



H.E.R.O.

HOUSING EDUCATION *and*
REHABILITATION *of* ORPHANS

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WHO WE ARE

H.E.R.O. was founded by educators dedicated to providing services for the most underserved and disenfranchised children in our world, orphans and street children. Our mission is to provide housing, education, and rehabilitation for orphans and street children in Haiti. We will create a pathway for children in Haiti to become healthy, educated, self-reliant and socially conscious citizens. As a result of the earthquake on January 12th, 2010, there has been an enormous increase in the number of orphans and street children requiring housing, education, and rehabilitation. It is our hope that you will join us as we strive to provide opportunities for children in Haiti to become successful.



Street children waiting for a permanent place to call home.

To Find Out More About The Founders, [Click Here](#)

WHAT WE DO

H.E.R.O. has three foundational elements: housing, education, and rehabilitation. Our program is designed to provide an environment for holistic development of children. We differ from the traditional orphanage in that we serve elementary school aged children and above, not infants or toddlers. Our goal is to provide a stable home for children, while simultaneously sending them to primary and secondary school in preparation for post-secondary programs including vocational education and college. In addition, H.E.R.O. will provide physical and mental health services, English and technology instruction, and academic enhancement and remediation programs for the children. The intention is to help children become healthy and educated individuals that will contribute to the development of Haiti.

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THE EARTHQUAKE

On January 12th, 2010, at 4:53 P.M. a 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti. Natacha Constant, Michele Deardorff, and Steven Kirby -- all founders of H.E.R.O. -- had just returned home from a day's work at Union School in Port-Au-Prince. The earthquake spared their lives, but it became immediately evident that thousands of others were not so fortunate. Steven and Michele, joined by other Union School teachers (Sabrina Limage, Bruno Allard, Meaghan Balzer, Ma-Luschka Colindres) began providing first aid only minutes after the earthquake. For 2 weeks they continued providing first aid and disaster relief services. Their actions after the earthquake are a testament to the ability and strength of educators. Please support H.E.R.O. as we continue to help rebuild Haiti.

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RESIDENCE CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN

H.E.R.O. was generously donated a plot of land in La Plaine, a suburb of Port-Au-Prince. The development plan of the land includes buildings for two dormitories (girls and boys), multipurpose hall, clinic, and staff/guest residence. Each unit will be built individually, allowing for long-term development and sustainability. Each unit will incorporate the same design in order to reduce building costs and increase construction efficiency.



Each unit will include some of the design elements seen in the picture at left. In a modified version of this design the unit will include four 10x14 rooms/bedrooms, 3 6x8 bathrooms, and a 14x16 multifunctional area. Each unit is approximately 1024 ft.² Modifications to the multi-purpose unit, for example, would include a kitchen serving the entire facility. The goal is to create a design that retains its functionality as programs are implemented.

[To Learn More About Our Residence Design and Development, Click Here](#)

PARTNERING WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS: SOPUDEP



SOPUDEP was founded in 2002 by Rea Dol, a local grass-roots organizer in Haiti. Her school provided a free education to any student or street child desiring to learn. As a result of the earthquake the school has been temporarily closed. The old school building is no longer useable, and thus SOPUDEP is in the process of building a new school on land that has been recently purchased.

H.E.R.O. has partnered with SOPUDEP to promote the exchange of knowledge, best practices, and service delivery. Street children formerly served by SOPUDEP will be able to find a new home with H.E.R.O., and children living at the H.E.R.O. residence will attend primary and secondary school at SOPUDEP. H.E.R.O. believes that partnering with local organizations is of utmost importance to create sustainable programs that will truly help children become healthy and educated individuals. We thank Rea Dol and SOPUDEP for their continued support of H.E.R.O.

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