



The Sixteenth Annual
Hands Together
Golf Classic

To Help Hands Together recover from
the January 12, 2010 Earthquake

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The Hands Together Golf Classic 1995 - 2010

The Annual Hands Together Golf Classic began in 1995 when Joe & Leslie Taylor suggested running a golf outing and offered use of Forsgate Country Club (owned by Joe Taylor's company, Matrix Development Group). The first event generated \$53,000.

From 1995-1999, the Golf Classic thrived at Forsgate Country Club, and thanks to Jim Callery, we received tremendous sponsorship support from travel industry giants like British Airways, Air France, Hertz, Avis, Aer Lingus and American Airlines. During these five years the Golf Classic generated over \$504,000 for the poor of Haiti.

In 2000, we moved the Golf Classic to Jumping Brook C.C. and Matrix donated all food, beverage and greens fees, so that 95% of every contribution goes directly to Hands Together Projects in Haiti. Each year, Matrix Development continues to underwrite the entire event and since 2000, we've raised over \$1.4 million for Hands Together projects in Haiti. Leading sponsors such as Mesa Verde, Cardinal Partners, Sam & Agnes Zausner, Harry Hagarty, Point Lookout Capital Partners, Henderson Sotheby's International Realty, Church & Dwight and many others, renewed their support each year to help make the event a huge success.

Uses of the 2009 Golf Classic

Every cent raised from the 2009 Golf Classic was used on three fronts - support to our Becky DeWine School in Cite Soleil, charity grants to hundreds of poor families, funding to expand our agricultural development projects in the Diocese of Gonaives.

Here are some of the projects aided by last year's Golf Classic:

Teacher's Salaries

Paid salaries for 200 teachers during October, November and December.

School Benches & Desks

Outfitted our school classrooms in Cite Soleil with 500 new benches and desks.

Charity Grants

Provided emergency medical, food, and shelter grants to 300 families.

Elderly Feeding

Fed 1400 elderly each day from October through December.

Water

Drilled 4 water wells in poor rural villages.

Agriculture

Cleared the 64 acres of land in Gonaives and installed irrigation system for the Clarke Agricultural project. This site will provide training and support to help rural farmers improve their crop yields grow higher profit, cash crops.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for being part of our Annual Golf Classic! So much of what we do to help the poor in Haiti is dependent upon the funds raised from this event. It is our only major fund raising event -- and one that has grown over the years thanks to your support and continued participation. Thank you!

The work that so many of you have supported over the years was severely damaged this past January 12th, when a massive earthquake destroyed most of Port-au-Prince and killed 300,000 people. The magnitude of the destruction is impossible to exaggerate and for all practical purposes our facilities and programs in and around Port-au-Prince were completely destroyed. With your help and with the remarkable commitment, energy and love of Father Tom Hagan and our Executive Director, Doug Campbell, Hands Together is emerging again to provide hope and support to the people of Haiti.

Every dollar raised from the Golf Classic will go directly to our recovery and rebuilding efforts, and we know that it will take years and millions of dollars to rebuild our schools, head quarters, and volunteer residence.

Through the remarkable generosity of Joe Taylor and Matrix Development in underwriting the use of the course and the dinner, all of your support goes directly towards our programs in Haiti. Your participation provides basic needs to the poorest of the poor in Haiti. We deeply thank you for helping us this year!

John Clarke

Chairman of the Golf Classic

Hands Together Mission

Hands Together is a nonprofit organization devoted to educating, inspiring and encouraging people to understand and respond to the needs of people, especially the poor and disadvantaged. Our Mission, as we strive to build a more compassionate and human world, proceeds from the spiritual belief that all people are members of one, equal, interconnected family under a loving God.

Our focus is to help the poorest of the poor who are immediately before us -- and we have found Haiti to be the place of greatest need. Motivated by God's call to love, we do what we can to provide hope, comfort and dignity to those living in great squalor and misery.



Doug Campbell and Fr. Tom Hagan prepare kits of rice and beans for a post earthquake distribution in Port-au-Prince.

About Hands Together

How We Started

Hands Together's roots date back to 1985 when Father Tom Hagan, O.S.F.S., who was serving as chaplain to Lafayette and Moravian Colleges in Pennsylvania, led a group of students on a visit to Haiti. When he returned, Father Hagan realized that the experience in Haiti had a profound impact on the students. Educating, encouraging, and inspiring the students to translate their Haiti experience into a compassionate response to help the poor were the seeds that eventually grew into the Hands Together of today.

In 1990, Father Tom became the chaplain of Princeton University and introduced the young Hands Together program to a very active, supportive and caring Princeton population. Hands Together grew quickly under the tremendous support and generous resources from the Princeton community and other areas around the U.S., establishing itself as a very respected volunteer and assistance program working in Haiti.

Hands Together Today

Hands Together carries out its mission through projects and programs aimed at improving the quality of life for the very poor – primarily in Haiti. These projects rest upon a foundation of Catholic social teaching that recognizes the dignity of every person and the fundamental option for the poor and vulnerable. We embrace, with a special love, those children and families who are completely marginalized and living in squalor.

Our volunteer activities take the form of organized delegations and specialized volunteers such as doctors or builders. Through schools, orphanages, medical clinics, sustainable development projects, and partnerships with local leaders and communities, Hands Together is building a better world for thousands of suffering people.

“HANDS TOGETHER OFFERS PARTICIPANTS A MAGNIFICENT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE DIRECTLY THE LIFE OF THE POOR IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT IS THE KIND OF EXPERIENCE THAT CHANGES LIVES.”

Arthur Simon Founder,
Bread for the World



Fr. Tom visits women making mud & spice pancakes in the Bariwon section of Cite Soleil. Mothers feed their children these mud pies in a desperate attempt to address their children's hunger. Hands Together now feeds many of these children a daily hot meal of rice, beans, and sauce and provides the families with dry food that they can bring home and cook at a later time.

Volunteer Programs

Every year, many people from all walks of life freely give their time and resources in service to the poor of Haiti. Hands Together's week-long delegation trips allow people to participate in short-term service opportunities and gain firsthand experience in one of the poorest countries in the world. From these short-term service programs have come individual volunteers who dedicate themselves to longer periods of service and special medical delegations comprised of doctors, nurses and health professionals. A sincere desire to be useful in the lives of others and to do some definite service in this world remains at the heart of Hands Together's mission of building a better world.



HT Trustees (l to r) , Mike Monteleone, Gary Clayton, John Clarke, Tom Gilligan, Katherine Coleman, and Fr. Tom Hagan meet with our kitchen staff that makes 6,500 meals a day for the children.



HT trustee, Katherine Coleman inspects the newly constructed houses that Hands Together built for the poor in Cite Soleil.



HT trustees, John Clarke and Paul Sigmund distribute food during our daily elderly feeding program.

"It's not enough merely to exist. It's not enough to say, 'I'm earning enough to live and support my family. I do my work well.... I'm a good churchgoer.' That's all very well, but one must do something more. Seek always to do some good somewhere. Every man has to seek in his own way to make his own self more noble."

Albert Schweitzer

Our work rests upon a spiritual foundation

Our spirituality recognizes that we are all members of one human family -- and what happens to one member happens to the entire body. All of what we do rests upon this Catholic-Christian spiritual principle. Our motto "*building a more compassionate and human world*" means that we seek not only our own good, but the good of others. Thomas Merton expressed this simply by writing, "*We do not exist for ourselves.*"

Our founder, Fr. Tom Hagan, O.S.F.S., often reminds us that God loves us infinitely and absolutely. This reminder invites us to see ourselves and others the way God sees us, and recognize that we are good people and our hearts respond to love and grace.

Therefore, we believe that our mission originates from God's personal invitation to Love, and it is something immediately before us, contained in each day and in each situation. Our work should not depend on things like recognition, productivity or even upon whether or not we meet with great success or not. Some of our projects have been dismal failures in terms of numbers and tangible results. We know that our work is a product of our faith in God and the unity and simplicity contained within the commandment to Love.

We offer these prayers by Cardinal John H. Newman and Mother Teresa of Calcutta in hopes that they give you the same strength and courage to do God's work that they give to us.

Our Focus

Our work in Haiti comes from an active response to Catholic social teaching that recognizes the dignity of every person and a fundamental option for the poor and the vulnerable. We focus on 4 primary areas of assistance:

EDUCATION

- 15 school campuses with 11,000 students
- Vocational training programs
- Assistance to 97 Catholic schools in the Gonaïves diocese

EMERGENCY CHARITY-INTERVENTION

- Housing support to hundreds of families
- Cash grants for funerals, medicines, & basic needs
- Emergency aid to hurricane victims

NUTRITION-HEALTH

- Daily meals to 10,000 children & 500 elderly
- Canteens for children ages 2-7
- Dry-food distribution to crisis/conflict areas
- Free medical care to 25,000 people in Cite Soleil
- Support to other hospitals and clinics

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Construction of drinking & irrigation water cisterns
- Environment protection/reforestation programs
- Water & irrigation well drilling
- Employment for 500+ people
- Agricultural coops, food production & farming



Top: Becky DeWine School children receive their daily meal, bottom: workers build temporary classrooms so that we can reopen school a few weeks after the earthquake destroyed 80% of our classrooms.

January 12th - the earth shook for 38 seconds

The January 12th earthquake that shook Haiti for 40 seconds destroyed nearly every program and structure we built over the past 15 years. Doug Campbell and Fr. Tom Hagan barely escaped their Port-au-Prince headquarters as it collapsed, killing 2 Oblate seminarians inside. We lost many students and staff from our 8 schools and our buildings were badly damaged. During the “post-earthquake” months, we worked tirelessly to provide food, water, shelter, & medical aid to thousands who came to us for help. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters we’ve accomplished a great deal in the short 6 months since the January quake:



- Ongoing daily water truck distributions in slum areas;
- 220 tents to HT staff and families who lost their homes;
- Ongoing mobile clinic to five areas in Cite Soleil providing free medicines and health care;
- 10,000 food kits of rice, beans, oil and canned fish to the elderly & residents of tent cities and Cite Soleil;
- 50 temporary classrooms and made repairs to 4 main campuses and reopening schools on March 3rd – providing 4,000 students with a daily meal and schooling;
- Cleared rubble from fallen residences, constructed new offices and storage depot;
- 300 HT staff with recovery grants to help them with housing and other personal needs;
- 100 construction jobs to people in Cite Soleil;
- 16 water wells drilled in and around P-au-P.



Clockwise top to bottom: earthquake survivors look at a woman killed by the falling rubble, HT’s 3 story residence destroyed by the earthquake, a HT seminarian pulled from the rubble of the collapsed residence, sisters helping earthquake victims during the night, an HT classroom destroyed by the earthquake.

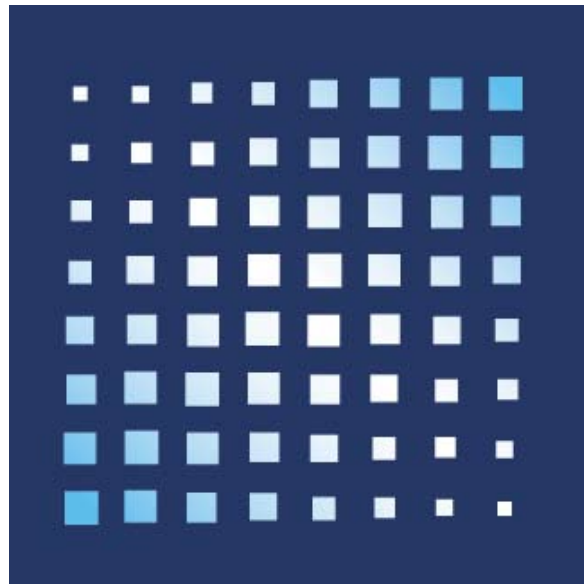
How we will use the funds from this year's Golf Classic

The recovery from this earthquake will take time and persistence. Already we've saved many lives and helped thousands of families, but there is still a great deal of work that must be done. All proceeds from the Golf Classic will help us complete our recovery plan which includes:

- **Recovery Grants** - to the "Hands Together Universe" - all staff, students and families - essentially 20,000 people. These grants help with housing and basic family needs. Much of Port-au-Prince remains in tents;
- **School Building and Repair** - We need to reinforce all buildings and outfit them with benches, computers, and proper educational materials. We need to purchase books for 6,000 students. We need to build individual kitchens at our three main campus centers and purchase new dishes.
- **Elderly Feeding** - We feed 1,200 elderly per day and provide food kits every few weeks. The elderly rarely receive the food and water that's distributed by large aid organizations.
- **Rebuild Volunteer Headquarters** - After we complete renovations on our school buildings we need to completely rebuild our volunteer complex. It will house our Haitian and American volunteers & staff and safely store our vehicles, equipment and food.
- **Agricultural Development** - Agricultural production and vocational training can help Haiti develop and prevent the overcrowding of Port-au-Prince because people will stay in their villages and work the land if given the training and opportunity. We will expand our efforts at two large farming projects in the northern part of Haiti.



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Fr Tom helps unload a plane load of medicines for victims of the earthquake.



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