

# CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS IN HAITI

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*W&A aims at building a Psychotherapeutic and Youth Development Center (House of Healing Hearts) at Dubre, Northern Haiti where child-victims could reclaim their stolen innocence and be healed.*

## A SPECIAL KIND OF HOLIDAY WITH CHILDREN IN HAITI

[ORLANDO, FL]—December 31, 2017—Word and Action, Inc. (W&A) —For the past 10 years, it has become a tradition for W&A to organize trips to Haiti and celebrate Christmas with the children there. Out of all the previous years the 2017 Christmas Trip was a special one. It was different because we were privileged to be in the midst of children of a community that embraced us as family. It is the place where W&A aims to build its Psychotherapeutic and Youth Development Center, which would be the very first of its kind in the entire country of Haiti. A place where traumatized children could come and safely reclaim

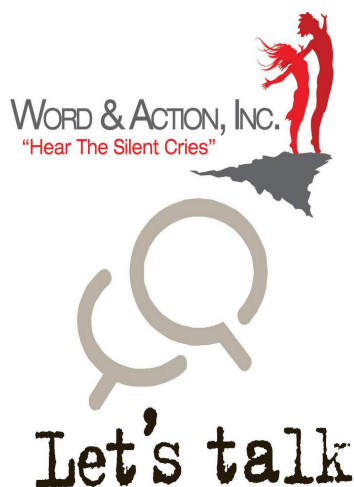
their stolen innocence and be healed. Dubré, a “section communal” of Milôt, northern Haiti is where some of our most significant actions are taking place, which will positively impact hundreds of children.

We are proud to report that this year, over 200 children of Dubré walked out with a little gift for Christmas and another 100 children at Limbé have received toys and other gifts as well. They have benefitted from the generosity of simple citizens especially a ‘genuine heart’ by the name of Pamela Johnson.

Pam, as she affectionately called, has collected toys, clothes,

school supplies among other things throughout the year in order to send to Haiti. It is worth noting that only one person, Pamela, has donated all the gifts that we’ve distributed to the children in Haiti this year. That showed the power and determination of one’s spirit. It is also demonstrated that one person could actually make a difference in the lives of many.





Sexually abused children who keep it a secret or who “tell” and are not believed may be at greater risk than the general population for psychological, emotional, social, and physical problems often lasting into adulthood.

More than 90% of children who are sexually abused know their abusers. This means fewer than 10% of abusers are strangers.

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People who abuse children look and act just like everyone else. In fact, they often go out of their way to appear trustworthy to gain access to children.

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## W&A BRINGS A LITTLE SUNSHINE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

Pamela is not a millionaire neither a business owner; she is simply Pam whose only reward and satisfaction is to help, to give, and to bring a little sunshine in the lives of hundreds of children—she did just that.

Other supports to this year’s trip came from activist Paul Kendrick and W&A Voice Program Coordinator, Marcelle Rouchon whose contributions enabled us to cover some expenses. Dr. Lemuel Pierre, one of the owners of MedLife Institutes, has travelled to Haiti in support of our mission.

One of W&A’s biggest benefactors is the Cleophas family (i.e., Tanis and Thamara)

that not only paid for the shipment of the donations to Haiti, but also provided us with lodging and food during our stay. Upon our next publication, we will officially announce the most important contribution ever received by W&A and that was from this humanitarian family aforementioned.

W&A wants to acknowledge and thank its “infatigable” Community Relations Director, Roseflore Toussaint who travelled to Haiti along with two other volunteers, Jonathan Pierre and Cheryl Sinclair. They have contributed enormously through their dedication, compassion, and services in organizing the toy distribution.



The smile and enthusiasm shown by those grateful little hearts was priceless and magical. They were very excited, as we began to distribute the toys. After Mrs. Thamara Cleophas has addressed them and introduced the W&A's crew, the children were ecstatic and eager to take the line leading toward the table filled with hundreds of gifts. They remained

energetic, as they were sipping their drinks and munching on their chips.

W&A cannot be any prouder and happier to have such angels and good-hearted individuals on its corner. With your unwavering supports and the heavens' countless blessings we will continue to make a difference in the lives of the children, both in our U.S. community and in Haiti.



## W&A MISSION

Word and Action, Inc. (W&A) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization that aims to prevent and/or decrease the occurrence of child sexual abuse in our community through prevention.

W&A was founded in 2009 to help bridge the gap in culturally and linguistically relevant prevention program to support Haitian Families impacted by child sexual abuse.

W&A promotes a culturally-based approach to child sexual abuse prevention and treatment centered on "Strengthening the Family."





Word and Action is thrilled to celebrate Christmas with the children of Dubre. More that 200 children have received gifts and food.

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