



# Friends of SJF, Inc.

*Friends of SJF partners with established grassroots organizations in the Caribbean that minister to disadvantaged populations.*

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*A 501(c) non-profit organization,  
incorporated in 2015 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa*

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## Donations to FoSJF are making a difference for the St. Joseph Family in Haiti

Because of the generosity of its donors the Friends of SJF has been able to expand its support of the St. Joseph Family in the past year. This is important because as the political and economic crisis in Haiti continues to deepen, the need for funding will continue to increase for the St. Joseph Family.

Friends of SJF is able to contribute almost \$1,000 a month for the general operating expenses at the St. Joseph Family in Haiti. In addition, the SJF relies on Friends of SJF to help with unexpected and special expenses as they arise during the year.

In 2019 Friends of SJF has provided special funding, either through designated donations or allocations of undesignated donations for:

- *Crisis funding in February during an economic and political collapse in Haiti for supplies and to help SJF employees.*
- *Purchase and installation of an electrical transformer at Wings of Hope to provide more reliable electricity.*
- *Expansion and repairs to a security wall at the Wings Welcome Center/Lekòl Sen Trinite building.*
- *Repairs and new tires for the Wings van.*
- *Medical testing and treatment for the residents at Wings of Hope.*
- *New helmets for five residents at Wings.*

Thank you for your support of Friends of SJF, which has allowed us in turn to support the great work that is happening in Haiti with the St. Joseph Family. Please consider an on-going donation commitment, or special year-end donation to help Friends of SJF continue to be a part of the St. Joseph Family support system.



Donations may be made at:  
[www.friendsofsjf.org](http://www.friendsofsjf.org)

Or by check to:  
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### **Dates to Remember:**

- November 10:** 25th Anniversary of Wings of Hope
- December 3:** Giving Tuesday
- January 12:** 10th Anniversary of the Earthquake
- January 31:** 35th Anniversary of the St. Joseph Family

### **Did you know?**

When shopping online, use Amazon Smile and select "Friends of SJF Inc" as your designated charity and a portion of your purchase will be donated to Friends of SJF.

<https://smile.amazon.com>

**Connect with Friends of SJF online**

**Website: [www.friendsofsjf.org](http://www.friendsofsjf.org)**

**Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofsjf/>**

**LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/friends-of-sjf-inc/>**

## **Giving Tuesday on December 3 offers donors special incentives for their holiday and year-end giving**

As a special incentive for holiday giving, we are participating in the Giving Tuesday movement again this year.

Coming on the heels of “Black Friday”, “Small Business Saturday” and “Cyber Monday”, “Giving Tuesday” encourages gifts to charitable organizations on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

This year Giving Tuesday is on December 3.

All online donors to Friends of SJF on

Dec. 3 will be eligible for drawings for the three original Christmas paintings by art students from the St. Joseph Family (Felando, Peter and Vilner) which will be used by the St. Joseph Family for their Christmas cards this year.

Any donor giving a NEW YEARLY sponsorship donation (\$360) online on Dec. 3 will receive two sponsorships for the price of one and will receive communication from two Wings of Hope residents throughout 2020.



**You can get to know one of these residents of Wings of Hope, or any of the other 32 Wings residents, on a more personal level by becoming a Wings of Hope sponsor. For \$360 for a year (or \$30 a month) you can participate in the Wings of Hope Sponsorship program.**

**Sponsorship donations help provide for the daily needs and programs for the Wings residents. Since it costs more than that to care for each Wings resident, they have more than one sponsor whenever possible. But all funds support all the work, so their care and services do not differ depending on their number of sponsors.**

**Sponsors receive several mailings throughout the year from and about their sponsored resident so they can follow their progress and adventures.**

**To become a sponsor, send your yearly donation to the FoSJF address; or sign up for yearly or monthly donations online at [www.friendsofsjf.org](http://www.friendsofsjf.org).**



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**JOSEPHINE**

**The primary mission partner of Friends of SJF is the St. Joseph Family in Haiti, including Wings of Hope, the SJ Community Outreach Center, and Lekòl Sen Trinite**