

Take advantage of the services Eritaj offers to non-profit organizations like yours

The Eritaj (Haitian Creole for Heritage)

Foundation, a charitable, tax-exempt,

501(c)(3), was established in the United

States in 2000 to advocate for and

support not-for-profit institutions

working for Haiti. It offers technical,

promotional and financial assistance to

local networks that seek to develop

sustainable and thriving operations.

Located in cities, towns and rural areas

in Haiti, Eritaj's partners provide ser-

vices in the areas of education and

literacy, health care and disease preven-

tion, relief, agriculture and community

development.

Eritaj's Programs:

Femmes en Lutttes (Women's Struggles)

A microloan project for poor mothers. Eritaj makes small grants (approximately \$500) to partner groups for implementation. The women receive a small loan, average \$US 65 to carry crafty activities like retailing, micro farming of hens and selling of their eggs. The loan incurred no interest but must be repaid to the groups in a 5 month-period. The women participate take part in an activity for continuous mutual sharing and support.

Gift of Education

– **The Adopt A Child** program exists with the specific support of donors. 100% of donations received go directly to participating schools for tuition and teacher fees.

– **The James & Diana Thomson Education Fund** provides scholarships to disadvantaged children in Haiti. The fund was named to honor the Thomsons' work in education and compassion for the disenfranchised.

Poverty Reduction Program

Eritaj provides structure or helps seek funding while artists oversee all aspects of the recording, production and promotion of CD produced. First publication with American Jazz musician, Willie Sordillo, Echoing took place in 2000. Eritaj has sponsored numerous events and workshops in Massachusetts and New York in collaboration with likely-minded organizations.

Helping Hands

We carry annual community drives of medical supplies, electronic equipments, non-perishable food and other goods. The Framingham paper featured 'The Joys of Giving' among many other articles about Eritaj.

Volunteer Program

Eritaj recruits volunteers to provide hands-on services in community organizations in Haiti. We have a database of organizations to place volunteers in. In addition to US volunteers, helping at our Framingham office, volunteers in the US, Switzerland and Ireland helped run Summer programs in Haiti.

Our Churches, Our Strength

An exchange program between Haiti and American churches and partnership with the faith based community to provide relief and assistance to their constituent.

Grassroot Funds

The management of charitable funds for Haiti projects provides a great opportunity to offset overhead costs. Individuals and families no longer have to start an organization in the United States from scratch. They can monitor their projects' progress while taking advantage of Eritaj's organizational structures and resources.

Publications

Eritaj Chronicle, a newsletter for the friends and supporters of Haiti, is published 6 times a year. In addition to serving as a communication tool, it features the work of non-profit organizations in Haiti.

Grassroots Funds

Strengthening Nonprofits Organizations and NGOs in Haiti one organization at a time.



The Grassroots Funds gives an opportunity to Haiti projects to offset overhead costs and to focus efforts and resources in direct services execution. Individuals, families and groups no longer have to start an organization from scratch. They can monitor their projects' progress while taking advantage of Eritaj's structures and assets.

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Does your organization have one or more of the following features:

1. supports projects in Haiti
2. needs non-profit status in the United States to conduct fundraising
3. must strengthen operations and processes
4. has inadequate financial and technical resources
5. lacks full time staff to conduct business

Requirements

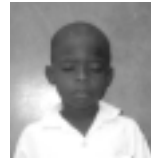
1. Organization has an operation in Haiti in education, health, agriculture or community development in Haiti
2. Organization is committed to fulfill the rules and principles which govern a non profit institution (transparency, accountability, fairness, striving to establish organizational structure
3. Eritaj collects 10% of fundraising and proposals secured on projects behalf for its operations
4. Fill and send the Organization Profile form with a copy of project's mission and objectives and the annual fee, calculated as follows:

Organization with an annual operational budget:

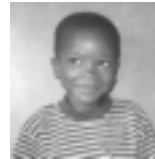
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| Under \$50,000: | contributes \$100.00 |
| Between \$100,000 and \$49,000: | contributes \$150.00 |
| Between \$300,000 and 99,000: | contributes \$300.00 |
| Above \$300,000: | contributes \$500.00 |



Bladimy Rene, age 7



Marc Mathurin, age 7



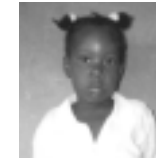
Jodins Eldime, age 6



Janitha Ambrase, age 8



Paul Guitho, age 8



Yselande Ytalien, age 6



Clara Sainnelus, age 8



Elandeme Merge, age 7



Yselande Paul, age 6

Gain the benefits of partnerships and cultivate your project at your own pace

Why reinvent the wheel when you can use the operational structures available to support your organization. As a partner, your organization can benefit from all the services Eritaj offers. Organization contributes a nominal annual fee to support management costs. Alone, it would need a much larger budget to cover these costs, staff and time to conduct daily tasks. Your team retains complete oversight of the programs in Haiti and has full ownership and command of procedures and functions. Some of the benefits include:

❖ **Fiscal Umbrella**

Legal status as a non-profit institution is provided through Eritaj to conduct fundraising and to receive grants.

❖ **Funding Search**

When submitting proposals and if applicable, Eritaj presents partner project as the vehicle through which processes take place.

❖ **Accounts in Haiti and in the United States**

Partner projects keep a financial record of your project's income and expenses and gives copies quarterly to Eritaj for annual reporting and for government and tax-deductible purposes.

❖ **Visa & Mastercard Reception**

Friends and sponsors can donate monthly or otherwise to support their projects of interest or of origin. Partner projects can significantly benefit from modest monthly gifts of \$20 or less, made in droves without upsetting credit card.

❖ **Volunteers for Partner Projects in Haiti**

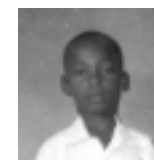
Eritaj coordinates volunteer placements and partner project hosts for the volunteer. It oversees volunteer's stay in Haiti, including pick up and drop off at airport, lodging, meals and assignment.

❖ **Annual Report Submission**

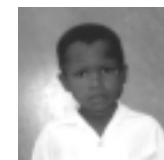
Under the 501(c)(3) status, the partner project must report annually to the Office of the Attorney General. The group's fiscal transactions must be sent quarterly to Eritaj.

❖ **Create and/or Increase Internet Presence**

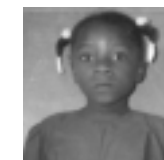
Partner project provides the information and Eritaj adds a page on its website. If the webpage is available, we add a link for greater access.



Kendriche Morice, age 6



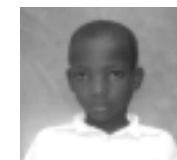
Benson Nelson, age 6



Darline Merge, age 7



Cherline Michel, age 7



Richa Jean, age 7