



Haitian Families First (HFF) is a non-profit organization, founded in 2010 by Pittsburgh sisters Jamie and Ali McMutrie after eight years of work in Haiti. HFF provides familial support to some of the neediest people in Haiti. It's a sad reality that families are often torn apart due to unforeseen circumstance, sickness, death, adoption, or so very often, sheer poverty.

HFF works to keep families together by supporting them in numerous ways through grassroots efforts grounded in education - not just schooling, but education in all forms, such as prenatal and newborn care, infant and toddler health, domestic and sexual safety, nutrition education, job tools including finances and placement, job creation, daycare, and much more.

Our approach is holistic and oftentimes begins when we meet a family in a desperate situation. As social services do not exist in Haiti, we provide counseling, training, and basic support as appropriate to help them through a sudden, difficult time (illness, loss of job, damage of home). From there, we continue to assist the family in the best way possible, according to their needs, and help them toward self-sustainability.

We currently have 43 families enrolled in our programs - Nutrition, Education, and Health & Wellness. Last fall, we sent 46 children to school who otherwise would not have been able to attend due to tuition costs. In 2012, we helped 35 children remain in their families instead of being placed in orphanages or *restavek* care. Many families who achieve positive results through our programs are able to take a leadership role in their community, showing neighbors what they were able to accomplish. When someone is able to see a success story right in front of their eyes, the chances of positive results increase dramatically.

No matter the physical or financial needs of the family, we provide a permanent, holistic approach that will help them succeed. We have built a high level of trust among the communities we serve and are able to make a unique impact in these areas because of the bonds of love and trust we have nurtured over the last ten years.

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