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2015-2016 Annual Report



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Our Mission and Programs



From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to close out another successful fiscal year. This year included important milestones such as the graduation of the Inaugural Class of our groundbreaking community leadership Fellowship program, Sant La Fellows, and the creation of the innovative Haitian Philanthropy Coalition, a cornerstone of the Philanthropy Campaign we launched two years ago.

The Coalition is composed of 17 community-based non-profit organizations, and we initiated our first campaign in May. During Haitian-American Heritage Month, the Pride Campaign amassed \$10,000 in donations from Haitians who believe in sustainable giving to support organizations that anchor the community.

Every accomplishment made this year is owed to the Sant La Board, the staff, the Sant La Fellows Advisory Board, and our allies, whose vision and passion for this community are as grand as ours.

Forever Sant La,
Gepsie M. Metellus

In service of our mission to empower, strengthen and stabilize South Florida's Haitian community to ensure its successful integration, we provided 9,687 units of service to the community in 2015-2016, 2,043 of which were new clients. 855 individuals were served through our cornerstone services, including information and referral, Early Learning Coalition, Temporary Protective Status, review of correspondence, and naturalization support. Below are our core program areas. The work was done by a team of 11 staff members, 27 dedicated volunteers and interns, and in over 30,000 hours.

Health Connect in Our Community

- Assisted 1,470 individuals in accessing benefits including Food Assistance, Medicaid & Florida KidCare, including 285 who applied for insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

Financial Security

- Assisted over 1,190 clients in resolving a myriad financial issues through our services including: Low Income Tax Clinic (LITC); tax preparation through our VITA program; mortgage modifications, consumer credit issues, resolution of identity theft, and home-buyer education.

Employment Security And Reemployment Assistance

- Assisted 3,182 job seekers with resume preparation, online applications, employability orientation, referrals to training programs, and job placements.
- Filed 510 new applications for unemployment benefits and successfully managed 1,872 unemployment claims.

Positive Youth Development and Educational Attainment

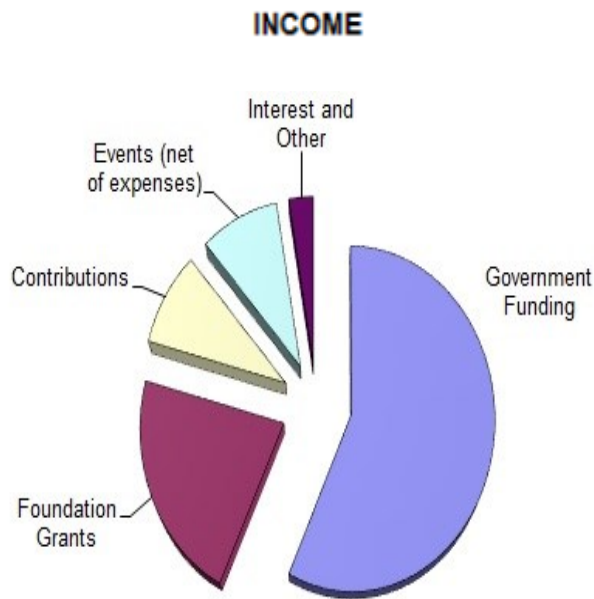
- Fostered strong parent-child relationships for 62 families. Served 66 youth clients through enriching after-school activities and educational field trips.

Community Information, Education, Engagement and Advocacy

- We continue to educate, inform and engage over 500,000 Haitian-American households through our weekly TV show, *Teleskopi*. We also continue to lead community needs assessments, demographic research and policy advocacy efforts to benefit the community.

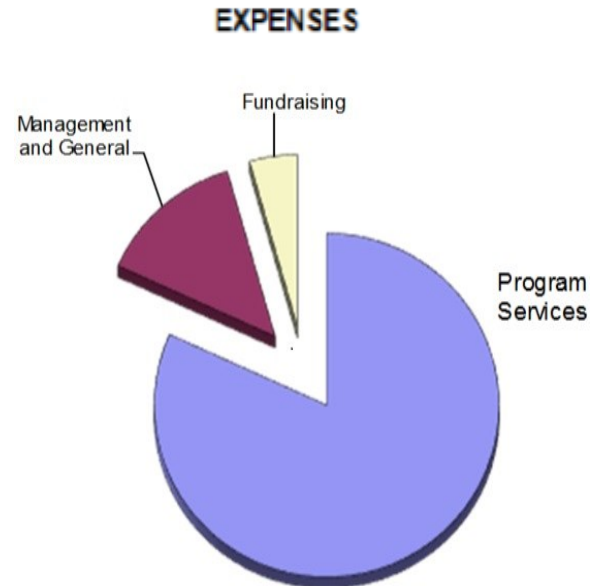


An Overview of our Financial Stewardship



2015-2016

Government Funding	501,443	57.1%
Foundation Grants	191,966	21.9%
Contributions	80,271	9.1%
Events (net expenses)	79,777	9.1%
Interest and Other	24,878	2.8%
	<u>878,335</u>	<u>100.0%</u>



2015-2016

Program Services	740,389	80.6%
Management & General	124,737	14.6%
Fundraising	40,527	4.8%
	<u>905,653</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Haitian Philanthropy and Generation Next

Put Your Money Where Your Pride Is!

The Haitian Philanthropy Coalition capitalized on Haitian Heritage Month and launched the first Pride Campaign. The Campaign began at this year's Compas Festival, where festival-goers donated for the chance to win a prize, and it wrapped up with a Telethon, netting the Coalition \$10,000. We look forward to building a bigger and better campaign this year.

Generation Next

The Inaugural Class of **Sant La Fellows** graduated in June after a year filled with deep discussions, eager questions, and complex answers. During the year, the 13 Fellows served the Haitian-American community by hosting a summit that put at-risk youth in the same room as professionals in fields in which the youth are interested. Class II, consisted of 8 Fellows, began in July.

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