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Dear Friends,

You recently made a donation to Haiti Plunge Inc. in Peg Downing's memory. HPI would like to make you aware that your donation will be used to establish a scholarship in Peg's name. As you know Peg was first and foremost an educator. Previous to her unexpected death she was interested in setting up a scholarship to help a young women from one of the villages HPI serves, the opportunity to attend university in Haiti. In light of Peg's desire to do this, HPI wanted to honor her by creating the **Peg Downing Scholarship Fund**. The money received, as well as future donations, will be used for this purpose.



Meet the recipient of the first Peg Downing Scholarship Fund. Her name is Mimiraclean (Mimi) Jean. She is the oldest of four children. Mimi lives in the remote mountain village of Brely which is also the home base for HPI teams. It is very unusual for a female from a mountain village to complete secondary school. She is an exceptional student. Mimi had the opportunity to attend grades 4 and 5 in the United States because she had a sponsor. As a result she speaks fluent English and is one of the HPI translators.

Mimi's father is a farmer and has three small gardens scattered throughout the mountains. He grows all the food the family eats and sells the surplus at the market. They also have a few animals. Selling a pig annually is what paid for Mimi's secondary school tuition. Without a scholarship there would be no chance for Mimi to attend nursing school. HPI awarded her this scholarship as a result of her outstanding academic accomplishments and the fact that she has wanted to be a nurse since she was a child. She will be eligible to receive this four year scholarship as long as she maintains a 3.4 GPA. Upon graduation Mimi will help staff the HPI clinic in Desab.

HPI would like to thank you for your support. We will keep you posted. Hopefully, Mimi will be enrolled in a nursing program in Port au Prince in September. I am waiting for the coronavirus to calm down so that I can start the process. At the moment Haiti has restricted most flights from foreign countries. They have no resources to combat this virus should it reach its borders. The majority of the population never sees a doctor in their lifetime so they have no idea that they would be carrying or spreading the virus.

Sincerely,

Sr. Eunice Tassone, Executive Director