



Press Release
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GRAHN-Monde officially announces the establishment of the Larsen-Passé Endowment Fund for technical formation in Haïti.

Montréal, Canada – June 1st, 2022 – As part of the PIGraN project– City of Knowledge taking place in Génipailler, third largest communal section of Milot, Haïti, GRAHN-Monde, the engineer Émond Passé and Dr. Marie-Andrée Larsen-Passé have decided to create the **Larsen-Passé Endowment Fund for technical formation** in order to offer sustainable support toward technical and professional formation of youngsters of the township of Milot and its surroundings.

A technical and vocational school will be erected in the Education section of the City of Knowledge. While waiting for the construction of the edifice that will house this school, classes in technical formation will be taught in the construction trade to a first cohort of youngsters in Génipailler and the surrounding communities. They will be modular courses that will eventually award a certificate degree (Certificate of Technical Proficiency) equivalent to 900 hours of theoretical and practical training.

Larsen-Passé Endowment Fund for technical formation in Haïti will be administered by Québec-Haïti Foundation for Universal Quality Schooling (QHASUQ) based in Montréal. The initial seed money for the fund is **100,000 \$**, an amount already allocated by the Montréal couple Dr. Marie-Andrée Larsen Passé and engineer Émond Passé, founding member of GRAHN. The initial capital and any additional amount that will be added eventually will be invested in a low-risk investment vehicle, and only the annual earnings will finance the activities of professional training in the City of Knowledge. The beneficiary of the capital established with the initial funding is GRAHN-Monde.

Without restrictions, eligible activities for financing by this Fund include:

- Scholarships to support programs of formation of student who lack the means to pay for their schooling;
- Training stipends to students;
- The structuring of the formation classes;
- Acquisition of gears, equipment, software and books to help students' training.

This is now the opportunity for us to thank graciously Dr. Marie-Andrée Larsen Passé and engineer Émond Passé for their remarkable assistance to the cause of youngsters in rural impoverished areas of Haiti.

About GRAHN.

GRAHN is a global organization of citizen watchdog, eager to contribute by thoughtful action in the resolution of problems in Haiti. It is a citizen movement, non-partisan, oriented toward the construction of a new Haïti, founded on the right, sharing, solidarity, education, environment's respect and the cult of the common good.

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