

“RAISING MONEY FOR HEALTHCARE IN HAITI”

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“For a long time I have wondered what I could do about poverty. I have had a constant nightmare of children staying in the street while I did nothing. A story that my friend Karen told me inspired me to act. Her family is from Haiti and on holidays she and her mother go to Haiti to visit them. One trip Karen got sick, very sick so she had to go to a hospital. The only problem was that there was no hospital to go to. Her family couldn’t afford a doctor so she had to fly all the way back to America extremely sick before a doctor could see her.

Karen’s story got me thinking, and one evening while I was going through the latest stock of letters begging for food and money, the idea came to me to raise money to give to charity. But what would people buy, especially kids? Of course – candy.

I asked permission from my school principal, (it was about the end of January), and then I started. First I bought packs of candy from local drug store. Then I sold them individually at school and church for more money than I bought them for. I told people that I was raising money for Partners in Health. The reason I donated to Partners in Health is because they are an organization that runs a clinic and a hospital in Haiti and they also feed people.

On April 25, 2008 I am proud to say that I donated \$160.00 to Partners in Health. I took the box of money to their office in Boston, which was ideally next to my dad’s work place. All I heard was how old are you? They were truly astonished when I said I was 10. Another question I heard was are you going to keep selling candy. The answer is yes. I think that if we all try, we can restore Haiti. Haiti needs help!”