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A Message from our Founder

Dear friends,

“Back To School!” It’s a slogan we have all come to love, as we organize our lives and get back into the routine of life. But this year back to school looks and feels different for us all. Whether your kids are home on zoom or in person with masks, the world looks vastly different than it did last fall! The Nourish Every Child team has had to adapt and change with the evolving world around us.



In Haiti, our sponsored kids have returned to school! There are washing hands and wearing masks but social distancing is virtually impossible in the cramped quarters of most schools. The kids are so happy to be back in the classroom and to be receiving a meal a day through the nutrition program. Many of the kids in our program have suffered tremendous food shortages since the closure of schools due to Covid-19, as the meal served at school is their only meal each day.

The situation on the ground in Haiti is tenuous at best. The combination of Covid and political unrest has led to severe food shortages. The Haitian people are hesitant to follow social distancing and stay at home orders, as their daily work is the only way to obtain food for the day. The only testing site in the country was in Port-au-Prince and the lab is currently broken. With minimal access to oxygen therapy and only 64 working ventilators in the country of 11 million, many Haitian people are dying at home of “the fever”.

Nourish Every Child has evolved with the pandemic to meet the needs of the vulnerable children we serve. We have provided every family in our program with four washable masks and a home water filtration system. The clay water filter will last up to ten years and will prevent many of the water borne illnesses endemic in Haiti.

The postponement of our Annual Gala to Spring 2021, has led us to return to grassroots fundraising efforts to keep our commitment to our 180 scholars for the 2020-2021 school year. We wanted to say THANK YOU to our donors who have generously donated for this school year! For those that have not recommitted, IT IS NOT TOO LATE! Please consider clicking the link below to make a donation today and know that together, we are making a difference!

Warm regards,

Jennifer Burns

PLEASE DONATE NOW!

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



Adam Brown, MD MBA President, Emergency Medicine, Envision Physician Services

On my first trip to Haiti, I saw first-hand the impact of my gift and the gifts of other donors to children sponsored by Nourish Every Child. The singing from the classroom, the smell of food from the school’s kitchen and the smiles on the children’s faces were beyond rewarding. In those moments, I saw the importance and criticality of NEC. NEC gives some of the most vulnerable children a fighting chance not only breaks what is ostensibly a never-ending cycle of poverty, but to thrive.

Poverty is not a natural process and is not an innate human trait; it is a symptom of decades and perhaps centuries of at best, political incompetence or at worse systemic injustices and political malfeasance. Breaking that cycle of poverty is not just an act of righting the wrongs of the past; it’s an act that corrects, elevates, and heals humans and communities. If we are able, we should empower and support our fellow human beings in any way possible. That’s why I’m on the board of Nourish Every Child. I know that with my efforts, skills, and gifts, the children we sponsor – and by extension their families and communities – will gain the knowledge, nutrition, and physical strength needed to succeed against outwardly insurmountable challenges.

SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT



Hi Everyone!

My name is Claire Van Moorlehem and I'm 9 years old. My mom is the Event Director and a Board Member for Nourish Every Child. We have watched her plan all of the NEC Galas and even been her helpers to deliver sponsor packets. This year the NEC annual gala had to be cancelled. Knowing how disappointed my mom and her friends were that their biggest fundraising event of the year had to be cancelled, my sister, Emily, and I decided to take matters into our own hands!

We put on our thinking caps on and created a ‘socially distant’ restaurant in our backyard, called Café Parfaïe. We invited friends and neighbors to come over and order breakfast (which mom cooked) and we worked as the waitress and server in our very own restaurant. We even did the dishes afterward. We told everyone who came that we wanted to donate all the proceeds to provide support to Nourish Every Child scholars in Haiti.

On the opening weekend of Café Parfaïe, Emily and I raised over \$150 in ‘tips’. When you are my age, that’s a lot of money! With some matching funds from Mom and Dad, we were able to fully sponsor a student (tuition, books, snack, daily meal) for the entire 2020-2021 school year. We love school, so it made us feel really good to do something for someone in need. I can’t wait until I can go to Haiti with my Mom so that I can meet some of the kids NEC has been helping. But Mom says I need to wait a few more years. Until then, I guess we will have to just continue helping from our backyard. Check out NEC’s Instagram page for the next Café Parfaïe. We would love to see everyone there.

In the meantime, there are still students looking for sponsorship! Please donate today!

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