



**NPH USA**  
Raising Children. Supporting Families.  
Transforming Lives.



# OUR HOMES: NPH HAITI

## COUNTRY FACTS

**Area:** 10,714 square miles – slightly smaller than the state of Maryland

**Population:** 11,198,240 (July 2021 est.)

**Languages:** French, Creole

**Issues:** Poorest country in the Western Hemisphere; political instability; frequent natural disasters

## NPH HAITI FACTS

Also known as Nos Petits Frères et Sœurs (NPFS, French for “Our Little Brothers and Sisters”), NPH Haiti was opened on January 26, 1987. Two years later, Father William B. Wasson and Father Rick Frechette established a medical program which would later become St. Damien Pediatric Hospital.

### Facilities/Programs:

- **St. Hélène Foyer**, the main children’s home, is located 5,000 feet above sea level in Kenscoff, about 25 miles from the capital of Port-au-Prince.
- **St. Damien Pediatric Hospital** in Tabarre, a suburb of the capital, is the nation’s premier children’s facility.
- **Kay St. Germaine, Kay Gabriel and Kay Elaine** are rehabilitation outpatient centers providing therapy and educating children and adults with neurological disabilities.
- **Father Wasson Angels of Light** in Tabarre provides a home and school for vulnerable and displaced children.
- **Don Bosco** in Tabarre is a higher education program for youths who graduated from St. Hélène and are attending high school, university or technical schools.

\*Total services provided includes fully supported children and youth; community children and adults who attend our onsite schools, have scholarships to other schools, and/or receive in-kind donations and/or medical/social services; and support for *Hermanos Mayores* who grew up at the home.



**1,712**  
children fully supported



**75,389\***  
services provided



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Kenson Kaas, National Director of Childcare is an *Hermano Mayor* (“older brother”), who was raised at the home. ▶
- As a result of the 2010 earthquake, NPH/NPFS Haiti suffered the tragic loss of staff, volunteers and family members, as well as extensive facility damage. Despite these losses, by year’s end, they assisted over one million people.
- St. Hélène Foyer is home to over 400 children. Situated on 15 acres, it features residential cottages, a chapel, farm, and primary school (grades K-8).
- St. Damien Hospital focuses on providing long-term care for critically ill children, including heart surgery and chemotherapy. It also offers outpatient care and public health programs that provide more than 80,000 services per year.
- Following an earthquake near Port-de-Paix in 2018, NPH and its sister program, the St. Luke Foundation for Haiti, provided more than 1,000 children with three meals a day.
- In 2018, a multipurpose space was constructed at the outpatient school and rehab facility Kay St. Germaine. It has areas for sports and dance for special needs students, and training workshops for staff, parents and patients.
- In March 2019, Darlene Milford and Christopher Philemon Pouloute from our special needs home, Kay Christine, earned medals in equestrian events at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Both were first-time competitors in the Games. ▶



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\*Includes St. Damien Pediatric Hospital