



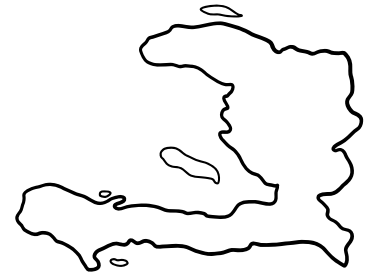
ANNUAL REPORT



HAITIANS OF TORONTO
2024-2025

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The 2024–2025 fiscal year was one of resilience, visibility, and renewed community strength for Haitians of Toronto. Despite the absence of government funding, our organization successfully mobilized community partnerships, private sponsors, and individual donors to continue serving Haitian and Francophone Black families across the Greater Toronto Area. We proudly hosted the Haitian Excellence Gala 2024, a sold-out event attended by over 200 guests that celebrated Haitian heritage, leadership, and cultural pride. This year also marked an expansion of our partnerships, with generous contributions from Viamonde Scolaire, DC Comfort Air, Al Max Renovate, Supreme Delight, Louverture Holdings, Region of Durham, Mon Avenir, and more.

Our team’s unwavering commitment ensured that even with limited resources, we continued to deliver programs, mentorship, and cultural initiatives that uplifted our community. Haitians of Toronto also gained increased media visibility, appearing in stories and interviews on CityTV, CBC, and other major outlets, amplifying Haitian voices and highlighting our organization’s mission and impact.

As we look toward 2025–2026, we remain focused on sustainability, the creation of a permanent community hub, and building programs that empower youth, parents, and newcomers.

FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for how far we have come as a community. Despite limited financial resources and the absence of government funding, our determination and unity carried us forward. The success of the Haitian Excellence Gala 2024 proved that when our community stands together, we can achieve greatness with heart, creativity, and collective purpose.

We continued to uplift Haitian families, celebrate our culture, and create meaningful partnerships with local businesses and schools that believe in our mission. As we enter a new year, our goal remains the same — to build strong foundations that empower, educate, and inspire the Haitian community in the Greater Toronto Area.

With gratitude,

DJINY SAINT JEAN
FOUNDER



WHO WE ARE



Haitians of Toronto is a Black-led, Black-serving, and community-driven nonprofit organization that advocates for the advancement of Haitian and Francophone Black residents in the Greater Toronto Area.

We focus on three core pillars:

1. **Empowerment** – Providing education, mentorship, and resources that strengthen families and individuals.
2. **Culture** – Celebrating Haitian identity, creativity, and history through storytelling and events.

VISION

Our vision is to build a strong and vibrant Haitian community in Toronto, where everyone has access to the resources and support they need to thrive. We strive to create a welcoming and inclusive environment that celebrates our cultural heritage, promotes social and economic empowerment, and fosters a sense of belonging and pride among all members of our community.

MISSION

We are dedicated to improving the well-being, success, and growth of the Haitian community in Toronto. We believe that by empowering individuals and families through education, support, and community engagement, we can create positive change and promote a brighter future for all Haitians in our city.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024-2025



1. Haitian Excellence Gala 2024 – “Nuit de Luer”

Our signature event brought together over 200 guests for an evening celebrating Haitian excellence, heritage, and leadership. The gala showcased Haitian artistry, live performances, and community awards recognizing outstanding contributions.

2. Strengthened Community Partnerships

We received invaluable sponsorships and donations from Viamonde Scolaire, DC Comfort Air, Al Max Renovate, Supreme Delight, Louverture Holdings, and other partners. Their contributions directly supported community events, youth initiatives, and operational sustainability.

3. Increased Media Recognition

Haitians of Toronto gained media exposure through CityNews, CBC, and other outlets, positioning our organization as a trusted voice for Haitian issues, culture, and community success stories.

4. Community Outreach & Support

Throughout the year, we provided ongoing assistance with employment, housing, and settlement navigation for Haitian newcomers and families. Our organization remained a go-to source of guidance and advocacy in times of transition and need.

5. Cultural Engagement & Events

From storytelling sessions to networking meetups, we continued to strengthen cultural identity and community pride. Each event reinforced our mission of preserving Haitian heritage while fostering inclusion and collaboration.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Revenue Source	Amount (CAD)
Via Monde Scolaire	\$2,500.00
Region of Durham	\$1,000.00
Mon Avenir	\$500.00
La Cité Collège	\$2,500.00
MSP Payments &	\$9,000.00
Community	\$8,656.73
Total Revenue	\$24,156.73

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total Revenue: \$24,156.73
Total Expenses: \$21,872.20
Net Surplus: \$1,284.53
Closing Bank Balance: \$2,477.10

These results demonstrate the organization's ability to maximize community impact with limited resources, supported by strong financial stewardship and accountability.

Every contribution—large or small—helped sustain programs, events, and outreach that directly benefited Haitian families and youth across the Greater Toronto Area.

Expense	Amount (CAD)
Honorarium	\$4,500.00
Admin / Staff	\$5,800.00
Volunteers	\$1,200.00
Space Rental	\$3,000.00
Media &	\$2,500.00
Project	\$2,872.20
Project	\$2,000.00
Bank Fees &	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$21,872.20

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\$24,156+

in total donations received



200+

Gala attendees



400+

community members directly served through programs and events

Education Support



120+

backpacks distributed at our Back-to-School Festival

25

Newcomers helped with job search and resume writing

50

community members referred to helpful resources and benefits

Partnerships

6+

Sponsoring Partners

3+

Media Appearances

Health & Wellness

40

youth assisted with career choices through our website

1000+

individuals connected through community events

100+

hygiene kits distributed in backpacks

Community Engagement

60+

Community Referrals & Support Cases



COMMUNITY VOICES



“The Gala was beyond beautiful — I felt so proud to see our Haitian culture celebrated with elegance and respect. It reminded me of home and showed the world the brilliance of our people.”

— Marie D., Community Member

“It was my first time attending the Haitian Excellence Gala, and I left inspired. Seeing professionals, artists, and families come together in such a classy event gave me hope for our community’s future.”

— Sammy P., Guest & Volunteer

“The attention to detail, the performances, the speeches — everything was perfection. It made me want to get more involved with Haitians of Toronto and support future projects.”

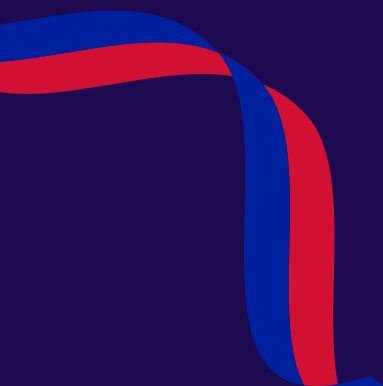
— Guerlinda P., Sponsor Representative, Supreme Delight

“This event came at the right time. The backpacks and supplies helped my two kids start the school year with confidence. I’m so grateful for the support and love we felt that day.”

— Sandra M., Parent Participant

“I volunteered at the festival and was amazed by how many families came together. The organization and atmosphere showed how much Haitians of Toronto truly care.”

— Melissa B., Youth Volunteer



PLANS FOR



1

LAUNCH A COMMUNITY RESOURCE HUB TO CENTRALIZE SERVICES FOR HAITIAN FAMILIES.

2

INTRODUCE YOUTH MENTORSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS.

3

CONTINUE EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS, LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND MUNICIPALITIES.

4

HOST THE 2025 HAITIAN EXCELLENCE GALA AND NEW FAMILY-CENTERED EVENTS.

5

PURSUE GRANT FUNDING AND CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY.

6

CREATE JOBS FOR COMMUNITY MEMBER AND NEWCOMERS.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DJINY SAINT JEAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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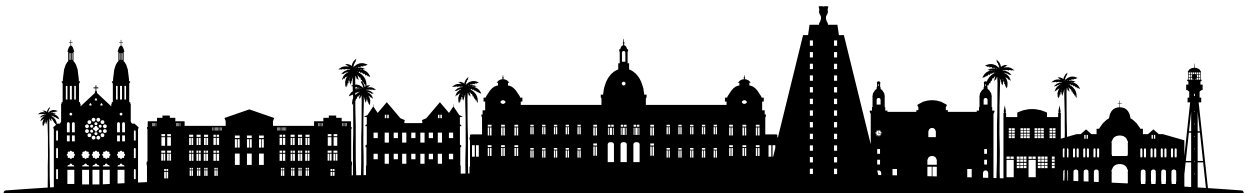
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We express heartfelt thanks to our partners and sponsors – Viamonde Scolaire, DC Comfort Air, Al Max Renovate, Supreme Delight, Louverture Holdings, Region of Durham, Mon Avenir, and La Cité Collège – for their generosity and belief in our mission.

We also extend gratitude to our volunteers, board members, and community supporters who continue to make Haitians of Toronto a beacon of resilience, unity, and pride.

Together, we are building a brighter, stronger future for Haitians in the Greater Toronto Area.

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