



Haitian Neighborhood Center

2017 - 2018 ANNUAL REPORT









GEPSIE METELLUS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# From Our Executive Director

DEAR FRIENDS,

WE COMPLETED A BUSY 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR AND ARE PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

OUR RELOCATION WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE COMMUNITY AND WE ARE NOW ABLE TO EMPOWER, STRENGTHEN AND UPLIFT MORE FAMILIES IN THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR. WE ALSO WELCOMED NEW TEAM MEMBERS WHO DESIRE TO USE THEIR PASSION IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

WE SECURED FUNDING FROM THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FOR A NEW MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AS WELL AS A YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 2018. WE JOINED FORCES WITH MANY AREA ORGANIZATIONS IN A TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN COALITION FOR COLLECTIVE IMPACT. OUR NORTHEAST CORRIDOR COALITION PROMISES TO WORK TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN, PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF NORTHEAST MIAMI DADE COUNTY ACCESS THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND IN LIFE.

ANOTHER POINT OF PRIDE IS THE GRADUATION OF THE THIRD CLASS OF SANT LA FELLOWS, OUR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL CLASS IV.

OUR SUCCESSES ARE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE SANT LA BOARD, STAFF, OUR ALLIES AND PARTNERS, WHOSE PASSION FOR THIS COMMUNITY IS DEEP AND ENDLESS.

WITH WARM REGARDS,  
GESPIS M. METELLUS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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## HEALTH & FINANCIAL WELLBEING

ASSISTED **1073** CLIENTS TO GAIN HEALTH SECURITY THROUGH MEDICAID & FLORIDA KIDCARE, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL **286** WITH HEALTH COVERAGE THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT; AND **1129** FAMILIES WITH FOOD SECURITY BY ACCESSING FOOD ASSISTANCE.

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## EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AND REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

ASSISTED **3,448** JOB SEEKERS INCREASE THEIR EMPLOYABILITY OPTIONS WITH RESUME PREPARATION, ONLINE APPLICATIONS, EMPLOYABILITY ORIENTATION, REFERRALS TO TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND JOB PLACEMENTS. AND ASSISTED **593** CLIENTS WITH RE-EMPLOYMENT THROUGH UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FILING AND SUCCESSFULLY PROCESSED **1,293** UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS.

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## FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES

ASSISTED OVER **969** CLIENTS THROUGH FREE TAX PREPARATION AND COUNSELING, MORTGAGE MODIFICATIONS, CONSUMER CREDIT REDUCTION, RESOLUTION OF IDENTITY THEFT, AND HOME-BUYER EDUCATION.

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SUCCESSFUL PARENTING AND  
POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

FOSTERED STRONG PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS FOR **60** FAMILIES AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO **72** FAMILIES.



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION, EDUCATION,  
ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

WE COMPLETED OUR **377TH** EPISODE OF TELESKOPI THIS FISCAL YEAR. THE SHOW IS VIEWED BY OVER **500,000** HAITIAN-AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS IN SOUTH FLORIDA. OUR **25** NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY MEMBERS CONTINUE TO HELP EXPAND OUR EFFORTS IN COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENTS, AND ADVOCACY TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.

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THURSDAYS 8:00 P.M.  
RE-AIRS SATURDAYS AT 6:00 P.M.

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IN FULFILLMENT OF OUR MISSION TO EMPOWER,  
STRENGTHEN AND UPLIFT SOUTH FLORIDA'S HAITIAN  
COMMUNITY, WE SERVED **10,568** CLIENTS IN  
2017- 2018, **2,209** OF WHICH WERE NEW CLIENTS.  
**808** INDIVIDUALS WERE SERVED THROUGH OUR  
CORNERSTONE SERVICES, INCLUDING INFORMATION  
AND REFERRAL, CARE COORDINATION, REVIEW  
OF CORRESPONDENCE AND NATURALIZATION AND  
PASSPORT SUPPORT. THE WORK WAS DONE BY A  
TEAM OF **15** STAFF MEMBERS AND **18** DEDICATED  
VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS.

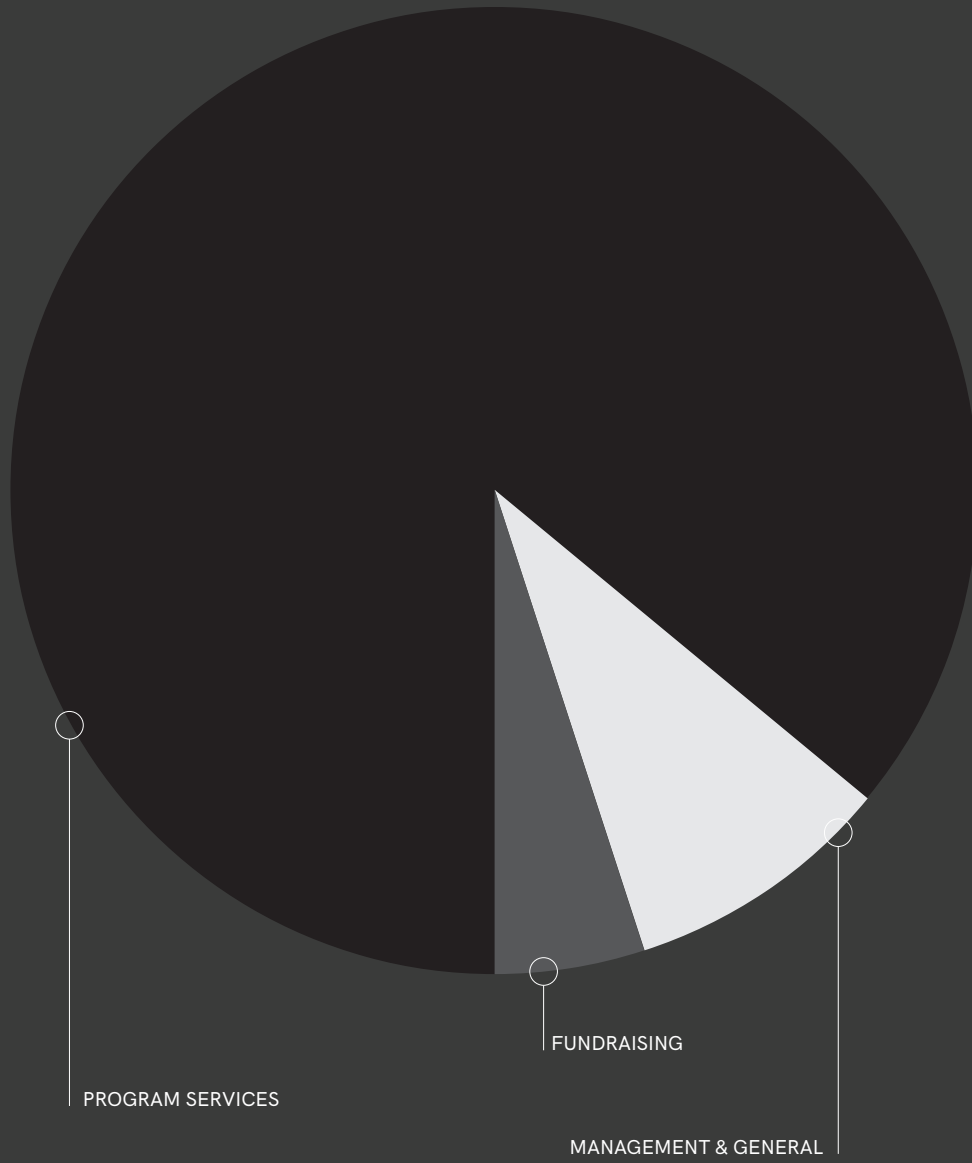


A VIEW OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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# EXPENSES

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| PROGRAM SERVICES     | 86%         |
| MANAGEMENT & GENERAL | 9%          |
| FUND RAISING         | 5%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>100%</b> |

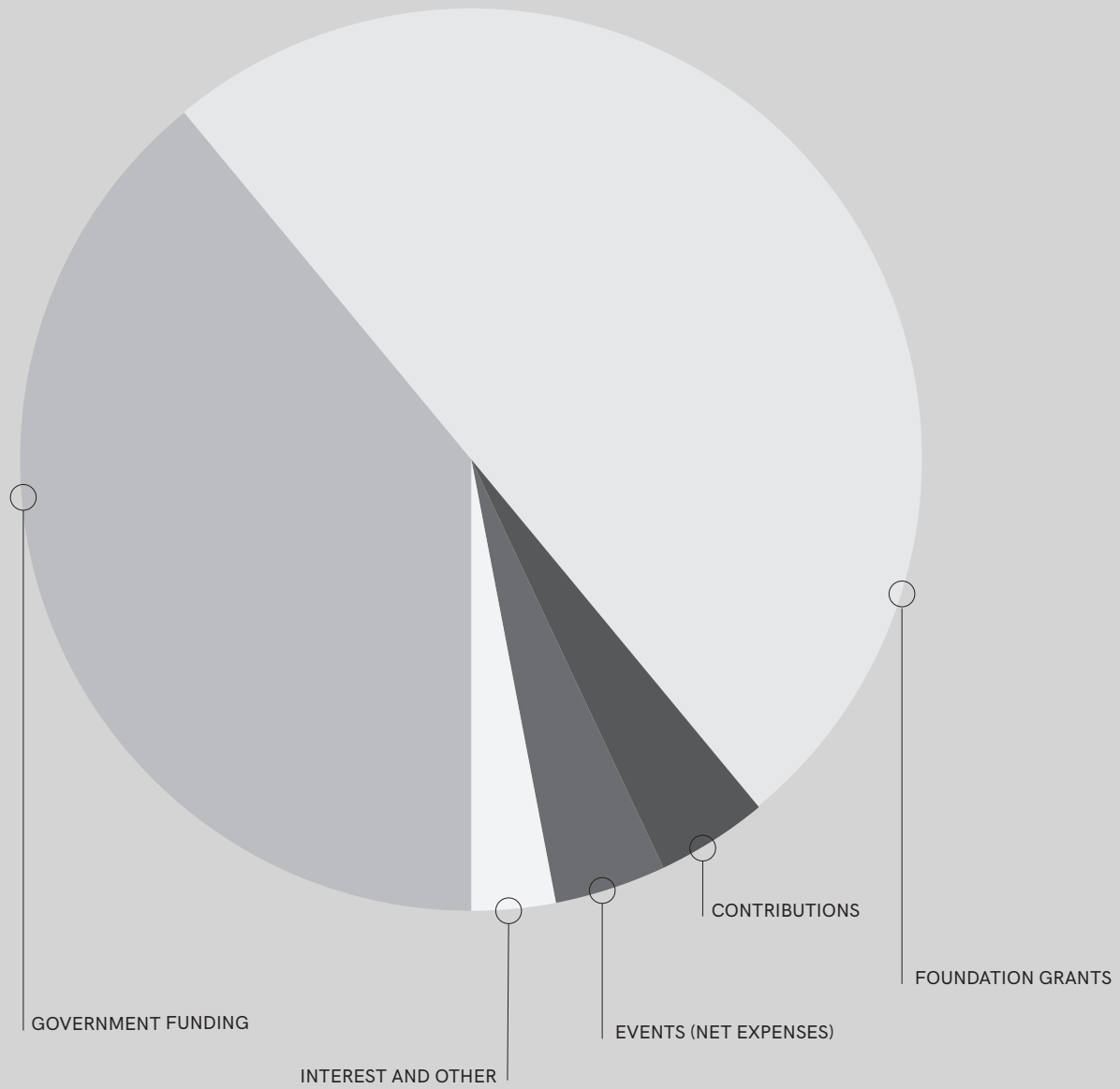


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# INCOME

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| GOVERNMENT FUNDING    | <b>39.4%</b> |
| FOUNDATION GRANTS     | <b>49.5%</b> |
| CONTRIBUTIONS         | <b>4.3%</b>  |
| EVENTS (NET EXPENSES) | <b>3.7%</b>  |
| INTEREST AND OTHER    | <b>3.1%</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>100%</b>  |



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## Accomplishments in the Community

**THE 16 MEMBER HAÏTIAN PHILANTHROPY COALITION** CONTINUES TO PROMOTE PHILANTHROPY THROUGHOUT MIAMI DADE COUNTY'S HAÏTIAN COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY AMONG HAÏTIAN AMERICAN MILLENNIALS. GIVE MIAMI DAY 2018 WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE OUR COMMUNITY'S GENEROSITY.

**CLASS IV OF SANT LA FELLOWS GRADUATED** IN JUNE AFTER A YEAR FILLED WITH EAGER QUESTIONS, DEEP DISCUSSIONS AND COMPLEX ANSWERS. DURING THE 2017 - 2018 PROGRAM YEAR, THE **10 FELLOWS** SERVED THE COMMUNITY BY CREATING A LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND AWARDED TWO SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING HAITIAN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. CLASS IV WILL BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY IN AUGUST 2018.

THE **TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN NORTHEAST CORRIDOR COALITION** MADE GREAT STRIDES THIS YEAR IN SUCCESSFULLY SECURING THE CHILDREN'S TRUST YOUTH GRANT AWARD FOR THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR. **100 CHILDREN** THROUGHOUT THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR WILL BENEFIT FROM AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES.

**CENSUS 2020.** SANT LA IS HARD AT WORK PLANNING TO MOBILIZE THE HAÏTIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA FOR AN ACCURATE COUNT. WE KNOW THAT IMMIGRANTS ARE AMONG THE HARDEST TO COUNT POPULATIONS IN THE U.S., AS SUCH, WE'RE ENCOURAGING ALL COMMUNITIES TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 CENSUS. THIS CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE INTO 2020.

# Our Board of Directors

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*Position* OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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## GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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MIAMI DADE COUNTY

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST

THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI

THE CITY OF MIAMI

CAREER SOURCE SOUTH FLORIDA

MIAMI PARKING AUTHORITY

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

STATE OF FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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## OTHER FUNDING PARTNERS

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**SANT LA'S MISSION** IS TO EMPOWER, STRENGTHEN AND UPLIFT THE HAITIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA.

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