



# FriendSharing

JUNE 2018 Newsletter



## A message from Luann Polissaint FOPH President

In the “Spirit” of Pentecost, I’d like to reflect a moment on the ways the Spirit fills our lives every day.

I believe that the Spirit is a powerful and ever-present presence in us and among us. From the energy to take on the hurdles of everyday life, to the transformative peace and profound calm in the depths of our souls; that’s the presence of the Spirit. The Spirit is in nature and all the extreme beauty we appreciate in the world; from the most delicate bloom to the immensity of the sea and sky. The Spirit helps us know wisdom when making weighty life decisions and sacred listening that deepens understanding of our neighbors’ circumstances. The Spirit motivates us and blesses us with the determination and fortitude to persevere our darkest days. The Spirit challenges us to be better people by expanding our compassion to those less fortunate in the world. I am blessed to feel the Spirit in each of you involved with FOPH.

I believe the Spirit flows from inside to out. We each hold a spark of the Divine in our hearts. The Spirit takes that spark and fans it into an ember of adjustment, and the flames grow it into action. It starts internally in our souls, stirs us to purpose that overflow into our attitudes and behavior to each other and the rest of the world. Gratefulness, kindness, awareness, compassion, forgiveness, understanding, love are all very special blessings that make this life complete and all come through the Spirit of God.

Let us open our hearts to all these gifts, and be moved to share them with those who fill our lives. God Bless.

## A BIG THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who donated to, promoted and supported our Sip & Shop event in April. It was a HUGE success! ALL The money raised from this event will be used to improve housing conditions, support the parish and school at St. Anne’s parish. Sip & Shop will no doubt become an annual event.



Bath time in Haiti



**FOPH Website is up and running**  
Visit [www.fophqc.org](http://www.fophqc.org) today!



**Friends of the People of Haiti**  
 1739 - 11th Avenue  
 Moline, IL 61265

**Please send donations and Sponsor a Child funds to: FOPH C/O Hannah Reschke - 1530 33rd Street, Rock Island, IL 61201**

**Upcoming Events Supporting FOPH's Efforts in Trouin, Haiti**

**June 1 – 16 Schwan's Cares Promotion -**  
 20% of purchase will be donated to FOPH  
 Order online [www.schwans-care.com/c/37583](http://www.schwans-care.com/c/37583)  
 Or Call 1-855-870-7208 Press 1 and code for FOPH is 37583

**Sunday, June 10 Blind Hills Concert**  
 2-4pm • During the concert, Cool Beanz will donate 20% of gross sales to FOPH  
 Cool Beanz Coffeehouse – 1325 30th St., Rock Island

**Saturday, July 28 Rock N Roll Bingo**  
 Sacred Heart Culemans Hall 1400 16th Ave., Moline  
 Doors open at 5 – Bingo starts at 6  
 Raffle Tickets, Walking Tacos, Desserts, Beer & Wine available for purchase  
 \$10 per person -



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**Sponsor a Child**

After reviewing our Sponsor a Child Program, it was recommended that we increase the cost of sponsorships from \$140 to \$160 per year beginning January 2019. This increase will help to cover the students school expenses. Thanks to our sponsors, there are 94 children that benefit from this valuable program that gives hope to Haiti's future.



**Our Forever Friends!**

**We Are in Need of Raffle Donations and Baked Goods**

**For Rock n Roll Bingo on July 28th**  
 Baked goods may be dropped off at Culemans Hall at 5 PM on the 28th.  
 Contact Jean Edmunds (563) 349-1650 or [jdjedmunds2@aol.com](mailto:jdjedmunds2@aol.com) to donate Raffle Items



**Something to Celebrate!**

In October 2019 FOPH will celebrate 30 years!  
 We are planning an event (more details to follow)  
 If you're interested in helping to plan this celebratory event – please contact:  
 LuAnn Polissaint at 919-345-5268 – [luann.polissaint@aecom.com](mailto:luann.polissaint@aecom.com)

**Next meeting is Monday June 11th, at 7:00pm Butterworth Center 8th Street & 11th Ave., Moline**

**CANS FOR CANS**

Jean Edmunds is still collecting non-crushed aluminum cans. The money raised from recycling these cans is used for building latrines in Haiti. Please drop off at her home at 1739—11th Ave Moline or call (563) 349-1650