



## Annual Report 2018-2019

*La Salle International Foundation, Inc.*



*Having escaped the ravages of war by fleeing to Lebanon, displaced Syrian refugee children were welcomed into Fratelli programs which addressed many of their needs. La Salle International Foundation supported the ongoing operations of this successful humanitarian venture.*

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### **Highlights of the Year**

- *Programs for Syrian Refugee Children*
- *Women educating remote populations*
- *Honoring the past through the present*



## Fratelli: Assisting Syrian Refugee Youth

As this publication goes to press, an estimated 1.5 million registered Syrian refugees are in Lebanon, the greatest number per capita of any country in the world. Despite Lebanon's efforts to be accommodating, this enormous influx of immigrants has broken the back of its social service network. Many refugees live precariously with unmet needs.

Understanding how Lebanon's social services are overwhelmed by the steady tide of refugees, the De La Salle Brothers have teamed up with the Marist Brothers to create the *Fratelli Project*.



*The Fratelli Project prepares children for entry into the Lebanese school system and supports their success.*

In the city of Beirut and on the outskirts of Saida, the *Fratelli Project* welcomes refugee children from Syria and Iraq as



well as vulnerable Lebanese children. It provides education to those who would otherwise not have access to formal education, helps those attending government refugee schools, and prepares youth for



*Life as a Syrian immigrant living in Lebanon can be difficult, and even more so for the children. To address the various needs of refugee Syrian youth, the Fratelli Project has offers 14 different supportive programs.*

admission to public schools through 14 different programs.

The two centers assist more than 600 children and young people per day (about 50% are female), aged three to 15. Normally, these children attend programs from Monday to Saturday.

During the months of July and August, the regular socio-educational programs terminate and the summer school begins.

This is followed by a summer camp that offers opportunities for recreation, creativity, art, and excursions for children. Both of these socio-educational centers offer professional psycho-social support, educational programming, training and professional development for young adults (often mothers or siblings of children), and sports activities in collaboration with Fundación Real (a Spanish NGO).

Their programs extend from educational training and support, to psychological counselling for children, nutritional support, and even language instruction for refugee adults.



*Special efforts are made to enroll girls in Fratelli's socio-educational programs.*



In recent evaluations, the *Fratelli Project* has received glowing commendations by outside consultants and the project's coordinators are considering further expansion of their current comprehensive and successful programs.

Against this backdrop, Lebanon is now starting to relocate refugees back to war-torn areas despite such actions being a clear violation of Lebanon's non-refoulement obligations under international law.

Energized by the demonstrable success of the *Fratelli Project*, it is hoped that other humanitarian NGOs can buttress social services so Lebanon will no longer return refugee families to areas of extreme violence, aggression, destruction, and mortality.

All children have the right to live in a safe environment, receive healthy nutrition, and experience a quality education. Thanks to the *Fratelli Project*, these things are successfully being extended to displaced refugee youth in Lebanon.





## Dedicated Service to Remote Locations

An African adage states “when better times arrive, they will be carried through the continent on the backs of women.” Indeed, it is women who are largely energizing change for the better in Africa.



One impressive group of women who are changing life in Africa are the Guadalupana Sisters. Originally founded in Mexico in 1946 by a De La Salle

Brother, they share the same educational charism of Lasallians around the world, and have the same unswerving dedication to providing quality education to marginalized youth.



In Rwanda, the Sisters have responded to a need for quality primary education through the construction and staffing of the Daniel and Erik Gaviria School in the town of Muhanga. Starting



with 66 children in kindergarten and 69 in primary school, their operations are now serving 500 children who otherwise would have been educationally excluded.

Along other fronts and for the past 30 years, the same order of women have been working effectively in Madagascar where the Sisters are providing quality primary education to children from the very small town of Mamoeramanjaka,

Located 4 hours from the capital of Antananarivo, the Sisters operate a school which serves children for the six villages in the area. The Our Lady of Good Counsel school serves children from 3 to 16 years of age.

La Salle International has been a strong contributor to the Sisters' operations in Africa, having financed their educational operations in both Rwanda and Madagascar.

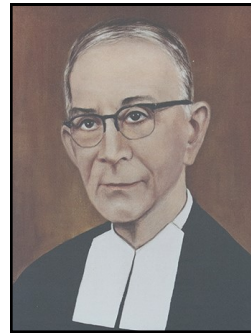






## Honoring the Past through the Present

De La Salle Brother Victorino Arnaud Pages, who dedicated his life to establishing schools and alumni associations in the United States and the Caribbean, recently was declared "venerable" by Pope Francis as one step closer to Sainthood. To honor Brother Victorino, a preservation trust fund has been established which will honor his legacy by ensuring four Lasallian schools located in marginal areas of Peru, Madagascar, and Rwanda are well-maintained over the years. Serving low-income marginalized families, these schools lack funding to properly maintain their structures. As such, a donor has generously offered initial funding for this Bro. Victorino Preservation Trust.



Similarly, the memory of a Spanish Brother Javier Careaga who taught in Cuba and the Dominican Republic is being honored through an endowment to support Lasallian activities in the Caribbean.

By honoring noteworthy Brothers, donors keep the Brothers' memory alive for future generations. These donors advance the Lasallian mission by ensuring educational costs are met, especially in developing areas. By honoring the past through the creation of an endowment, aspiring students can educationally benefit today.

Donors interested in honoring the past through endowments are invited to contact La Salle International for more information.



## Sponsorships

*The following activities, programs and institutions were sponsored from donations received by La Salle International Foundation, Inc. between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.*

World Youth Day  
Panama City, Panama  
Education  
\$ 8,500.00 USD



Brother Victorino Trust Fund  
Peru and Madagascar  
Education  
\$ 100,000.00 USD



Brother Javier Careaga  
Mission Advancement Fund  
Education  
\$ 100,000.00 USD



The Fratelli Project  
Beirut, Lebanon  
Education and Health  
\$ 97,000.00 USD



St. Mary's Child Rescue Program  
Nyeri, Kenya  
Education  
\$ 38,000.00 USD







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Nanattan Maha Vidyalay School  
Nanattan, Sri Lanka  
Education  
\$ 20,000.00USD



Centre Lasallien d'Initiation aux  
Metiers de l'Agriculture (CLIMA)  
Bérégadougou, Burkina Faso  
Education  
\$ 20,000.00 USD



Disaster Relief: Hurricane Idai  
Beira, Mozambique  
Humanitarian  
\$ 17,469.00 USD



College des Frères  
Beit Hanina & Bethlehem  
Education  
\$ 17,600.00 USD



Rebiamul Catholic Youth Center  
Mt. Hagen, Papua New Guinea  
Education  
\$ 3,000.00 USD

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Soeur Guadaloupanaines  
Mamoeramanjaka, Madagascar  
Education  
\$3,500.00 USD



Other small grants for development and solidarity projects around the world include:

- ◆ Bahay Pag-asa Youth Development Center (Bacolod, Philippines)
- ◆ The Ethiopian Catholic University (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
- ◆ La Salle Technical College (Hohola, Papua New Guinea)
- ◆ College St, Mutien-Marie (Mbalmayo, Cameroon)
- ◆ Namanga Parish Nursery School (Namanga, Kenya)
- ◆ St John Baptiste De La Salle Catholic HS (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
- ◆ Sisters of St. Thérèse of Child Jesus (Elementia, Kenya)



Total Gifts from La Salle International FY 2018-2019

\$ 437,519.00 USD



## Financial Disclosures

In accordance with our status as a 501(c)(3) public charity, a Form 990EZ has been filed with the Department of the Treasury for the fiscal year beginning 1 July 2018 and ending 30 June 2019. We have also filed with the Department of Regulatory and Consumer Affairs, Washington DC.

Total revenues received by La Salle International during FY 2018-19 were \$ 442,242. Of this, \$437,519 was distributed directly to charitable causes and, when combined with net assets or fund balances from the previous year, \$52,232 of assets remain in the Foundation. There are no restrictions, conditions or limitations on these remaining funds. All gifts have been acknowledged and funds tracked. Copies of current and previous IRS 990s are available from La Salle International and our books are open to public inspection.

During FY 2018-19, La Salle International Foundation closely assisted the development efforts of the De La Salle Solidarity International ONLUS in the solicitation and/or reporting requirements for grants serving Lasallian operations in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Sri Lanka, Congo, Kenya, Pakistan, Vietnam, Madagascar, Cameroon, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Burkina Faso, Thailand, Eritrea, Chile, and Peru.



The Foundation is grateful to our individual, corporate and foundation benefactors who have partnered with us in assisting worthy global projects. Through your support, we were selected the “2019 Best Philanthropic Organization in Washington DC.” Thank you!



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