



LUMEN  
VITAE 



# Annual Report

2022 - 23

ABUNDANT *life*  
FOR EVERY CHILD

# vision

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educate  
accompany  
transform

## mission

Lumen Vitae accompanies young people, especially those who find themselves hindered by poverty in marginalized situations around the world, on a path to abundant life. Through education, practical support, and mentorship, we empower young people to realize their dreams and shape the future of their communities.

## our Board of Directors



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we are **Lumen Vitae**



# 2022-23 AT A GLANCE

**50**  
volunteers

**1,314**  
children  
sponsored

**734**  
donors

**20**  
graduates

**95**  
partner  
schools

CROIX DE BOUQUETS  
7 new mentors  
Lumen Vitae moved to a new office

NIPPES  
7 new mentors



# meet Telisme

Telisme Louinie is a graduate of Lumen Vitae's Edikasyon Pou devlopman (EDE) child sponsorship program. Currently, she is a student of the Faculty of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine (FAMV) at Haiti State University. Read on as she shares her dreams about Haiti.

## Don't be afraid to give your all to education

As an agronomist, my purpose in life spans many aspects; contributing to sustainable food production, protecting the environment, and promoting the health of individuals. In short, I want to play a key role in the agricultural revolution of Haiti.

We need to find innovative ways to meet the challenges facing our society. Haiti has one of the highest levels of food insecurity in the world, where nearly half of the population does not have enough to eat. Unfortunately, with the way systems currently



exist, it is hard to conceive a solution to this problem without coming at a great cost to the environment. I believe that people should have access to healthy and nutritious food produced responsibly and fairly. To reach there, we should focus on creating food systems that are both resilient and equitable.

I need education to achieve these goals. When I moved to Port-au-Prince in 2020, I didn't know anyone in the city. Overcoming various difficulties, I adapted to the environment and integrated easily into the best Prefac (a place to prepare for university entrance exams). Later, I joined one of the largest universities in the country, the Faculty of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine (FAMV). Here, I am learning more about sustainable agricultural practices, interactions between environment and food production, various innovative methods, and also about food security.

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My greatest dream for Haiti is to see my country prosper. I look forward to contributing to the rebirth of national production and supporting

farmers in their difficulties. Only education can help me achieve all these. And sooner or later, I wish to get involved in the development of my country.

What I'd like to say to the students in the EDE program is, don't be afraid to give your all to education; believe in yourself. The country may have many struggles, but don't forget that you are the country's greatest resource. You will have many opportunities ahead of you. Although things might go badly, you have the right to succeed and you can!

# meet Bersuze-Love **Fleury**

Bersuze-Love, a law student at Quisqueya University in Haiti, is one of the students who graduated from Lumen Vitae's Edikasyon Pou devlopman (EDE) program. She shares with us her dreams and goals.

Bersuze-Love FLEURY wears a lot of hats: a host of the radio program on civic engagement, a second-year leadership student and a final-year English student at HELP (Haitian Education and Leadership Program), someone who organizes English-language activities in her community, a second-year Chinese student in the Confucius classroom, and also a member of her community's health and safety committee.

## **What is your goal in life?**

My dream is to become an entrepreneur and a university professor.

## **How has education helped you towards your goal?**

For me, education has always been the best way to achieve my goals in life. When I was 16, I wanted to contribute to the education of children in Haiti. I used to help a seven year old boy by giving him lessons. Today, through my radio program on civic engagement, I try to influence Haitians to become involved in the development of Haiti. And, I have experience with small businesses, which has helped me know more about entrepreneurship.

## **What is your dream for Haiti?**

I would like to see an end to corruption to give way to economic, social, and political development.

## **How can education help you achieve that dream?**

Education is our only resource to help develop

Haiti. It will give us an awareness of what is happening in our country and find ways to help each other. I try to educate my fellow Haitians on civic engagement through a radio program. Every citizen has a right to know what is happening in their country. We should get involved in building our nation and be a resource for the country.

## **Where do you see yourself in the next five years?**

I see myself as a University professor with entrepreneurial skills. I also want to bring together young people who need a university degree. Currently, I need help with my studies, and I understand the struggles youth in this country endure. Down the lane, I want to help people in similar situations. I truly believe that young people can achieve extraordinary things.

## **Do you have any advice for our students in the EDE program?**

Keep learning and persevere despite the obstacles that may stand in the way, because there are a lot of people counting on you.

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# ACCOMPANIMENT TOWARDS AN ABUNDANT LIFE



## MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Mentorship program which was started two years back is growing slowly and steadily. Today, we have a total of 24 mentors. This year, we recruited seven mentors from Nippes and seven from the Croix-des-Bouquets region. To better prepare our new mentors for their responsibilities, we conducted trainings in two different locations.

The training covered several important topics, such as:

- ✨ Insight into Lumen Vitae's vision and mission in Haiti
- ✨ Thoughtful conversations about building authentic, trustworthy relationships
- ✨ Staff members sharing their expertise and past mentorship experiences
- ✨ Emphasis on the values and skills required to cultivate powerful connections with students
- ✨ Understanding how possessing a strong character can enable effective mentorship

“ This experience has provided me with a greater understanding of the role I play in their lives as an advisor and a guide. It also taught me how to better care for the children under my responsibility. By creating a relationship with them and their families, I can assist them in becoming contributing members of society in the future. ”

**Elmendo Fevry**  
Mentor



## Team Up. Get Fit. Make a Difference.

Lumen Vitae had the second edition of our popular fundraiser, Race For The Light (RFTL). The race, which spanned for a month, saw donors from various walks of life coming together to raise awareness about the conditions in Haiti. Their enthusiasm helped us collect the funds needed for the next academic year.

# Race *for the* Light

**27,872**  
miles  
covered  
by the  
participants

**\$230,491**  
raised

within a span of **30** days  
helping us achieve 92%  
of our goal of \$250,000

Education for  
**1,400**  
students  
funded for the  
academic year  
2023-24

**359**  
participants  
**32**  
teams



# a year with Lumen Vitae



## Admissions

Team in Haiti reviews the list of students based on academics and financial needs, and determines student renewals and new admissions.

July

2022\*



## Academic year & Mentorship begins

The School year is divided into trimesters. After each trimester, our Operations team works to obtain the student grades.

September

## August

**Orientation & Material Distribution**  
Our team in Haiti travels to various regions to give orientation and distribute school materials.



## December

**Winter Break**  
Students in Haiti get two-three weeks off to celebrate the Christmas holiday with their family and friends.

### \* All year round

The students receive a visit from their mentors once a month. They check in on the child's social, emotional, and academic well being.



## New Student Enrollment begins

Lumen Vitae works with local partners to establish the number of students it plans to increase for the following year.

March

## June

**Final Exams**  
There are two types of exams: by the individual schools and the National exams. Once exams are over, most Haitian students travel to the countryside for a memorable summer!



2023\*



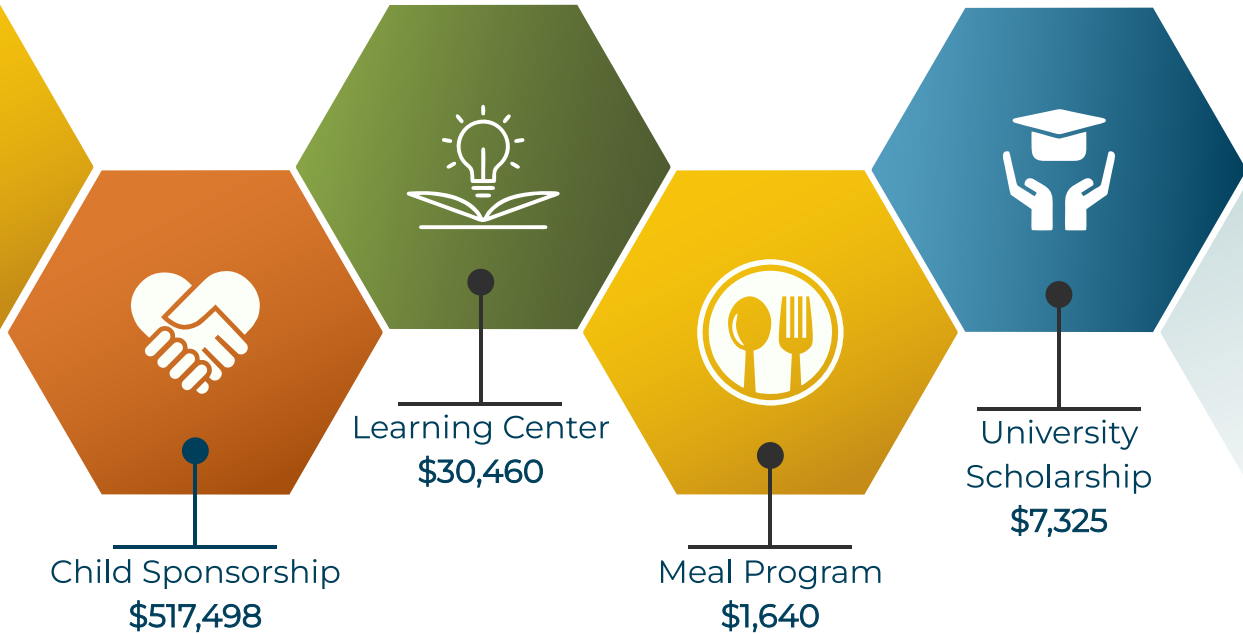


# Financial Report

Fiscal year 2022

Total Revenue

**\$556,923**



2.3%

Administration  
\$8,284

87.8%

Child Sponsorship  
\$309,927

Total Expenses

**\$353,132**

Learning Center  
\$25,410

7.2%

Fundraising  
\$2,355

0.7%

University Scholarship  
\$7,156

2.0%

Revenue

Less

Expenses

**\$203,791**



## Looking Ahead

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- ✦ Growing in partnership with the Bureau of Education in the Diocese of Anse-à-Veau and Miragoâne
- ✦ Collaborating with various institutions to provide resources for teachers to strengthen skills
- ✦ Recruiting and training additional mentors to keep up with growing needs
- ✦ Increasing the number of scholarships for University students



## Message from our Director

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We were all hoping for a better year in 2022-2023, and maybe it was in some places in the world, but unfortunately in Haiti, it was the most difficult year in recent memory. As Haiti plunged into worsening political instability and gang violence, many schools were forced to open later in the fall, and some schools were even forced to relocate in order to remain safe.

Amidst all of this struggle, we stood by our families, offering a small ray of hope through the gift of education for 1,315 students. We now have a full staff of mentors to ensure that each child is being personally accompanied by a trained young adult. Our mentors are encouraged to simply "be there" for these students.

One of the comments that our mentors frequently hear from the parents of our students is "Lumen Vitae is our only hope." Thank you for partnering with us to be the pillar of hope for these students who otherwise may not have it. We believe strongly that education and accompaniment can change the situation in Haiti. You are part of that change.

*Brian Mundackal*

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Executive Director  
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