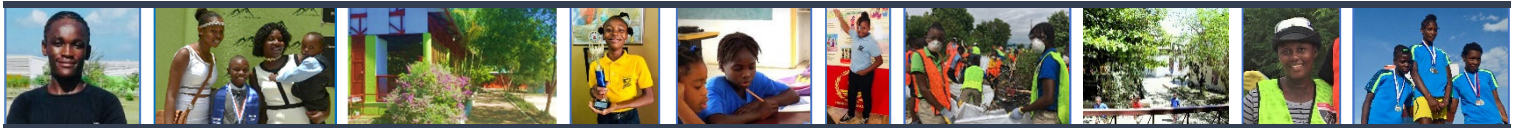




The School of Choice/ l'Ecole de Choix

CHOIX PARTNERS WITH OUR COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION: To partner with Haitians to educate and develop Haitian youth to lead their communities, Haiti and the world.



Choix and our Mirebalais Community

Choix is located in Mirebalais, in Haiti's Central Plateau, and we feel a deep connection to and intersection with our local community.

- Choix contributes to the local economy by paying staff members a living wage higher than Haiti's minimum. Since its inception, **Choix has not missed a single pay period for even one employee**, which is not the norm in Haiti. As a result, staff is able to take out loans, help family members start their own businesses, purchase land, build homes, purchase livestock and more.
- 99% of Choix staff is Haitian and, when we seek to hire – employees or contractors – we hire Haitians.
- Lead faculty hold university educations and teaching certificates – far exceeding the 9th-grade education level of the average Haitian teacher.
- All Choix students complete social responsibility / community improvement projects as part of their annual academic programming.

Recent Community and Economic projects

- 2018 Mirebalais community engagement and clean-up project was coordinated in partnership with our Volunteer Parent Committee.
- Campus drain replacement project employed dozens of workers and was led by a local mason and plumber who also was a staff member's son who had done exceptional work for Choix previously.
- Clean water is provided at no cost to Choix families and neighbors.
- 2017 Campus improvement project employed local workers to paint all buildings, creating greater sustainability for Choix's campus.

Choix Alumni Community Leaders

- Alumni Daniel and Reginald organized fellow students and all refused to purchase illegal versions of textbooks when pressured to do so by school officials.
- Alumna Cassandre was elected class president and now earns awards in speaking competitions
- Alumna Will Rush established a girls soccer program at her new school, where no athletics program for girls previously existed.

About Mirebalais

- 192,800** Population (increase from 88,000 in 2009)
- 45 miles** Northeast of Port-au-Prince
- 1702** Mirebalais established
- 4 feet** Average annual precipitation
- 93°F** Average high temperature
- <\$1/day** Average income (\$350/year)
- #1** Home to the largest solar powered hospital in the world: the Partners in Health University Hospital

Occupations represented in local economy

- **Farming:** Such as coffee, limes, sugar cane, corn, cotton, peas and rice
- **Health services:** Community offers 320 beds, 6 operating rooms, 1 intensive care unit
- **Government:** Including Municipal development projects



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