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## Over The River and Through The Woods



Pictured: A young Haitian boy in front of what remains of his home.

As tears rolled down the cheeks of Bresma’s mom, the reality of this devastation set in. We had finished our 4-hour ride to Les Cayes not sure of what we would be facing upon arrival. The view of thousands of fallen trees, destroyed homes, schools, and bridges swallowed up replaced the once functioning roads. The power lines lying everywhere seemed almost surreal. Instead of stopping, we decided to continue off the beaten path, through rivers and up the mountain to find Bresma’s family.

Bresma is a blind woman receiving monthly assistance through PID. She has a story like

many of PID’s employees’ stories. Many of PID employees have families in Les Cayes that lost homes or even their lives. Bresma’s family lost nearly everything, including their home situated on a mountain surrounded by trees and cascades. This once beautiful mountain had now been turned into a pile of fallen trees with thousands of rocks that rolled down the mountain and totally collapsed homes. When we could drive no further, we walked on foot down a slippery, muddy, slope where we found their fallen house.

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## Another Successful Annual Benefit

Each year, not only does our Benefit raise the necessary funds to supplement our budget, but it reminds us of who we are and why we do what we do. The staff, the volunteers, the donors of food and supplies, as well as those who attend, work so hard to make this happen. Each year we keep our overhead as low as possible so as much as possible can go to the actual people that PID partners with. One of our new volunteers, Maggie wrote, “I truly had the best time, and it was extremely refreshing to be with such a down to earth nonprofit crowd. Everyone was so passionate about the cause... I very much look forward to working with you again. “

Keny Louis was our guest speaker. He was a child in our sponsorship program in Haiti and shared his experience with PID. “Let’s go back 15 years ago when I saw Gale for the first time. I wondered what she was doing. I noticed she was working with the children to pick up trash that was all over the place. I didn’t know how to communicate with her so I set about picking up garbage. I had no idea why this white lady wanted so much garbage, but I could see right away she was happy with my gift. She smiled and gave me a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in return. That sandwich was so delicious that after I had eaten half, I wrapped the other half so I could bring it back to my brothers and sister. “

“ I took my job seriously. I was a young boy but Gale put me in charge of overseeing the children as they picked up trash, and she trusted me handing out the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches...I was able to go to school through the sponsorship program, because my family didn’t have money for that. One day I got sick and PID took me to the hospital and made sure I got better... I learned through this that if I ever had money I needed to help others... I have a dream for every young child in Haiti that they can have the same opportunity as I did, so that one day they can hold their heads high and say, “ I am Haitian and I am blessed. “

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Pictured: Keny Louis and Gale Hull

## Our New Volunteers and Interns 2016



**Pictured: Rosana Rabines**

**Rosana Rabines** grew up in Topsfield, MA and graduated from Masconomet Regional High School in 2015. She is now a sophomore at the University of Chicago majoring in Economics. She enjoys running, sailing, yoga, and watching Grey's Anatomy. She will be interning at the Ipswich Office and helping with the Annual Benefit and Fund Drive.

**Linda Murphy** is a long time resident of Ipswich, Massachusetts. She recently retired from dental hygiene. In her free time she enjoys traveling, hiking, biking, skiing, beach walking and her three beautiful granddaughters. Linda will be volunteering in the Ipswich office researching grants for a dental room in Haiti. Linda has volunteered in Haiti on two trips and sponsors a child in Haiti.



**Pictured: Linda Murphy**

### Interested in interning in the U.S. or overseas in 2017?

Our talented interns serve to support and develop PID's existing programs.

**Haiti** interns must be at least 21 years old or college graduates. Room and board fees apply as well as language training in Haitian Creole.

**Guatemala** interns must be high school graduates. Room and board fees apply as well as high school Spanish and/or language training required.

**Mississippi** interns must be high school graduates. Room and board fees apply.

Ipswich office interns must be high school graduates.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an intern for Partners In Development in 2017 please fill out the application at [www.pidonline.org/participate/volunteer](http://www.pidonline.org/participate/volunteer)

## Volunteers In The Office

Partners In Development simply could not function without its dedicated team of volunteers. Each week, I witness our old and new volunteers taking time out of their day to support the PID mission.

PID Crafts has now grown to over 100 products available on Etsy and in our central office in Ipswich, MA. Recently volunteers have assisted with packaging and sales on Etsy.com. Volunteers are trained on how to correctly piece together jewelry, label boxes, tag items and the Etsy posting process. These handmade products from Guatemala and Haiti were also a great success at this year's Topsfield Fair in Topsfield, MA.

Some of our newest volunteers include students from North Shore Community College fulfilling volunteering hours. These students have joined our regular volunteers to organize the warehouse and perform administrative tasks in the office. For some of these students, it was their first time volunteering and have expressed interest in partaking in a Service Trip after their volunteer hours have been completed.

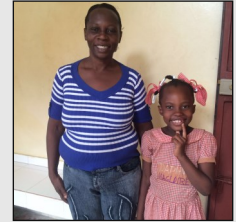
In addition, our wonderful volunteers made a tremendous impact assisting the office with this year's Annual Benefit. From creating center pieces to collecting auction items, I cannot say enough about how valuable and impactful our volunteers have been for this event. In September alone, office volunteers reached 210 hours of work!

If you would like to join PID as a volunteer, please email [volunteercoordination@pidonline.org](mailto:volunteercoordination@pidonline.org).

Rosita Maeks-Anderson

## YOUR CHILD SPONSORSHIP AT WORK IN HAITI

Daphnie Magloire was never able to go to school. Daphnie lives with her grandmother. She is 7. In Haiti you start school at 3, so she was way behind and no school wanted to accept her. She did not know how to read or write and had no educational exposure.



In July, Susan, a team member, donated \$60 to kick start Daphnie's educational needs. Then Daphnie got a fulltime sponsor. With the additional funds, Genois, Director of Social Services, found a teacher to tutor her, bought her books, a uniform and shoes. This helped her get to a level where a school would accept her. She was placed in kindergarten, but her family and PID considered this a huge success. Now she is a happy little girl going to school!!

## Applause and Best Wishes for our New HE Grads!

PID's Higher Education scholarship program is helping more students each year to have a brighter and more secure future for themselves and their families through education. A record number of Haitian students finished their studies in technical schools this summer: Rosemond V. in computing, Gertha L. as a bilingual secretary, Mario J. in mechanics, Ferlande P. in nursing, and Marcie D. also in nursing.

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continued....*

In Guatemala two young men Gelver M. and Lester T. are completing their programs in agricultural engineering and computer systems engineering this fall. Lester wrote in his note of thanks to his sponsor, "I am studying in order to have a better future for my family. I study with a purpose because I want to be able to repair computer systems and understand how they work. I will accomplish my dream with the help of God, my grandmother and family. I will put all my effort into making my dream come true. Thank you for your support."

All but the two nurses were originally children in PID'S Child Sponsorship program. Students who qualify for scholarships in Guatemala continue their studies in technical high schools after completing the equivalent of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. They usually require support for 2 or 3 year programs. In Haiti students may apply for specialty schools after the age of 18 and completing high school.

We are excited to announce, Dre Benniford, our first Higher ED student from Glendora, MS is attending North Shore Community College. He is in his first semester and is studying business.

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They were lucky that no one was killed. An enormous tree had fallen through the side of their house while they were inside huddled together as the hurricane's strong wind and rain ripped through the mountain top. The family wasn't expecting a visit from us but were more than welcoming and showed us around the area. Thanks to donations made to PID for the hurricane victims we could reach out to more than 21 families and help with the repairs of what they had lost.

There's no amount of money that can erase the emotional stress and fear of those who lived through the days of the hurricane and it's flooding. Lives were lost, houses already in poor condition had no chance of withstanding the wind, rain, and fallen trees. I (Talitha Hull) explained to Bresma's family what aid we brought with us. Tears broke from the eyes of Bresma's mother. This area had lost their one school, their one church, so many homes and lives of friends and family. With this help they could start to rebuild. With this assistance, they saw a glimpse of hope. The rest of that day and following day we spent in search of 20 other families in a similar situation.

As we drove back to Port-au-Prince the car was filled with silence. We were all processing what we had seen. Life was something that wasn't easy for these people before this hurricane, but the reality of the damage and how many lives were lost was heart breaking. With every small bit of aid a life is changed forever. **If you would like to help with hurricane relief we will continue to take donations. One hundred percent of your donation will go to a family who we will verify has substantial loss. Thank you for caring.**



**Pictured: A river created  
by the hurricane.**

## Your Best Trip Ever

"It was an amazing experience to see how grateful and happy these people were with so little and it made me feel so blessed and happy to be around them. It was life changing."

**Maria Campbell, August 2016, Guatemala**

"It has had a huge impact on my life. I really don't sweat the little stuff anymore and I have a much better understanding of what really matters."

**Kathleen Ozella, June 2016, Haiti**

"If I could afford it, I would go on a PID trip every year. My two teenagers have joined me on these trips and watching the effect the trip has had on them is amazing."

**Isabel Dumas, March 2016, Mississippi Delta**

**WE ask you to consider how you spend 8 days and hope you will consider taking a trip with us in the near future . GET A NEW PRESPECTIVE!**

## Another Successful Annual Benefit

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Gale Hull, PID's president, spoke about The Power of One Word. That word was TRY. PID has and continues to be an organization filled with people in the US, Haiti, Guatemala and Mississippi that TRY to make a difference. With 25 years of TRYing we have shaped PID into an organization whose focus is directed to those we work with, not on glitz or glamour. Through TRYing we have grown into an organization that helps 900 children go to school, that provides loans and training for economic development, that builds houses for the homeless, and that has clinics that provide medical care for over 30,000. PID has done this not through large grants but through many small donors and dedicated people. We think before we spend each dime.

We raised \$50,246 after expenses. With a commitment from a matching donor, our total will be \$100,492, far beyond what we anticipated!! We look forward to another exciting year of TRYing to provide the best services with all the resources our donors have entrusted to us. We look forward to seeing you next year. So, mark your calendar for **OCTOBER 21, 2017.**

## Let Your Light Shine

**While every donation is special to Partners In Development, many supporters have given gifts from the heart, in honor or memory of their friends and loved ones. We would like to acknowledge these noteworthy contributions and efforts:**

Marilyn Stark gave in honor of Karen Smith on her birthday.  
Beverly Fearey sponsored a child in honor of her son, Mort Fearey, for his birthday.  
Amanda Hardman gave in honor of Susan Duchesney, Susan Duchesney and Alex Hardman.  
Staff of the Bay State Animal Clinic gave in honor of Martha Thompson.

Mario & Brooke Fontana gave in honor of the wedding of Camilla Fecteau and Steven Bridge.  
Kirk & Dwight Thompson gave in memory of Clif Davis.  
Lynn T. Armstrong gave in honor of Amy DeSilva's wedding to Ernie Pigeon.  
Alice Bruton gave in honor of Rev. Dr. Ruth Merriam.  
Richard & Carol Wysopal gave in honor of Elaine Hale's birthday.

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### **In memory of Ryan Kupal**

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### **Sending your child an additional Christmas gift**

Each year your child receives a gift through your regular sponsorship. However, many people choose to send an additional gift. If you would like to do this, we allow physical gifts of shoe box size only if you are traveling with PID. You may send a monetary gift to the office designated for your child. Sending it before December 1st will guarantee your child will receive it before Christmas.

**Please consider giving one of our simple gifts in honor of a loved one.**

Check out our simple gift catalogue at: [www.pidonline.org/news/simple-gifts-catalogue](http://www.pidonline.org/news/simple-gifts-catalogue)

### **Partners In Development Annual Fund Drive**

If you were unable to attend our Annual Benefit, please consider donating to our Fund Drive before December 31st, 2016. The funds raised will go to PID's Housing Program in Haiti, Guatemala and the Mississippi Delta as well as the Medical Programs in Haiti and Guatemala. This can be done online at [www.pidonline.org](http://www.pidonline.org) or by mail.