

Hens for Haiti - Recent Highlights



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New Year, New Beginning

The New Year always brings a time of change and chance to renew. For Hens for Haiti, 2016 is no exception. Board members considered their positions related to the mission and priorities of the organization. Each individual thought about how they have contributed to the group in the past and how they will commit to contribute to Hens for Haiti in 2016 and beyond. With this internal reflection, two individuals made the decision to step down from official duty on the Board of Directors. Both Cody Lemieux and Mike Mercurio served on the Board of Hens for Haiti since the organization officially achieved non-profit status in 2009. Hens for Haiti is extremely grateful for the 6 years of service from each of these men as well as the unique assets they offered the group.

In spite of this change, Hens for Haiti was also lucky enough to add a new member to the Board of Directors. Sherley Codio was part of Hens for Haiti as a student-led organization at Virginia Tech and continued to stay connected with the group after finishing her studies. As a Haitian, Sherley brings new insights to the group. Living in Port-au-Prince, Sherley will be the organization's eyes and ears on the ground. She will make visits to projects throughout Haiti in order to strengthen ties with partners as well as help to facilitate communication between operations and other Board members. Hens for Haiti is excited that Sherley has decided to join the team and we look forward to her contribution to the organization's expanded goals for 2016.



Sherley Codio. H4H Board Member and Local Haitian Representative.

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HENS FOR HAITI SEEKS ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBER

Want to give back and share your expertise? Hens for Haiti is looking to expand the Board of Directors. Individuals with agricultural, business, fundraising, or financial management experience are highly sought, but all interested parties are encouraged to inquire. Members of the Board of Directors can expect to commit about 50hrs/yr, with officers contributing an average of 150hrs/yr.

Contact clamour@hensforhaiti.org for more information.



H4H 2016 Goals and Priorities

Hens for Haiti strives to be a resource for groups and organizations wishing to branch into the poultry industry in Haiti. Providing technical assistance and sharing of knowledge based on expertise and solid experience is the backbone of the organization. With changes in leadership that took place at the beginning of the year, Hens for Haiti Board members also decided it was time to re-visit the goals of the organization and responsibilities of its members. Hens for Haiti is striving to step things up in 2016, with a new list of priorities for the Board of Directors to achieve.

Although not all 2016 goals could be listed in this publication, below are a few highlights. A full list of the organization's goals for the upcoming year can be found in the 2015 Annual Report posted to the Hens for Haiti website.

- A total fundraising goal of \$45,000 including 4 grant proposals and end of year fundraising and ornament sales.
- Establish or revive one poultry project in Haiti and participate in at least 2 additional projects.
- Increase usage of H4H vehicle from partners and outside groups.
- Plan a technical training for H4H affiliates and poultry producers in Haiti.
- Visit past, current, and prospective H4H partners in Haiti at least once during the year.
- Strengthen ties with Rotary Clubs and Knights of Columbus.
- Participate in Cap-Haitian poulaye effort through Columbia Association Sister City relationship.

To jumpstart working towards these ambitious goals, board member Larry Newman visited several current partners and potential project sites in Haiti mid-March. Hens for Haiti is inspired by the energy and enthusiasm of new groups venturing into Haitian poultry. More details about the trip will be available on the Hens for Haiti website in the coming months.



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