

Judith Armstrong: Foundation for the Children of Haiti

The Canadian Foundation for the Children of Haiti (CFCH) is a volunteer-based, non-profit society which was founded in 1993. An interdenominational Christian organization, the Foundation serves Haitian children both in Haiti and Canada and was formed particularly to support The Foundation for the Children of Haiti (FEH, a Haitian run organization based in Port Au Prince. Judith Armstrong, a member of our 9 o'clock congregation, is a long time member and guiding light in the Canadian organization and our primary tie with this mission, specifically Hope Home. Hope Home is one of the ministries of FEH, is home to 26 children and youth, all with profound disabilities and complex needs.

Judith travels to Haiti twice annually. She goes in March/April, leading a health care team for an intensive 10 day work mission. She makes a second trip in November, making preparations for the next spring team. Judith's groups ensure medical and educational equipment and supplies, professional support including nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and teaching are made available to the Home.

The funds are very important to support the needs of the home, but much more significant is the message that it sends of God's love for children who, because of disabilities are not valued in Haiti. Judith says, "Many times I have been asked by the Haitian staff if the people who provide me with funds to make the trips, or the people who sponsor the children, understand that these children are disabled. And my answer is always "yes, these young people are valued!"

The financial support from St. Philip's goes towards Judith's personal expenses for these trips to Haiti. There are many other ways that we can support Judith. This includes prayer, especially during times of travel or time of difficulty in Haiti; sponsoring the young people at Hope Home; collecting/donating needed supplies and helping out on packing days to send supplies to Haiti.

If you want to assist in any way, please contact Judith.

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