? We are committed to helping families now more than ever and hope you are committed too!”*

— LISA HYATT, Executive Director

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*“...And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*  
— 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



our  
**Strategies**

## 1 Targeting

We focus on the highest risk families and communities who are ready to solve their own challenges.

## 2 Self-Determination

We guide impoverished families and communities in assessing their own problems, identifying their own resources and developing their own solutions.

## 3 Sustainability

Our desired outcome for all projects is permanency, leading to the overall goal of breaking the cycle of poverty and aid dependence.

## 4 Local Buying & Hiring

Resources are purchased locally to support the local economy and local workers are hired to gain new skills and income.

## 5 Collaboration

We seek partners with mutual goals to create synergy in helping families and communities meet their goals.

# child Development

Providing vital programs and support to vulnerable children and their families.

**DESIRED  
OUTCOME**

To prevent the separation of families by keeping children in the most natural and supportive environment possible — with their families.

- 420k** hot lunches served
- 1,090** students on full or partial school scholarships
- 50** kids in afterschool program at ESPWA
- 252** children reunited with family

# social Development

Strengthening families and communities with resources they can rely on.

**DESIRED  
OUTCOME**

Families have the resources, skills and protections needed to raise their children in a healthy and safe environment.

- 40+** youth in prison receive social supports
- 38** communities receive child protection training
- 225** families in Family Preservation Program
- 55** families provided with farming support

# community Development

Empowering communities to assess and develop their own solutions.

**DESIRED  
OUTCOME**

Impoverished communities have the resources and protections needed for families to exercise self-determination to meet community goals and protect all members of the community.

- 200+** community members provided with employment
- 60** local farmers provided with land
- 21** new homes built
- 173k** meals distributed in vulnerable communities

# economic Development

Growing the local economy through trainings, jobs and business opportunities.

**DESIRED  
OUTCOME**

Individuals and communities have the resources, skills and protections needed to attain economic independence (free from aid) in a manner protective of the local community and environment.

- 125+** staff employed by Overture and ESPWA
- 6** investments in family business plans
- 5** investments in graduates business plans
- 32** youth in Young Adult Empowerment Program



## from dependency to **Business Owners**

All too often, children who have been raised in orphanages have no desire or motivation to learn self-sufficiency as they enter adulthood. They've become fully dependent on others and they're comfortable with this way of life. Such was the case for **Anel, Davidson and Jacques** who, not too long ago, refused to entertain a life without ESPWA. But thanks to our **Young Adult Empowerment Program** — a mentorship course in which educators and community leaders teach youth how to achieve professional success, live independent lives, contribute to civic responsibility and understand life skills — the lives of these three young men are forever changed.

After two years of hard work and unwavering

commitment, which included developing a viable business plan, preparing a detailed budget and participating in hands-on internships, Anel, Davidson and Jacques are now program graduates as well as BUSINESS OWNERS! With funding from the program and a space in town to set up shop, these men have started their own barber shop and one day hope to create jobs for other youth in their community. **The dream of a sustainable, independent life is within reach.** This, my friends, is your compassion REALIZED!

Empowering young entrepreneurs is critical to breaking the cycle of extreme poverty in Haiti. And this story affirms the impact that providing opportunity and support can have on both a person's life and in a community.



## a family **Reunited**



Maxon and his wife Carline desperately wanted to give their children the opportunity for a thriving future. What parent wouldn't want this for their kids? But because they were unable to provide shelter, education, nutrition and other basic needs for all five of their children, they made the heart-wrenching decision to put three of their five kids — **Max, Christelle and Marthe Angeline** — in the orphanage many years ago. They truly believed their children would be better off without them. Little did they know that this decision, although motivated by pure love, would cause extreme trauma and grief for the entire family. The children grew up thinking they were abandoned by those who were supposed to love them most and the parents lived in constant guilt and anguish knowing they'd made the biggest mistake of their lives. There is nothing that can replace or better serve a child than their family unit, which is why families are never meant to be separated.

Thankfully, because Overture prioritizes family reunification, after working closely with Maxon and Carline to prepare them for reunification, Max, Christelle and Marthe Angeline were **reunited with their parents and siblings earlier this year.** And there is true joy all around! The children now live in less fear and are more optimistic about their futures. And the parents are celebrating their reunion as a true miracle. Their dignity as responsible parents has been realized.

Overture has given this family a new home where they can all live comfortably together. The children are enrolled in a school and the entire family participates in our family empowerment workshops at Camp Perrin! In addition, because the family depends on agriculture as their source of income, they're receiving farm support and animals to expand their income capacity. This is what our **Family Preservation Program** is all about!

# 2020 Milestones



### Initiated Sponsorship of ESPWA

In June 2020, we assumed the financial sponsorship of **ESPWA** from Free the Kids, Inc., providing vital programs for children and support for their families with the ultimate goal of keeping the families together.



### Transitioned Orphanage to Child Development Center

**ESPWA** is no longer an orphanage and is now a child development day center that provides vital programs for children and support for families so they can remain unified and become self-sufficient.



### Expanded Family Empowerment Programs

We increased our focus on **family services** because in order for children to truly thrive, they need a quality education and a loving family, paired with a sustainable community and an independent economy.



### Invested in Education

We provided hope for today and promise for tomorrow to more than **1,600 students** through our **ESPWA** schools, Family Preservation Program and Southern Haiti schools.



### Empowered Young Entrepreneurs

Through our Young Adult Empowerment Program, we provided **50 Haitian young adults** with training in professional, personal, social and interpersonal development to equip them with the skills they need to live independent, thriving lives.



### Provided Food Relief

We delivered nutrition to **1,400 students** and empowered sustainable nutrition through community farm programs.

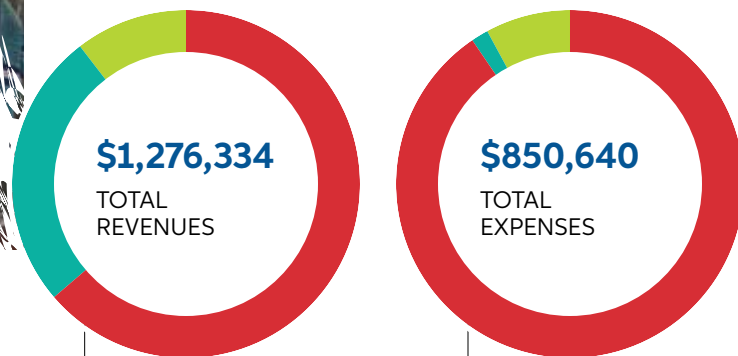


## Fundraising HIGHLIGHTS

CAMPAIGN	TOTAL RAISED	# OF DONORS
<b>Back to School</b>	<b>\$ 86,828</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Giving Tuesday</b>	<b>\$ 27,536</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Haiti Strong End-of-Year</b>	<b>\$ 142,056</b>	<b>159</b>

2020 FINANCIALS

# 2020 Financials\*



Category	Percentage
ESPWA Child Development	60.4%
Social Development	24.5%
Community and Economic Development	9.9%
Program Support	90.5%
Administration	1.6%
Fundraising	7.9%

\* For detailed financials, a complete copy of our 990 will be published on our website April 1.



## Thank you!

To all of our **1,082** generous donors, we thank you! And to our faithful leadership team, we thank you! Each of you allows us to move our mission forward. **Simply put, without you, our work would not be possible.** We are beyond grateful for your support and commitment.

## leadership Team

**Lisa Hyatt**  
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Project Controller

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**Pierre Richard Peronneau**  
Child Development Manager of ESPWA

# make a Difference!

We hope you will continue to partner with us this year and in the many years to come through your time, talent and treasure. No matter your gift or talent, we can use you in mighty ways to make a difference in the lives of Haiti's most vulnerable.



## Learn More

Participate in one of our interactive, virtual information sessions to take a deeper dive into the work we're doing on the ground in Haiti! The sessions are held quarterly. To learn more, visit [www.overture.international/information-sessions](http://www.overture.international/information-sessions).



## Become an Ambassador

Join us as a champion for a stronger Haiti. Help us grow our Overture family by introducing our mission and programs to your own community. To learn more, email [info@ooihaiti.com](mailto:info@ooihaiti.com).



## Donate

Supporting Overture with a one-time, monthly, or multi-year donation or pledge means you're providing hope for today and promise for tomorrow. To learn more or to make an online donation, visit [www.overture.international/giving-options](http://www.overture.international/giving-options). Or feel free to mail a check to our office.

*“The compassion our supporters have shown through their donations is a living example of unity and strength in adversity.”*

— ENEL ANDRE, Social Development Advisor





*“Overture’s objective is to support the most vulnerable families of Haiti.”*

— JOCELYN NELSON, Regional Director




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