



The New Bridges for Haitian Success, Inc. is a Rhode Island based 501(c)3 organization that provides direct services such as English literacy education, health education and computer literacy. These educational programs help teach financial self-sufficiency and uplift within the Haitian community as they integrate in the larger Rhode Island community.

Prides itself as a beacon for the Haitian community in the state of Rhode Island. We work to improve the living conditions in the southeastern part of Haiti through education. In Rhode Island, we focus on helping the community to navigate the United States legal system through social services, training, and educational workshops.

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Founder and Executive Director of New Bridges for Haitian Success, Inc. Bernard Georges immigrated to Rhode Island from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, as a youth graduating from Providence's Central High School. He then earned an Associate Degree from community college of Rhode Island continued his studies and earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice. Mr. Georges then completed a master's degree in Public Administration from Roger Williams University in 2015. Mr. Georges is serves on the boards of several



community organizations, namely he is Board Chair for The Refugee Dream Center and serves as a board member for Congressman Jim-Langevin's Diversity Committee. His is also active with the Society for Public Administration.

Georges finds inspiration for public service inspired by historical leaders such as Jean Jacques Dessalines, Toussaint L'Ouverture, John Lock, Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, Thurgood Marshall, and many others. During his time in Rhode Island, Mr. Georges has displayed a keen interest in the community issues and interned at both the Rhode Island Superior Court and the Narragansett Police Department. Mr. Georges has held numerous leadership positions with public recognition for his service. Mr. Georges has experience in clinical work at Rhode Island Supreme Court and is dedicated to community work. He is most proud of his work through his own non-profit work within the Haitian community helping immigrant families navigate social services and assimilation into Rhode Island and American life.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

In the past three months

- ✚ In January 5th we celebrated our 1st Annual Haitian Independence Breakfast. This is the first time that the Haitian community in Rhode Island has come together to celebrate its independence.
- ✚ Our primary focus is mainly in the town of Belle-Anse, a place with over 158,000 residents with barely any functional health system and poor access to education.
- ✚ In February, we shipped an ambulance full of supplies to Belle-Anse community donated by Lt. Governor Dan McKee and the town of Lincoln, RI. This will not only address mobile paramedicine but will be a life-changer for this community as it will be the first ambulance in that town.
- ✚ In March, lobbied our members of congress from Rhode Island to extend TPS for Haitian Nations
- ✚ Volunteered efforts result in asylum seekers winning their federal case.
- ✚ Additional legal services offer such as helping suitable applicants with their marriage license, birth certificate, and housing issues.



Part of our advocacy is our national appreciation and celebration of Independence Day on May 18th each year. As the Haitian community grows in Rhode Island our organization sees an opportunity to educate the Providence community and celebrate Haitian contributions to U.S history and culture. We are also planning a cultural pride festival to coincide with our Haitian National Independence celebration. Every year month of May 18th NB4HS meets at the statehouse brings together members of the larger community to celebrate Haitian history and local community members in the Governor's room at the Rhode Island State House. We believe it is important and significant to recognize the courageous efforts of revolutionaries like Toussaint L'Overture and Jean Jacque Dessalines, who turned the country of Haiti into the first, and only, free nation in history to be liberated of slavery.

BELLE-ANSE

While our organization works closely with people who come to the United States, we are closely tied with family members and organizations back home, Belle-Anse, in Haiti. Our 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization is an ethical, NGO operating intimately with community members.



The New Bridges for Haitian Success (NB4HS) works to IMPROVE the living conditions in the southeastern part of Haiti through education and medical intervention. Our primary focus is mainly in the town of Belle-Anse, a place with over 158,000 residents with barely ANY functional health system OR access to education. There is no doctors and couple nurses. The population is still reeling from the devastating earthquake of 2010 and more recently, Hurricane Matthew. Many PEOPLE still live in tents and hardly have access to food or clean drinking water.



We are in the process of building a medical clinic to help alleviate the strain in Belle-Anse, which currently only has one clinic available.

In contrast, our local Providence, Rhode Island community, a city of approximately 179,219 citizens, has access to more than a Dozen clinics and hospitals, not including access to private care.

THROUGH DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS FROM THOSE LIKE YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING OF PEOPLE IN THAT COMMUNITY.

YOUR GENEROSITY HAS made our many activities in Haiti possible. **WE ARE GRATEFUL TO LT. GOVERNOR DANILEL MCKEE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF LINCOLN FOR THE AMBULANCE WE WERE ABLE TO SEND TO THE town of Belle-Anse, Haiti**

Since 2013, New Bridges has been working on numerous projects serving both Haitian residents of Rhode Island and deprived communities in Haiti.



We are seeking YOUR ATTENDANCE AND sponsorship for our upcoming Haitian Cultural Gala 2019 celebration to be held on Friday November 15, 2019 between 6pm-9pm at Rhode Island Shriners Imperial Room



Special Thanks to the following Sponsors

- Lieutenant Governor Dan McKee
- Congressman Jim Langevin
- Neighborhood Health Plan
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History of NB4HS

The mission of New Bridges for Haitian Success, Inc., is to provide services through community level assistance including cultural orientation and bridging the gap between the Haitian and the greater Rhode Island communities. We ensure community organizing and advocacy in Rhode Island while providing medical and school equipment in Haiti.

The New Bridges for Haitian Success is a Rhode Island based 501(c)(3) organization that provides direct services to Rhode Island Haitian as well as creating opportunities for Haitian to better integrated into American society. For more information on our programs and mission, please visit: nb4hs.org

New Bridges for Haitian Success, Inc., (NB4HS) was founded in 2013 as a 501(c)(3) Rhode Island based nonprofit organization by Bernard S. Georges. According to data from the Haitian consulate in Boston, there are at least 9,000 Haitians residing in Rhode Island. Yet, this population remains underrepresented and is in dire need of representation through aid in issues such as: education; health and emotional wellness services; and employment and training opportunities. New Bridges for Haitian Success, Inc. provides important and culturally sensitive services to new migrants in transition, along with continued support for Haitians as they plant roots in Rhode Island and build a new sense of community.

NB4HS is an emerging organization that serves Haitians in Rhode Island, through direct services for members of the Haitian community including community trainings, workshops and training, and work to support Haitian refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants who, despite their growing population in Rhode Island, remain largely vulnerable, and generally unable to access services and information.

The NB4HS therefore offers members of the Rhode Island Haitian community the space and cultural needs in areas of language, culture, navigation and general support to integrate in the greater community. We continue to lead the effort for a fair and just immigration policy, aimed at protecting and keeping Haitian families together, and continue to serve the local Haitian community through social services, offering guidance and support, parental training, educational workshops, and access to employment.

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