



FAMILIES STRONGER COMMUNITIES + STRONGER

HAITI STRONGER

In the face of the daily strife that comes with living in a developing country like Haiti, we're seeing great courage in the hard work of our friends in southern Haiti. While the news coming out of Haiti today is grim, because of you, these amazing community members and our Overture ground teams, there is hope for the future for families and communities. **That hope starts with strengthening families.** This means keeping the family unit together instead of parents being left with no other option but to relinquish their children to the orphanage because they cannot provide for their basic needs. Stronger families (those with access to basic needs and the opportunity to work and provide for themselves) make stronger communities. Together, families and communities will become the agents of change for generations to come. And ultimately, they are the ones who will build **Haiti Stronger!**

We have experienced amazing progress to celebrate over the last year since we officially implemented our Social Support Model. However, there's still much work to do in order for us to continue implementing this proven model across more communities in southern Haiti, ultimately moving them closer to realizing the dream of independence. This is how we're working with families to help them build Haiti Stronger...by **empowering Haitians of all ages at the individual, family and community level** to end generational poverty and become the first generation to experience the freedom of self-sufficiency.



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2022 END-OF-YEAR GIVING



Fighter
age 10

FIGHTER'S FAMILY

Fighter is a 10-year-old boy who lives with his aunt, six other adults and three children in their home in Guilleme, a community not far from ESPWA campus. Fighter was reunited with his aunt in 2019 after spending three years at ESPWA when it was an orphanage. Upon their reunification, an Overture social worker partnered with the family to develop a three-year plan to strengthen and equip them on their journey to independence and self-sufficiency. The first year was focused on stabilizing the family, ensuring the children were enrolled in a school in their community and the adults were counseled on potential opportunities for training and employment.

In the second year, Fighter's family continued to participate in education and training, and they also qualified to participate in the building of an Overture home for their family. As with all Overture homes, the family along with community members were given training and skills to equip them to build a resilient home which withstood the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti in August 2021. The adults in the family received child protection training to help them become more effective caregivers, while Fighter and the other children benefited from Overture scholarships to continue their education.



In the last year and a half, Fighter and the family have settled into their new home, the family has been able to access much-needed healthcare through Overture's Medical Clinic at ESPWA. Fighter and the other children continue their education through the generosity of donor-funded scholarships. During this time, Overture has also assisted Fighter's aunt in starting her own business that will supply critical income for the family and move them closer to independence.



Our Overture social worker and team will continue to work with Fighter's family through the next year to help them access essential services within their communities implemented through our Social Support Model. With the help of donors, we'll provide scholarships so the children can continue their education and we'll help Fighter's Aunt and the other adults improve their business skills so they can better provide for their family. **We're confident that one day soon, Fighter's family will be in a position to cover the cost of tuition,**

contribute to the cost of their own healthcare and ultimately be role models for others in their community, proving that the dream of independence and self-sufficiency is within reach!



INVESTING IN BUILDING HAITI STRONGER.

Ultimately, families like Fighter's need to be able to rely on themselves and their communities for support and access to the basic services required to meet their needs. The Overture Social Support Model is equipping them to do exactly this. Our efforts to implement this model and its 5 Pillars over the past 12 months in just 10 priority communities have had a tremendous impact.

10

schools supported
with teacher training
and nutrition

547k

meals
provided

22

mobile clinics
served **8,000+**
individuals

40

new homes
built

600

community
members received
social support

There is still much more to do! You can make a difference by investing in strengthening families and communities in southern Haiti. Your investment will provide a future with hope and promise, and build **Haiti Stronger!**

The next several pages highlight a critical program within each of the 5 Pillars that needs your investment over the coming months to ensure we equip our families and communities to not only overcome the current challenges, but to build **Haiti Stronger** for long-term success. **We invite you to prayerfully consider committing to one of these programs.**



Empowerment

Young Adult Empowerment Program: The importance of social empowerment has been brought into clear view with the recent increase in gang violence in Haiti due to shortages and political unrest. It reminds us just how important it is to have viable alternatives for young adults to avoid turning to gangs for their identity and income. That's why we're continuing to invest in our Young Adult Empowerment Program that equips these youth through education, training and social support. When we change the trajectory of the lives of these young men and women, they are able to play a significant role in strengthening their families and communities, rather than being part of their deterioration. They become a force for building **Haiti Stronger!**

► One-time gift of \$725 or a monthly gift of \$60



Education

School Scholarships: As we share with you often, Education Means Life in Haiti! It is the most critical component of equipping the next generation of Haitians to move from dependence to self-sufficiency. And education is at the core of strengthening children, their families and their communities. That's why we invest so much of our energy and communications inviting our supporters to invest in scholarships for the children in the communities we serve. And as this need is a consistent one, we're inviting you to continue to invest in the futures of these children through this end of year campaign. These children are the ones who are truly going to be the next generation that builds **Haiti Stronger!**

► One-time gift of \$500 or a monthly gift of \$42





Nutrition



We're launching the **Diri Lavi! food packaging program** that will create opportunities for employment, increased access to nutrition, opportunities for economic development through local farming and jobs, and be a model for other communities to replicate. Diri Lavi! is Haitian Creole for Rice for Life! That's how critical this staple is for communities. Community members are excited about this new initiative, which they see as an opportunity for themselves, their families and their communities to change the trajectory of their future – being less dependent on foreign aid. It can truly be a transformational project in helping build **Haiti Stronger!**

► One-time gift of \$1,000 or a monthly gift of \$85



Housing

Through last year's earthquake and other disasters, we've seen just how effective our **Overture-designed and built homes** are for those families who had them. Almost all of our homes survived with NO damage, with just a handful sustaining non-structural damage. It really has been a "concrete" example of what it means to build **Haiti Stronger** one family at a time! And because Overture builds these homes by training LOCAL community members, we create economic stimulus that creates income for families and builds community. This local approach builds a sense of pride and ownership within the community, and as we've seen in recent months, when community members are equipped with the ability to work and access resources to meet their basic needs, they are motivated to protect their communities!



► One-time gift of \$5,000 or a monthly gift of \$425



Healthcare

ESPWA Clinic and Mobile Clinics: Access to reliable, consistent healthcare (physical and mental) is unattainable for most Haitians. Due to the recent unrest and violence, many of the clinics and other medical resources in Haiti are unable to operate because of the violence or essential supply shortages, such as fuel. While we've strived to continue operating our ESPWA Clinic and our Mobile Clinics, taking the Overture approach of equipping and training local teams of professionals, the cost of fuel has doubled, and we've had to increase security measures making these clinics even more expensive to operate. One of our most challenging needs for our Mobile Clinics to actually be mobile is our ability to obtain reliable, rugged vehicles and to maintain the extreme wear and tear they endure as our teams navigate on rough and unkempt roads to communities. For ordinary vehicles, these roads would be impassable. Healthy community members and families are better equipped to build **Haiti Stronger!**

► **One-time gift of \$2,500 or a monthly gift of \$200**



YOU MAKE HAITI STRONGER!

We know this is a significant list of prospective investments in Overture and those we serve. But the need is just as significant. We've seen that "band-aid" solutions do more harm than good in Haiti and other developing countries. That's why **Overture is committed to continuing to implement the Social Support Model in communities to build a sustainable, effective infrastructure that ultimately leads to independence and self-sufficiency.** That is only possible when we strengthen families and communities. As we close out 2022, we hope you will join us in continuing to invest in the children, families and communities who are working each and every day to build **Haiti Stronger!**



Your support is critical and it's transforming lives. Join us as we continue to empower the most vulnerable towards independence and self-sufficiency!

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"We're so grateful for all of you and invite you to continue to walk with us as we empower our friends to continue their journey toward independence and self-sufficiency. Together we continue to build Haiti Stronger!" *Lisa*



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