



# H.E.R.O.

HOUSING EDUCATION *and*  
REHABILITATION *of* ORPHANS

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## **\$100,000 in 100 DAYS**

H.E.R.O. has set a \$100,000 dollar fundraising goal to complete the construction of the H.E.R.O. Residence for Street Children and Orphans. We only have three months and we need your help to achieve our fundraising goal of \$100,000 dollars. Our Grand Opening is scheduled for January 12th, 2011, the one-year anniversary of the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that rocked Haiti. With your help, we will be able to equip the youth of Haiti with the skills and knowledge necessary to become healthy, educated, and productive citizens. Tax-deductible donations can be made online at [www.haitihero.org](http://www.haitihero.org) or mailed to our office at 751 Tulip Grove Rd., Suite 1103, Hermitage, TN 37076. We want to thank you in advance for your support and contribution in our efforts to serve the most disenfranchised youth in Haiti.



## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SOPUDEP**

Less than half of Haiti's children will be attending school this fall. The scarcity of public schools, the price of tuition, and the number of schools destroyed by the earthquake all present obstacles to educating the country's youth. In spite of the challenges, there are a few schools working to provide an affordable education for the children in their area. One such school is SOPUDEP, one of H.E.R.O.'s partners and a Haitian grassroots organization that educates children in the Petion-ville area. For the morning session, tuition is low and students are never turned away because of an inability to pay. In the afternoons, they run a free schooling and lunch program for street children.



Students at SOPUDEP are blessed to have an education, but can rarely afford the school supplies needed for their education. When the Nazarene church in Zillah, Washington heard this, they decided to do something about it. They adopted SOPUDEP for the Vacation Bible School mission project, encouraging children to collect school supplies for the students in Haiti. They collected notebooks, backpacks, pencils, crayons, and more. Over a thousand items were donated! H.E.R.O. transported the items to Haiti where they will be distributed to the students when school resumes in October.

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## PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

H.E.R.O. is excited to present our Preliminary Site Plan for the residence for street children and orphans in Haiti. Created by Jamie Schmidt, the site plan features the main components of the residence including four dormitory buildings that will house up to 48 children, a guest house, a staff house, kitchen and multi-purpose facilities, a sports activity field and gardens.

Each building will be built using an EcoShell design that is capable of withstanding earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, and animal infestations. Each dormitory will include twelve beds, four toilets and showers, personal lockers, and a lounge space. The lounge space will be equipped with computer stations, toys and games, and a small library. The goal is to provide the children with a communal space within each dormitory that will serve multiple roles as a meeting place, tutoring area, or simply a place to hang out and relax. The dormitories will be separated by gender resulting in 2 boys' and 2 girls' dormitories, and also divided by age group. The multi-purpose facility will include a computer lab, classrooms, and a fully-stocked library. The multi-purpose facility will not only be used by the children but will also serve as a community meeting space and a location for H.E.R.O. to provide English and literacy classes for adults. The kitchen facility will serve the nutritional needs of the children by providing 3 meals daily. The staff house will provide accommodations for full-time staff members while the guest house will be designed to accommodate up to twenty volunteers at any given time.

The scheduled Grand Opening of the H.E.R.O. residence for street children and orphans is January 12th, 2011, the one-year anniversary of the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti. This Preliminary Site Plan is a leap forward in our efforts to provide housing, education, and rehabilitation for the most disenfranchised youth in Haiti.



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## MEET OUR COUNTRY DIRECTOR

H.E.R.O. would like to introduce Daniel Kasnick, our new Country Director for Haiti. Daniel is a native to Chicago and holds a degree in Elementary Education from North Park University with endorsements in Teaching English as a New Language and Art. His volunteer experiences with several non-profit organizations range from tutoring refugees in Chicago to offering relief to families in the garbage dumps of South America. He has extensive experience facilitating international volunteer groups in Ecuador and Peru and has always been drawn to working internationally. Daniel became involved with H.E.R.O. after arriving in Haiti and realizing the undeniable need that exists among the orphans and street children. We are excited to have Daniel on-board with H.E.R.O. His enthusiasm and dedication towards serving the youth in Haiti is extraordinary. He can be reached at [daniel@haitihero.org](mailto:daniel@haitihero.org).



## A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Hello H.E.R.O. Supporters,

It is with great excitement that I am writing you as the newest member of the H.E.R.O. team. This opportunity to serve along such an amazing team in a country in desperate need is one that I had hoped to find since I made the decision to move to Haiti. I know there is a lot to be done and I am ready to dive into all that is going on here.

I recently moved to Haiti and knew from the moment I landed that this experience would not leave me the same. Every newscast and story told from this country could never live up to the reality of what is truly happening here. A lot has been put into perspective and I can't imagine myself being anywhere than here right now. Even through the rubble and devastation all around, there is still a strong sense of hope that rises above it all. Heads are still held high and thanks to dedicated efforts of organizations like H.E.R.O. there are brighter tomorrows being built for so many people in need.

It is only through support from everyone like you that lives are being changed here. We all are coming together to create this beautiful mosaic that makes up H.E.R.O. Thank you for all of your support and keep the people of Haiti close to your heart.

God Bless,

Daniel Kasnick

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