



ACT ON THE MOVE

AYITI COMMUNITY TRUST

Building a Sustainable Ayiti



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We are a transnational
community foundation based in
Ayiti and the US that believes
that people are our biggest asset.

ACT ON THE MOVE



We are moving mountains
for stronger connections

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

“On the Move” is the theme that best describes the year 2022 at the Ayiti Community Trust (ACT). We continued to progress in many key areas as our focus on working with the *Seksyon Kominal*s continues to bear fruit. Our three pillars: Environment, Civic Education, and Social Entrepreneurship each represent a path to building a sustainable Ayiti. In 2022, we highlighted the Environment while in the prior year we chose Civic Education.

Our emphasis on the endowment model is meant to signal that we are in this for the long run. Consequently the initiatives that were begun in the prior year continued into 2022. ACT is recognized for both its consistency and continuity. We sow today, harvest tomorrow and in the future will reap the benefits of our efforts. Our success will be measured over generations.

We continued to engage our community with the United in Legacy campaign which was held during Haitian Heritage month. This brought out the theme of the one Haitian nation that operates beyond borders. We hosted a dialogue for our donors to deepen our understanding of what can be achieved within the realm of the environment.

During our annual retreat in Cap-Haitien, we convened organizations from across the country to share best practices and discuss common efforts to positively impact the environment. We connected experts who had yet to meet, and more importantly we fostered partnerships. For example, APV who has been in existence for several decades agreed to collaborate and mentor a newly established entity to help them operate more efficiently.



GHISLAIN GOURAIGE, JR.
BOARD CHAIRMAN

The annual retreat infused the local economy with a much needed boost. The Friends of ACT (FACT) who traveled with us filled several hotels and restaurants; hired tour guides; purchased arts and crafts. We demonstrated that ACT's board and stakeholders will continue to be present in Ayiti.

In the fall, we gathered for the first time since the pandemic to celebrate Haitian designers at our **Byen Chèlbè** gala. Our nation's talented designers were acclaimed and their work was displayed. The turnout was impressive and those attending wore their finest. It was a sight to behold.

Our community continues to grow along with our donors, grants and grantees. We will shine the light and support those who are making progress. The challenge is daunting but we meet with optimism, positivity and determination.

AYITI IS POSSIBLE! AN AVAN!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



GUERDA NICOLAS, PHD
CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

When I see the pieces of a mosaic, I am reminded of the beauty of my culture. How these small unique pieces when fashioned together create a spectacle of light that is undeniable. It is a wonder that deserves to be seen. It is a work of art that deserves to be celebrated. It is the unification of life and art beaming with universality. We are all different, and yet we are all **ONE**.

We have done this work for about 7 years now and we envision the legacy of Ayiti Community Trust to set the precedent for returning dignity back to humanitarian work. Showcasing the most valuable assets in Ayiti, her people. Believing that Ayiti is capable and possible. Establishing a mechanism for longevity, an endowment fund. Continuing to equip leaders of Haitian led organizations operating in country toward developing their own solutions. Our mission connects all these valuable pieces.

I want to take a moment to thank you for all your kindness and support. Your financial contributions helped ACT support the people of Ayiti in the areas of Environment, Entrepreneurship, and Civic Education. In addition, through our Disaster Relief Fund our partnership with grassroots organizations has continued to support families across southern Ayiti rebuild their lives and set a foundation for sustainable development.

Thank you for supporting us this year and with your continued support, we look forward to what the future holds for Ayiti Community Trust.

2022

HIGHLIGHTS

Ayiti is Our Heritage.



ENVIRONMENT FORUM

ACT hosted this forum in Ayiti to put a spotlight on the important work happening in-country to protect the environment.



CELEBRATING HAITIAN FASHION

This year's annual gala celebrated trailblazing fashion designers and creatives.



EXPAND OUR REACH NATIONALLY

Hosted community events in DC, Brooklyn, New Jersey, and Texas.



ACT IN RWANDA

ACT participated in the African Philanthropy Forum Conference and visited the SparkMicrogrants FCAP program in the rural villages to represent Ayiti.



HONORING MADAME ERTHA PASCAL TROUILLOT

We had the privilege to honor the legacy and leadership of the first woman supreme court judge and first woman president of Ayiti.



DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Provided support to rural communities that are rebuilding back stronger and meeting the ongoing challenges with innovation and sustainable solutions.

AYITI COMMUNITY TRUST (ACT)

is a transnational community foundation that supports innovation in Ayiti through grantmaking and community activation.

OUR MISSION

To support and sustain development innovation in Ayiti (Haiti) in the areas of civic education, environment, and entrepreneurship.

ASSET-FRAMING APPROACH

The people of Ayiti are the country's greatest asset. We, at Ayiti Community Trust, believe that Ayiti and its people are more than the challenges that we face.

As a transnational community foundation, we operate within an asset framework that views the people of Ayiti assets. When we focus on the collective strengths and aspirations, we build solutions to Ayiti's challenges that benefit all of its people.

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

Novel solution to a problem that is more effective and sustainable.

Innovation typically involves digging deep to learn about the root causes of a challenge. Working together with the people experiencing the challenge is very important. As an example, instead of donating food to the food bank, social innovators would work with the people

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

A development initiative that provides control of the development process, resources, and decision-making authority directly to groups in the community.

Operate on the principles of transparency, participation, accountability, and enhanced local capacity.

that access the food bank and together test out different ideas to increase their income or make food more affordable. It is a trans-disciplinary concept increasingly applied to a range of fields with the goal of removing barriers to participation in society, reducing inequalities, and promoting integration, inclusion, and justice.

OUR PILLARS



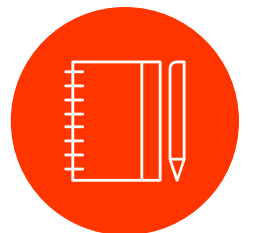
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This strategic focus on economic livelihood enables us to support business innovations that help stabilize the local economy and cultivate a new generation of entrepreneurs.



ENVIRONMENT

This year, **our pillar of focus was the Environment**. We hosted an Environment Forum that connected grassroots organizations from across the country that are leading the way in climate-resilient solutions and building a dedicated national network of innovators.



CIVIC EDUCATION

Our grantee partners help lead their communities to become civic-engaged members of society. They provided education on civic duty, along with many leadership development programs for youth, women, and girls.



2022 GRANTEES:

BASKETBALL POU ANKADRE LAJENÈS (BAL)

ORGANIZATION MISSION: BAL uses basketball as a tool to educate and mentor vulnerable Haitian youth. In addition to basketball, participants partake in a wide variety of educational and enrichment activities designed to maximize their capacity as citizens and keep them out of trouble. BAL operates in two of Port-au-Prince's most underserved urban neighborhoods: Cité Soleil and Martissant.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE: BAL proposes to use ACT funding to launch a citizenship program that will catalyze a new generation of youth citizen-leaders. Participants will receive innovative training in civic education and community service that will help them grow into agents of change for a new Ayiti. A portion of the awarded funds will also be used to cover the organization's operating costs.

SOLDARITÉ HAITIENNE POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT DE KENSCOFF (SOHADERK)

ORGANIZATION MISSION: SOHADERK works to reverse the environmental degradation of natural resources in the mountainous community of Kenscoff. They provide agricultural extension services and innovative training to a growing network of farmers in the region and Martissant.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE: SOHADERK will train its network of farmers on the use of biofertilizer and biopesticides in order to promote sustainable agricultural practices that protect the environment, increase farmer incomes, and yield more nutritious foods. This will serve as a demonstration project that could be expanded to new communities across Ayiti whose livelihoods are dependent on agriculture and a thriving natural environment.

COOPÉRATIVE DES ACTEURS DE PÊCHE D'ENVIRONNEMENT ET D'ÉLEVAGE (CAPEELAG)

ORGANIZATION MISSION: CAPEELAG is a cooperative of fishermen and local associations on the island of La Gonave

working to protect coastal ecosystems that are critical to their livelihoods and well-being.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE: Mangroves are an essential component of the coastal ecosystem. They provide habitats for high-value marine species, prevent coastal erosion and storm surges, and sequester 10x more carbon than terrestrial trees. However, the cutting of mangroves for use in charcoal production has threatened their existence. CAPEELAG proposes to combat this trend by rehabilitating La Gonave's mangrove forests and establishing a community goat park to generate new sources of income that can help offset charcoal production money.

ACTION TOWARD INITIATIVES AND VOLUNTEERING FOR EDUCATION IN HAITI (ACTIVEH)

ORGANIZATION MISSION: ACTIVEH harnesses the passion and potential of students as a force for positive change. They help youth channel their energies toward professional internship placements and good-will community service projects in Ayiti.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE: With funding support from ACT, ACTIVEH will enhance its existing programming in several key domains:

HIGHLIGHTS + NOTABLES

2022 first time we selected an organization/grantee in the north of Ayiti (**Limbe**)

BAL/CAPEELAG/SOHADERK received a 2nd year award for funding (2023)

The **AGRI-BIO** competition started in 2022, however the final evaluations took place in 2023.

Began construction of 2 community centers (one in each community- **Lievre** and **Twarak**) and 5 homes in each community

Moving into more **SEKSYON KOMINALS** (10)

Lievre, Toirac, Port-au-Prince, Cité Soleil, Limbe, Vali, Thomonde, Kenscoff, (2 sites in Capeelag)

- Recruit and train new members to serve in volunteer community service projects.
- Grow its Action Eco program to foster civic & environmental education and launch more "eco-citizens."
- Expand its Women in Power initiative that provides mentorship and career orientation for young women.
- Provide digital literacy training.

PROGRAMS: IMPACT IN THE U.S.

Shifting the narrative of the country and her people

Amplifying the story of the country and community

Building community of learners about themselves, the culture, and the country

Engaging Haitian nation in philanthropy

Desensitizing and rehabilitating the mindset of Haitians towards collective wellbeing and community development

THINK “ZOOM EVENTS”

AYITI CONNECT: Conversations toward building a prosperous Ayiti

BROOKLYN EVENT:
5/7/22: The Untold Stories of the Haitian Flag workshop and Mixer

9/10/22: Ouigi Theodore, ACT Board Member Mixer at his establishment: The Brooklyn Circus

We Are Building an Endowment

COMMUNITY MAPPING

Launched the first mapping project of Haitian professional organizations in South Florida and translated the document in Kreyol

Sharing the results with the community

Sharing the model of work with other community organizations

ON TOUR

Open segment: ACT The Untold Stories of the Haitian Flags

New Jersey - Dr. Guerda Nicolas

Fort Lauderdale —Dr. Natacha Janac (ACT Board Member)



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DEVELOPMENT

50K-100K

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25K-50K

MIAMI JEWISH FOUNDATION

10K-25K

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to all our generous supporters. Your contribution is part
of a community with a shared vision for Ayiti's future.

5K-10K

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500-2.5K

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2.5K-5K

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DESSALINES SOCIETY

2.5K+ INDIVIDUALS

ANONYMOUS (1)
DEIRDRE PONTBRIAND
HARRY LAROSILIERE
MARTHE LAROSILIERE
VINCENT CONIGLIO

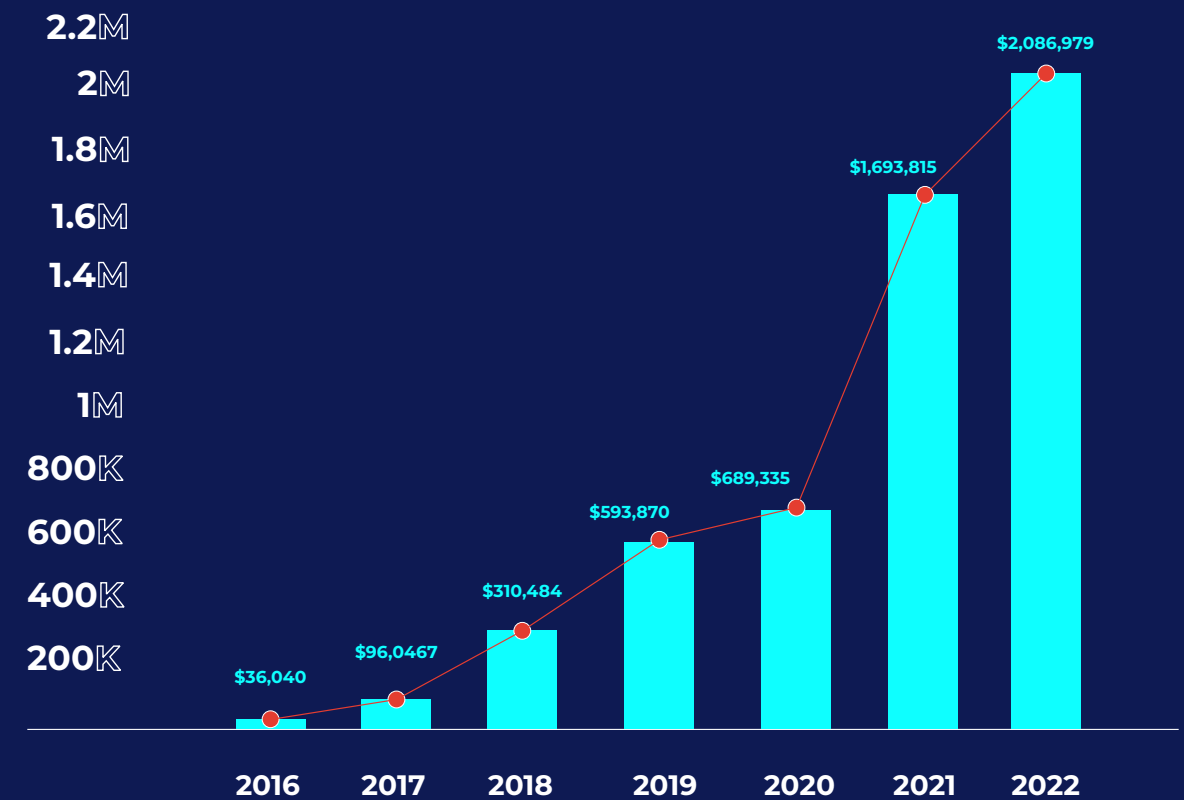
“We have dared to be free. Let us dare to be so by ourselves and for ourselves.”

-Jean-Jacques Dessalines

The name **Dessalines Society** honors **Jean-Jacques Dessalines**, Ayiti’s first emperor, who, after the 1803 Battle of Vertières, declared that all persons on Ayiti’s soil would inherit life and liberty. The names listed represent individuals whose contributions support our General Fund in the amount of \$2500 and above. We are excited to highlight these remarkable individuals who are helping to create a sustainable Ayiti.

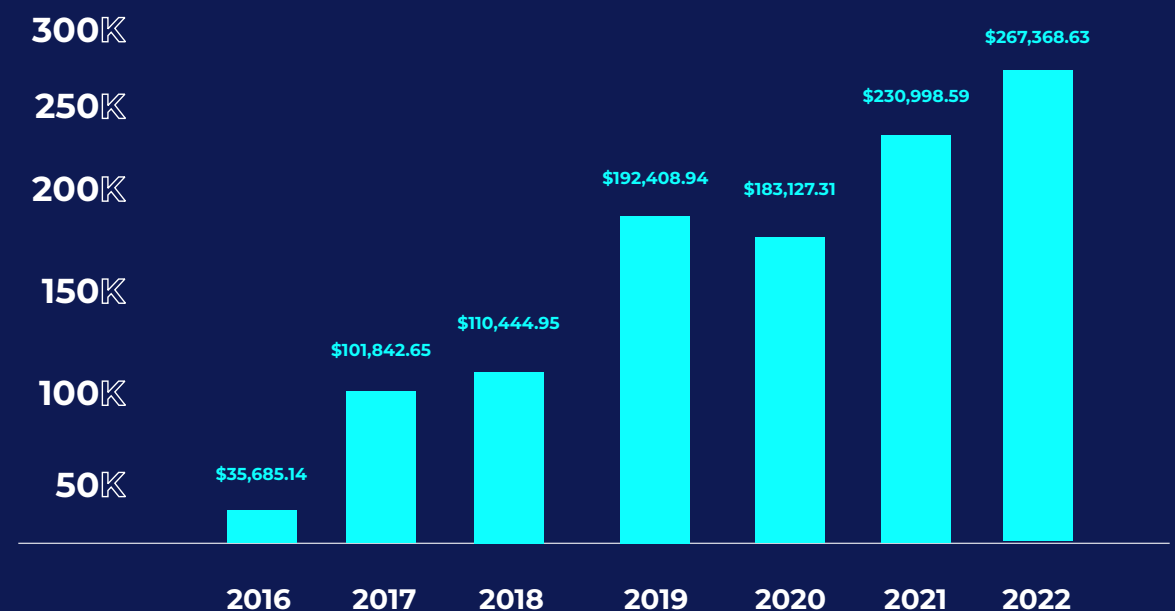
TOTAL DONATIONS TO AYITI COMMUNITY TRUST | IN USD

2016 TO 2022



ASSETS HELD AT THE MIAMI FOUNDATION | IN USD

2016 TO 2022



EVENTS

UNITED IN LEGACY

Ayiti Community Trust (ACT) kickoff the 2nd Annual United in Legacy in Cap Haitien, Ayiti in May at the Citadelle Laferrière followed by an in-person walk on Saturday, December 10th in Miami, FL. This campaign was an opportunity to connect with the community and participants to reach outto their network from all over to raise awarenessand get involved with ACT. With the support of the participants and donors close to \$11,000 was raised.

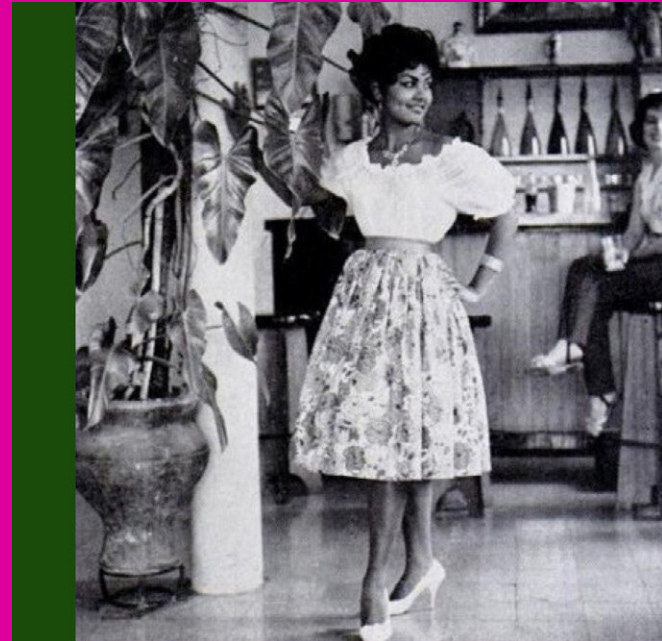


ANNUAL GALA

On Saturday, October 15th, over 300 guests adorned in their **Byen Chèlbè (very chic and elegant)** attire, flowed into the Paradise Plaza. This event honored the spirit and creativity of our community while supporting the important work of building a sustainable Ayiti. The space was beautifully reimaged into a fashion exhibit of stunning designs and decor provided by our honorees. **Professor Bayyinah Bello** honored the outstanding legacy of Madame **Ertha Pascal Trouillot** (who couldn't be with us in person due to a family illness) with a stirring presentation of the Grandèt Award. ACT honored 16 designers and creatives:

OUIGI THEODORE
PRAJJE OSCAR
MARITZA GUERRIER
PHELICIA DELL
VALERIE LOUIS
STELLA JEAN
ABIGAIL PETIT
DAYANNE DANIER
JEAN RALPH THURIN
MERLINE THERMORA
CLAUDIA APAID
MIKO GUILLAUME
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PASCAL THEARD
SOPHIA DEMIRTAS
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ANNUAL GALA Byen Chèlbè.

Saturday | October 15, 2022
Paradise Plaza, Miami, FL

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SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Our dynamic hosts Tico Armand and Samuel Dameus

Performances by NSL Danse Ensemble and the hit band KLASS

Haitian artist Alphonse from Alpi Fine Arts

Miami Dade College Students and Volunteers

And all who helped make the evening a success

HOST COMMITTEE

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OPERATIONS

Ayiti Community Trust (ACT) was established in 2016 by a board-led team. Together, these Board of Directors rolled up their sleeves to establish key values and pillars that would serve as essential focus of the foundations work. Today, the organization has created over 8 jobs and engages over 30 volunteers annually. ACT continues to build this institution by concentrating on building a cohesive collective of board members, staff, and volunteers who are grounded in the values upon which this entity was founded.





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