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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