

Hens for Haiti - Recent Highlights



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Matching Grant Funds Awarded

Hens for Haiti is proud to announce a \$5,000 Sustainable Agriculture Matching Grant awarded to St Francis Xavier Parish in Wilmette, IL. St Francis Xavier will be constructing a hen facility in partnership with Immaculee Conception Parish in Galette Chambon, Haiti. Located 45 miles east of Port-au-Prince, the facility will house 200 hens in a project called “Poulettes for Progress”. The project will be locally supported in several ways to ensure success and sustainability. First, chicken feed will be processed at the parish gristmill in an effort to decrease daily operational costs. Second, maintenance of the facility will be on a volunteer basis until the project turns a profit, thus encouraging success of the business. And finally, the program will be overseen by trained agronomists from the University Nouvelle Grand’Anse (UNOGA), already contracted to work within the local community. Hens for Haiti believes that these characteristics make the Poulettes for Progress project unique and look forward to following the development of the program.

Hens for Haiti Board members had a tough decision when selecting only one recipient for the Sustainable Agriculture Matching Grant. Four great proposals were submitted, all with individual positive attributes. Board members are excited about the interest for poultry programs in Haiti and encourage all groups to seek guidance or support from H4H when needed. “This is a pilot program for our organization”, states President Christina Lamour, “after this six-month trial, we hope to have the opportunity to offer more grants to organizations with similar endeavors. The goal is to spread the positive impacts of the program and learn from each other as we navigate the Haitian poultry industry together.”

Hens for Haiti looks forward to following the progress of the Poulettes for Progress project in Galette Chambon. Father Wathner Aupont (pictured right), Pastor of Immaculee Conception Parish, is excited about the prospect of this endeavor and has already started experimenting with management techniques to better prepare himself and the community for the challenge ahead. Stay tuned as we learn more about this energized, burgeoning community!



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