



POWERforward International, Inc.





POWER*forward* is dedicated to inspiring underprivileged children to achieve excellence in education and athletics.

Our objective is to provide the resources and support to empower students and stimulate communities both locally and globally.



Why Haiti?

Like the 47 Haitian students he has brought to the U.S., Founder and CEO, Pierre Valmera, shares a common journey of hope, perseverance, and triumph.





Since 2008, **POWER***forward* has organized annual sports camps and community initiatives in Haiti.

1 camp costs approximately \$14,000.00 to execute.





The most recent camp was held December 2018 in Port-Au-Prince – over 400 children attended this 2-day basketball camp.

POWER*forward* was able to provide campers with elite basketball instruction from former pro- and collegiate basketball players and coaches, a pair of basketball sneakers, nutritional meals, and most importantly hope for a brighter future.





Gross average annual income in Haiti is \$1730.

59% of Haitians live on less than \$2/day. 25% are living in extreme poverty on less than \$1.25/day.





30% of children attending school will not make it to the 3rd grade and 60% drop out by the 6th grade.





51% of the Haitian population is unable to read or write





50% of primary school age children are not enrolled in school.

1/3 of girls over the age of 6 never go to school.





Our students are identified at our annual camps and community initiatives. Many know it is their opportunity to be noticed and included in a U.S. education program.

It takes approximately 6 months to 1 year to bring an identified **POWER***forward* student to the U.S. Of the students **POWER***forward* identifies, we must provide means to prepare their immigration paperwork, transport them to and from the Embassy for their appointments, and transport them to the U.S.

This initial preparation cost is approximately \$1,500.00.



However, preparation is more than just paperwork.

POWER*forward* commits to mentally preparing the student from Day 1 for the challenges they will face in the U.S.

POWER*forward* tailors the preparation of each child to his or her special needs based on an assessment of the child's family history, educational pursuits, and athletic ability.



Each **POWER***forward* student is placed with a host family.

We select host families who are not only able to support each student's understanding of new experiences and adjustment and functioning in a new culture, but who are also able to foster an atmosphere of belonging and inclusiveness so each student can grow and succeed.





POWER*forward* wants each child to feel as if he or she is home and a part of a true family: a child flourishes when he or she feels connected and loved.





Each **POWER***forward* student attends an institution of higher learning that nurtures both personal and educational growth and success.

For **POWER***forward* junior high and high school students, they must attend a private institution due to immigration constraints.

The average cost of tuition for **POWER***forward* junior high and high school students is approximately \$15,000.00 per year.



POWER*forward* has placed 36 students in the U.S.

Here are a few present and future **POWER***forward* students.





Skal Labissere
NBA Draft 2016
Sacramento Kings





Skal Labissere

School: Evangelical
Christian School

Class: Senior





D'Jery Baptiste

School: Vanderbilt

Future Profession:

Haitian Diplomat





D'Jery Baptiste
School: Prestonwood
Christian Academy





Schnider Herard
College: Mississippi
State





Schnider Herard
School: Prestonwood
Christian Academy



A screenshot of a Vimeo video player interface. The top navigation bar is blue with the 'vimeo' logo in white. On the right side of the bar are icons for back, share, and a menu. The video content area shows a young Black man with short hair, wearing a light blue tank top, looking upwards and to the left. A large, semi-transparent play button is centered over the video. On the left side of the video, there is overlaid text in a grey font. On the right side of the video, there are three vertical icons: a heart, a clock, and a paper plane. In the bottom right corner of the video frame, a small black box displays the time '01:54'.

The camp is their opportunity to be noticed and included in the U.S. education program.



The future of **POWER***forward* is bright. However, hope alone cannot sustain the mission of **POWER***forward*. It can only continue it's work with the generosity of donors.

POWER*forward* is a U.S. recognized 501(c)(3). Donations are tax deductible.



4 **POWER***forward* camps per year:
\$56,000.00

1 **POWER***forward* student in the U.S. for 4 years:
\$149,305.00

8 **POWER***forward* students in the U.S. per year:
\$306,440.00



POWERforward's
work in the local and
global community –
PRICELESS

