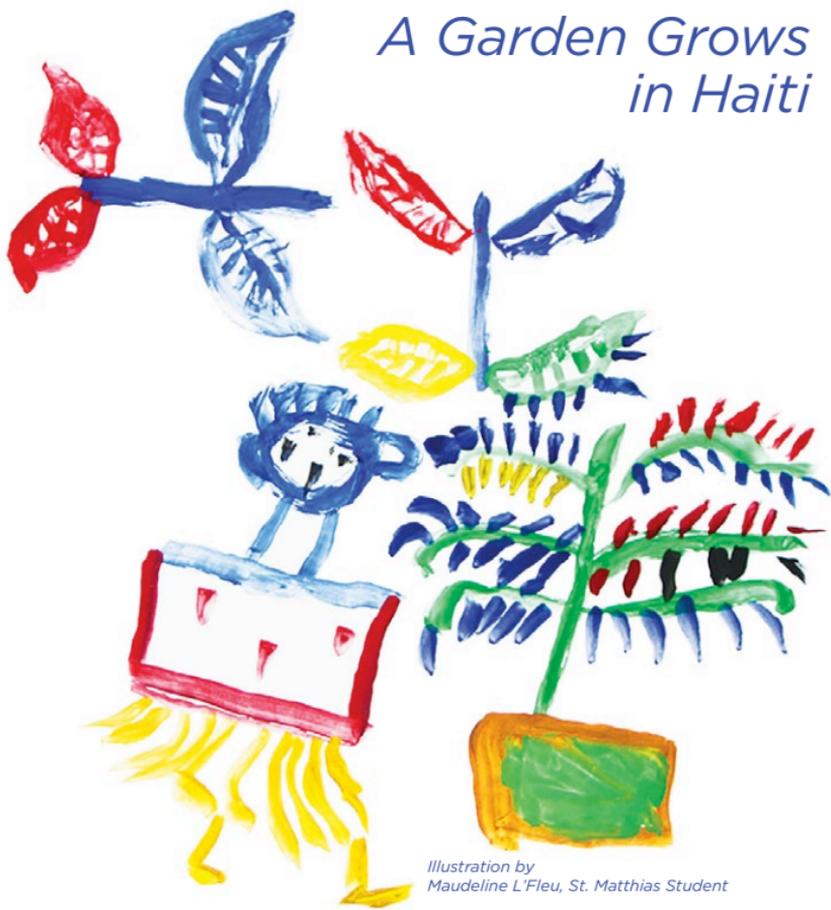


*A Garden Grows
in Haiti*



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2018 HAITIAN FÊTE
TO BENEFIT ST. MATTHIAS SCHOOL

A Garden Grows in Haiti

Please join us for a

HAITIAN FÊTE

to benefit

St. Matthias School

Deslandes, Haiti

Sunday, May 20, 2018

St. John's Church

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Spirited Music and Worship

St. John's Church

6:00 p.m. Haitian Feast

Bleecker Hall

Featuring Special Musical Performances,
Authentic Creole Cuisine, Haitian Crafts, and
Children's Activities

Adults \$25 Children \$5 Family \$60

Proceeds from this event will support infrastructure projects, teacher development and sustainable agribusiness initiatives, including a school garden, a water business, and the goat project.

St. Matthias is an Episcopal parish and school in Deslandes, Haiti. It serves 189 students in grades pre-K through 6, led by a dedicated group of teachers and lay leaders whose vision is to build their community through education.

In 2011, in the wake of Haiti's devastating earthquake, St. John's and St. Matthias formed a mutually supportive, long term fellowship. Our mission is to listen to each other's needs and share our hopes for our children and communities. Implicit to our relationship is the that each of us, whether Haitian or American, has gifts to offer and grace to receive.

Previous Fêtes, supported by grants from Rotary International and other foundations, have raised funds to replace the roof on St. Matthias' main school building, construct a new classroom building, dig a deep water well, install a solar powered pump and water purification system, and install composting latrines and a wash station. They also provided support for teacher salaries and a goat project designed to provide sustainable income for the school's poorest families.

Proceeds from this year's event will enable those projects to reach their next phase of development. Our goal is to finish the new school building, provide teacher training and educational support, build a school garden, and further develop micro-finance initiatives that can provide ongoing revenue for the school.