



Sant La 
HAITIAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT

2018/2019



Dear Friends,

We are fast approaching our 20th anniversary, ready to celebrate this important milestone with the obligatory retrospective. As we face our future, looking back is always an important exercise. We are at a critical juncture in our institution's history where we must plan for the years ahead. With the support of our Board and the engagement of our staff, we are ready to face the next 20 years, guided by our founding principles, driven by our flexibility and our ability to adapt and adjust to our ever-changing reality.

We continue to build on existing programs, reinforcing our commitment to empower, strengthen and uplift our community. Our task has been made more difficult in this climate of fear and confusion created by new federal regulations. But we are unswerving in our resolve to educate, advocate for and serve the most vulnerable members of our community.

While we expand on the services offered at Sant La, we continue to focus on building strong partnerships with community allies and anchor organizations. Whether it is through the North

East Corridor Coalition, Concerned Leaders of Little Haiti, the Haitian American Complete Count Committee, we continue to demonstrate that collective action is both effective and transformative.

We have welcomed our new Fellows Class V, and we have no doubt that our vision to nurture and groom future Haitian American leaders has been spectacularly successful. Our Fellows have made us proud as professionals and as civically engaged citizens.

As always, our successes are possible because of the dedication of the Sant La Board, our tireless staff, our allies and partners, whose devotion to this community endures.

With Warm Regards,

GEPSIE M. METELLUS

Executive Director

AGENCY STATS



9,943 CLIENTS SERVED IN 2018-2019

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

2,734 job seekers increased their employability options with resume preparation, online applications, employability orientation, referrals to training programs and job placements.

451 clients were assisted with re-employment benefits filing.

1,501 unemployment claims were successfully processed.

HEALTH & FOOD SECURITY

1,236 clients gained health insurance through Medicaid & Florida KidCare.

308 with health coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

1,230 families accessed Food Assistance.

FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES

1,118 clients increased their financial capabilities through free tax preparation, financial coaching, consumer credit reduction, resolution of identity theft, and home-buyer education.

CORNERSTONE SERVICES

1,044 individuals were served through our cornerstone services, including information/ referral, care coordination, review of correspondence and naturalization/ passport and voter registration applications.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION, ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY

389 episodes of Teleskopi have aired to over **500,000** Haitian-American households in South Florida to date.

25 Neighborhood Advisory members helped with our efforts in community needs assessments and policy advocacy.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

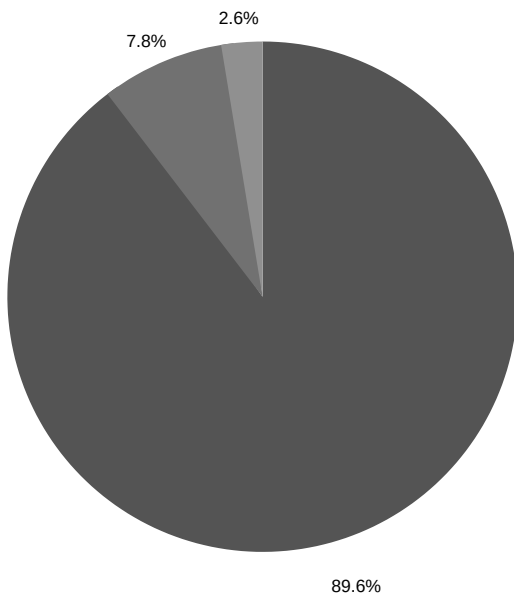
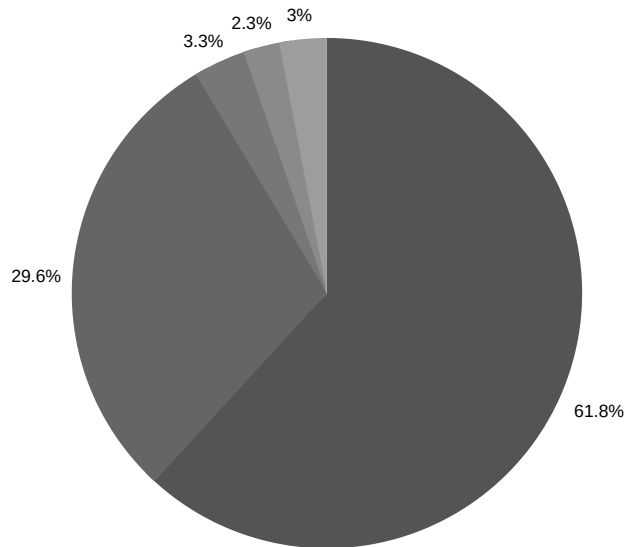
188 families received mental health services.

61 fostered strong parent-child relationships through our parenting program.



INCOME

Government Funding	61.8 %
Foundation Grants	29.6 %
Contributions	3.3 %
Events (net expenses)	2.3 %
Interest and Other	3.0 %



EXPENSES

Program Services	89.6 %
Management & General	7.8 %
Fundraising	2.6 %



SANT LA FELLOWS

Class IV graduated in June after a year filled with deep discussion and reflection on leadership in the Haitian community. In fulfillment of their capstone project, the 10 Fellows also created a Census 2020 PSA and digital social media campaign to educate and promote a complete count among a traditionally undercounted community. Class V's journey begun August 2019.

CENSUS 2020

Sant La convened the Haitian American Complete Count Committee 2020 (HACCC) to prepare a culturally appropriate campaign to promote, educate, engage and encourage South Florida's hard-to-count Haitian community to fully participate in the coming census. Subcommittees will continue to meet monthly to further develop and implement its action plan.

HAITIAN PHILANTHROPY CAMPAIGN

The campaign is making headway in its commitment to encourage Haitian philanthropy at community events such as the annual Haitian Compas Festival. It also promotes the great generosity of organizations and individuals who support causes both in Haiti and/or in our local community.

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN/ NORTHEAST CORRIDOR COALITION

The coalition continues to make strides in its efforts to rally neighborhood and community based organizations around the needs of children. The TFC/ NCC action plan includes four strategic areas: strengthening families, empowering youth, protecting youth via prevention and protecting youth via intervention.

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Sant La's mission is to empower, strengthen and uplift South Florida's Haitian community by providing free access to information and existing services to ensure its successful integration.

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