

Word from the founders



1996-2021

Twenty-five years already... since the start of this great adventure!

Bold initiative that our dream was targeting... that of saving children from death, with no future prospects and considered pestiferous. Innocent victims of parental opprobrium!

Called upon by the cruelty manifested towards these children, we wished to be actively involved in order to reconstitute the family unit, the one that wants to be responsible, compassionate and loving, the one that animates and warms the heart and which to stimulate our desire to live.

Guided by the desire to abolish the stigmas paralyzing the entire Haitian society and thirsty for truth, we considered it essential to equip biological parents, extended families and communities, through capacity building and destigmatization programs on a large scale, for care, support and protection of victims of HIV / AIDS.

The frustrations followed and the challenges were many. Thanks to the faith that we shared which animated us and guided us like a beacon that leads you to your destination, we raised them and never stopped moving towards the great goals of our shared vision.

Training, awareness and destigmatization were important pillars of our mission around which many community entities gravitated, which in turn restored the knowledge acquired on a large scale for the benefit of our children and families.

2021 - new challenges arise... food and financial autonomy to safeguard the unique program: the foster home and its experimental and organic farm, which could, over the next few years, become a place of learning, leisure and sharing for schoolchildren from disadvantaged neighborhoods.

We warmly thank the employees, past and present, and the partners who have accompanied us in achieving our mission.

Robert E. Pénette
Coordinator

Danielle R. Pénette
General Director

From Survival

First foster home (1996-2010)

- Welcoming of 120 children
- Advocating for the destigmatization of HIV
- Access to health care and education
- Specialized training for the treating physician
- Technical collaboration (MAEC-Gheskio-Unicef) of the first treatment protocols (ARV) for Haitian children
- Community reintegration and support for 53 young adults



PROXIMITY HOUSE (2002-2012)



- Capacity building - mothers/youth/children: primary health, sexual and parental responsibility, children's rights and others
- Training/constitution- 4 community support groups
- Education, medical/psychological consultations, food distributions, home visits, dance and drawing provided to families
- 340 family leaders and 600 children/youth benefited from the program
- Participation -International forum (AIDS) 2006) to present the MAEC support group model
- Recognized as "Best Practice" by UNAIDS/UNICEF

Community Mobilization (2004-2014)

- Diagnosis and community mobilization
- Creation of support groups
- 264 leaders trained in community mobilization
- 213 volunteers/trainers of trainers trained/active
- 980 youth from refugee camps sensitized/trained in psychosocial games, including 170 trained as trainers of trainers
- More than 4 000 children sensitized in primary health
- More than 4 000 youths sensitized in sexual responsibility
- More than 4 000 young people sensitized in stigmatization
- More than 6 500 children sensitized on HIV/AIDS (game & puppet theater)



New Foster House

(December 2010 to today)

- Fundraising and acquisition of an 8 hectare plot of land in a semi-rural area
- Partial construction of the children's unit and the administrative unit
- Fundraising underway to continue construction of the children's bedroom floor and to provide a dining room
- Construction of a fence to protect from spoliators and secure the perimeter



To Autonomy

NEW REALITY (2012-....)

- Exploitation & development of agricultural activities for food autonomy
- Creation of income generating activities
- Training place for children
- Supervised apprenticeships for reintegrated youth
- Pilot projects and training for the community on organic agriculture
- Adaptation & participation of staff in new strategies



Poultry



Vermiculture



Agriculture



Rabbit farming



Beekeeping



Energy

Thaïsson



I am proud to be a part of the home of la MAEC that allowed me to study in hotel management. Today I represent my country in the culinary industry.

Magdala



Love, comfort, education and family. MAEC helped me become a determined adult. I am now a certified secretary/receptionist.

Fritz



For me, MAEC is a family that helps everyone. It fights discrimination and is my protector, my caring, my love.

Evens



Everything I am, I owe to this beautiful family of la MAEC where love is their favorite food,

Pierreline



The MAEC for me is the family. She represents the mother that I did not have and who gave me everything: love, education, wisdom, respect. She made me who I am.

Davidson



For me, MAEC is a mother who taught me patience. She is a source of inspiration and life that has never stopped watering the garden of my heart and mind.

The pillars of L'Arc-en-Ciel



Serving the MAEC for over 10 years.

Marie Eliside Rizile, caregiver, during **25 years**

Marie Satilia Joseph, cook-household, since **23 years**

Marie Rosette Aurelus, nurse since **22 years**

Irène Jérôme, caregiver, during **20 years**

Jean Merlet Jacquet, chief accountant since **19 years**

Jonas Baptiste, driver, since **16 years**

Raymonde Sampeur, caregiver, since **16 years**

Médithe Zamor, nurse/house responsible since **15 years**

Martine Juste, accounting assistant during **14 years**

Annadia Colas Renold, nurse, during **13 years**

Louna Fegond, social worker, during **13 years**

Sonia Louisjuste, nurse, during **13 years**

Monique Dieudonné, nurse/trainer during **13 years**

Maurice Clermont, security guard, during **12 years**



For more than 25 years now, from the first minutes of my meeting with Danielle Reid Pénette, it was undeniable that this couple that she formed with Robert, and who made the choice to leave everything in Quebec, to go to Haiti to offer their support to children infected/affected by HIV, was out of the ordinary. Our foundation, with the indispensable support of Brother Fabien Landry, witnessed their courage, their tenacity and their creativity, but above all, their vision to stay the course in spite of the winds and the tides, always carried by the love of the children....the future of the country.

In all friendship,

Alfred Rioux,
Founder of La Fondation Maison l'Arc-en-Ciel d'Haïti, Quebec, Canada

Our partners



All Children, Inc. Is extremely proud to partner with La Maison l'Arc-en-Ciel. Their work in Haiti for not only the children who have been affected by HIV/AIDS but also their progressive agriculture is truly impressive and an inspiration. We are so thankful to the Penettes for their hard work and their love for these children !



It has been my distinct privilege to have been associated with Maison Arc-en-Ciel for twenty years of their existence, first as Director of the USAID Mission to Haiti (2001-2004) and subsequently with Cross Catholic Outreach (CCO). During that time, I have witnessed the extraordinary care and dedication offered by MAEC to children affected and/or infected by HIV/AIDS, as well as the personal attention by the Penette family to the needs of the children and the wider community affected by HIV/AIDS, and other disasters such as the 2010 earthquake. CCO is proud to continue to partner with Robert and Danielle as they maintain their lifesaving and life-altering mission during the difficult times that continue to afflict Haiti.

David Adams, vice-président pour les missions

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