

BECOME A 'BENI' SPONSOR

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Support the Maison de Benediction, our respite home for children with disabilities in Haiti, with a regular gift and help us **give vulnerable children** and their families **a bright future**

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The **Maison de Benediction** was created in 2009 and **provides life-transforming care** for children with disabilities and their families. It is a leading disability centre, in northern Haiti, that offers **day and overnight residential respite care** for children whose parents find it hard to provide the full-time specialist care their children need. Currently, 25 children attend and **receive life-transforming physiotherapy**, one-to-one educational support, play and music therapy, nutritional and medical support, including wheelchairs for those who need one.



Lourdjina is now 14 and has been coming to the Maison ever since her mother died 8 years ago. When she first arrived, she could not talk or walk, moving only by shuffling across the floor. She lives with her Grandmother who now cares for for her large family by herself. The support the Maison provides is invaluable to Lourdjina’s Grandmother and allows to her to continue working for the good of the whole family. Through the education and therapy she has received at the Maison over the years, Lourdjina has developed incredibly well and is now able to walk and eat independently. She can communicate with words and is even starting to write and count well. She has a bright future ahead.

Become a ‘Beni’ sponsor with a gift of £15 a month and ensure more families like Lourdjina’s are receiving the support they need to escape the poverty trap in Haiti.

Children with disabilities in Haiti face severe discrimination with minimal access to medical care, schooling and other basic human rights. Often among the poorest in society, their struggling parents may abandon them at orphanages, hospitals or even rubbish dumps in desperation, making them some of the most vulnerable and marginalised people in Haiti.

With your help we’re changing this. Thanks to the Maison’s efforts within the wider community, we’ve seen stigma against children with disabilities decrease, schools enrolling children with disabilities for the first time, kids receiving life-transforming mobility aids like wheelchairs and much more. Together, we’re showing that disability is not inability!



'Seeing the hospital employ people with disabilities has challenged the population's perceptions on what they are able to do. People can see that children with disabilities can have a positive future.' Dr Paul Toussaint, Medical Director of HCBH

It costs just £100 a month to provide a place for a child at the 'Maison de Benediction' covering all of the costs needed to care for, and develop them. Just 7 new 'Beni' sponsors giving **£15 a month could transform the lives of a family** struggling to meet the needs of their disabled child in Haiti.

With mounting pressure on struggling families in Haiti, from rapidly rising inflation and political instability, we need your help more than ever to be a life-line for children with disabilities. Not only do we need to maintain the vital service that exists, we also aim to help more people by growing the programme in these important ways:

- 1 Add more respite places for vulnerable children
- 2 Develop a follow-on programme for teenagers to better care for their changing needs
- 3 Increase access to specialist medical care by employing a dedicated Physiotherapist to work with the children on their physical development

Become a 'Beni' sponsor and bring hope and dignity to more disabled children's lives in Haiti.

Visit www.hopehealthaction.org/donate and choose 'Beni sponsorship' from the campaign list.





Standley is 6 years old and is often the first smiling face you see at the 'Maison' gate. He lives with a loving foster family and has made huge leaps in development despite the disabilities he's had since birth. When he arrived at 18 months old we was so malnourished, he nearly didn't survive. But now, he can now walk by himself and attends the 'Maison' school programme where he's improving his speech and is learning to use a pencil. He's doing so well that the staff are trying to find him a place in a regular school, an amazing prospect for a child with with such a difficult start to his life. 'Beni' sponsors are giving children like Standley the chance to thrive.



£15 a month can provide respite care, rehabilitation and education for a child in Haiti with a disability. Sign up to sponsor the 'Maison' with a monthly gift today.

All 'Beni' sponsors receive regular updates on how the children are developing as well as other news from the Maison de Benediction. Beni sponsors are the reason the project exists so the staff and kids in Haiti love to show their appreciation by making gifts which we pass on to you. Find out more and sign up to be a 'Beni' sponsor at:

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