



Annual Report 2016-2017

La Salle International Foundation, Inc.



From its earliest days, La Salle International Foundation has worked with St. Mary's Child Rescue Center and St. Mary's High School in Nyeri, Kenya, which features a unique and highly successful peer-mentoring program of Big and Little Brothers.

Highlights of the Year

- *Students helping Students in Kenya*
- *Following Up: Education in Rwanda*
- *Reuniting Street Youth with Families in Butare*



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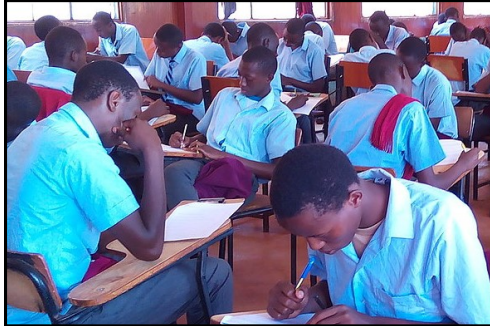
While Nyeri might be remotely located in the central highlands of Kenya about 100 miles outside of Nairobi, the remarkable program of the De La Salle Christian Brothers is receiving national acclaim. Serving almost 900 children, their combined programs of the St. Mary's Boys' Secondary school and the Child Rescue Center might well be one of the most successful educational programs in all of Africa.

The Child Rescue Center cares for disadvantaged children from 4-16 years of age, using a holistic approach (physical, emotional, mental and spiritual) to ensure

their success. Formerly street children, orphans, or residents of the Kabara slums near Nairobi, these children receive medical care, nutritional support, and a safe location in which to live. There are about 300 children in the program.



Located on the same eight acres of campus, the St. Mary's Boys' High School serves about 600 poor and working class youth. Not only do these students receive a high-quality education, but also they are part of a special mentoring program which links them together as "Big Brothers" to children from the Child Rescue Center. This student-helping-student program is the vital keystone which makes everything so special at St. Mary's. This unique pairing not only brings together children from different socio-economic classes, but the strong emphasis which the school places on this Big Brother / Little Brother relationship increases aca-



Students' performance on national exams ranks St. Mary's as one of the top schools in the country.

ademic success on the part of both students. Regular students become more sensitive to those who are less fortunate while troubled children have highly motivated and disciplined role models from whom to take good example. A val-

ues-based orientation teaches all the students to respect hard work, apply themselves rigorously to study, and consistently follow a strong moral compass.

Nationally ranked as one of the very best high schools in Kenya, during the 2016-2017 academic year, 99% of the St. Mary's High School graduates received scholarships into the public university and the remaining 1% were accepted to middle level colleges.

The school has garnered local and regional championships in both Basketball and Handball; academically, it hosts strong teams for science and mathematics competition.

These activities enable the students to learn new skills, form lasting friendships with other students, and develop themselves both intellectually and physically.



Former St. Mary's Child Rescue student, Joseph Thumbi Wangige, playing for the English Newport IOW FC team.



Following Up: Education in Rwanda

Last year's Annual Report discussed plans to construct a new primary school in a remote area of Rwanda where children were being deprived of educational access because there were no schools. The Guadalupana Sisters offered to address this problem by staffing a new school to be constructed through the generosity of Ralph and Vivian Morera in honor of their grandchildren, Daniel and Erik Gaviria.



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generosity of Ralph and Vivian Morera in honor of their grandchildren, Daniel and Erik Gaviria.

We are pleased to report that the two buildings (a classroom building and an administration building) were completed 15 January 2017 and the Sisters immediately began teaching classes in the new building. They commenced classes with 135 children: 66 in kindergarten and 69 in the primary school.

This project was expertly managed by PROYDE, a Lasallian NGO which often partners with La Salle International Foundation. PROYDE brought the project to completion



on-time, on-budget, and with excellent construction quality.



Thanks to the Brother Victorino Fund, a preservation endowment set up by Ralph and Vivian Morera to assist with the maintenance, a retaining wall will soon be construct-

ed to protect the school from possible mud slides during Rwanda's extended rainy season.

Funding by the Moreras, good project oversight by PROYDE, and the generosity of the Guadalupana Sisters to administer the school, provided this project with all of the characteristics needed for success in the coming years.





Reuniting Street Youth with their Families

Through the support of the Loyola Foundation, new dormitory roofs and ceilings were installed at the Intiganda Centre



Roofs, ceilings and internal furnishings were replaced in this facility which helps street children reconnect with families.

where the De La Salle Christian Brothers provide a residency-based program for street children. Intiganda is a social and educational center which provides a safe-house for homeless children and youth, some of whom are orphans (initially resulting from the Rwandan genocide in the mid-90s and the AIDS epidemic thereafter.)

The objective of the Intiganda Centre is to attend to the medical, psychological, emotional, and educational needs of the children with a view towards placing them back with family members as soon as possible. A wide variety of successful activities and programs have been developed over time by counsellors, social workers, teachers and therapists to provide stabilization, protection, socialization and family reintegration. Typically, children are reunited with their families within 15 months. Follow-up services are provided to ensure placement success and child safety.





Sponsorships

The following activities, programs and institutions were sponsored from donations received by La Salle International Foundation, Inc. between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015.



Daniel and Erik Gaviria School
Kamazuzi, Rwanda
Education
\$ 50,000.00 USD



St. Mary's Child Rescue Program
Nyeri, Kenya
Education
\$ 56,200.00 USD



Pontièbba Village
Pontièbba, Burkina Faso
Health
\$ 10,355.00 USD



Sœurs Guadeloupaines De La Salle
Mamoeramanjaka, Madagascar
Health
\$ 10,875.00 USD



Caritas Île de Tortue
Île de Tortue, Haïti
Humanitarian
\$13,550.00 USD



Sponsorships

Écoles des Frères De La Salle
Île de la Tortue, Haïti
Educational Improvements
\$ 2,500.00 USD



Addis Hope
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Educational scholarships
\$ 5,523.00 USD



Collège des Frères
Jerusalem
Educational Scholarships
\$ 7,700.00 USD



Spiritual Formation Institute
Colombo, Sri Lanka
Education
\$ 500.00 USD



Centre Intiganda
Butare, Rwanda
Health
\$ 11,650.00 USD





Sponsorships



Notre-Dame du Bon Conseil
Mamoermanjaka, Madagascar
Education
\$ 4,000.00 USD



Centro de Juventud y Cultura
Cienfuegos, Dominican Republic
Education
\$ 10,000.00 USD



Hurricane Matthew Relief
Port-au-Prince, Haïti
Humanitarian
\$ 1,100.00 USD



Fratelli Project
Rmeilieh, Lebanon
Education
\$12,884.00 USD



C.E.A.L.S
Beira, Mozambique
Humanitarian
\$ 10,000.00 USD

Sponsorships

Diocese of Doumé Abong' Mbang
Lomie, Cameroon
Education
\$ 3,000.00 USD



Small project grants

Instituto Indigena Santiago
Guatemala



SOAR
Washington, DC

Centre Mutien Marie
Mbalmayo, Cameroon



ASCO School
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Financial Disclosures

In accordance with our status as a 501(c)(3) public charity, a Form 990 has been filed with the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Regulatory and Consumer Affairs, Washington DC for the 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 fiscal year.



La Salle International was named the "2017 Best Philanthropic Organization in Washington DC."

Total revenues received by La Salle International during FY 2015-16 were \$217,379. This year, \$213,022 was distributed directly to charitable causes and, when combined with net assets from the previous year, the Foundation currently has a working capital of \$51,153. There are no restrictions, conditions or limitations on these remaining funds. All gifts during the year have been acknowledged and the funds tracked through all projects. Copies of current and previous IRS 990s are available from La Salle International at the Washington headquarters and our books are open for public inspection.

During FY 2016-17, La Salle International Foundation closely assisted the development efforts of both SECOLI and the De La Salle International ONLUS in the solicitation and/or reporting requirements for grants totaling more than \$6 million USD serving Lasallian operations in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Haiti, Poland, India, Gulf of Benin, Sri Lanka, Congo, Douala, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Pakistan, Myanmar, Vietnam, Madagascar, Cameroon, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Guatemala, Burkina Faso, Thailand, Eritrea, Chad, Chile, Peru, Argentina, Dominican Republic, Rwanda and Niger.

The Foundation is extremely grateful to our generous individual, corporate and foundation benefactors who have partnered with us in these worthy projects around the world.



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