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Help for Haiti Launches Fundraising Campaign to Support Construction of Model School in North Haiti

Local nonprofit raises over \$50,000 at inaugural Block Party event

Naples, FL, April 9, 2018 – On March 26, 2018, Naples, Florida and Rye, New Hampshire-based nonprofit, [Help for Haiti](http://helpforhaiti.org), kicked off a fundraiser campaign to support the construction of a model school and community center in Cap Haïtien, Haiti. The inaugural “Bill Bull Memorial Block Party” event, held at the Windstar on Naples Bay in Naples, FL, raised \$51,000 that will be used to purchase the cement blocks and other construction materials needed to build the school.

The Block Party effort is held in honor of William Bull, a Naples resident and long-time board member of Help for Haiti, who passed away in 2017.

“We want this Block Party to honor the man who created the original event in 2012, when Bill single-handedly raised funds to build our first school in the rural mountain town of Marmalade, Haiti,” said Jim Willey, Help for Haiti founder. “The week before he was called home, Bill expressed his strong support for building this new model school for the poorest of the poor in downtown Cap Haïtien. Our hope is that others will join us in our effort to fulfill this mission.”

The completed school will have 14 classrooms for 300 children in grades K-12, an electric generator with solar power, a playground, offices for administration, and a kitchen so that Help for Haiti can continue its mission to feed all of the students a hot lunch every day of the school year. After hours, the school will be used as a community center to equip adults with entrepreneurship and sustainable business skills.

In its first month, Help for Haiti has fundraised \$63,000 of its \$300,000 goal for the Block Party campaign. Those interested in donating to the cause can do so by visiting helpforhaiti.com/blockparty/.

About Help for Haiti

Jim & Betsy Willey founded [Help for Haiti](#) in 2010 in response to the historic earthquake that devastated the country. A 501c3 charity, Help for Haiti is a Christian organization created specifically to feed and educate 500 children in the northeast area of Haiti while working with locals to build businesses and create job opportunities for future generations of educated, employable young adults. Help for Haiti utilizes strategic partnerships with organizations that are designed to either feed, educate or employ impoverished communities in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

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