Case Study – Kids Connection Haiti

Kids Connection Haiti is helping vulnerable young people to achieve their dreams. Their Port-au-Prince office is located on the Haiti Communitere base.

There are an estimated 430,000 orphans in Haiti and 760 orphanages. But what happens to young people when they leave orphan care? Most orphaned young adults are behind in school, have no professional skills and no viable job opportunities. That's where Kids Connection Haiti comes in .

KCH's mission is to empower orphans in Haiti to become self-sufficient members in their communities through education, life skills training, community service, mentorship, and career development..

The organization provides mentoring, financial support and follow up services to young people who have no parents to provide support. The KCH program includes: completion of formal education, life skills training, long-term mentoring, emergency support, professional career development training and a social safety net. KCH provides mentoring, financial support and follow up services. In return, every KCH student must give back to the community by helping others through formalized volunteer work.

For the past year, Kids Connection Haiti has been operating out of an office located in a converted shipping container on the Haiti Communitere base. This has given them a home out of which to safely and securely base their services, it has helped them secure grants, they've used Haiti Communitere's large space to host workshops benefiting hundreds of young people and the low cost of rental means they've been able to minimize their operating costs and maximize their impact. The organization has been very successful over the past year and is now expanding. They're moving into a larger office space on the base as they need more room to accommodate their growing programs and increasing number of beneficiaries. Haiti Communitere is very proud to be working with them.

For more information about Kids Connection Haiti's programs please see http://www.kidsconnectionhaiti.org/about.