

It is HART's pleasure to announce its Hero for the month of August: The Uhlmann Family- Don, Carolina, Emma, Noah and Agnes!

The Uhlmanns have been faithful and generous donors since 2021. They reside in Florida and were introduced to HART through Fr Louis's Facebook page!

"We have had Haiti on our hearts since we (Carolina and Donny) went on a mission trip with St. Augustine parish at University of Miami, FL, where we had the blessing of meeting and serving alongside Fr. Louis and other priests and Missionaries of Charity. We were especially touched by the pure and contagious joy with which we were welcomed, even though most of the people we encountered were living in extreme poverty and carrying so many crosses. Their joy made a deep, deep impression on us, as it is a joy that is difficult to find in countries where the sufferings found in Haiti are unimaginable.

We say this not to undermine the suffering that we encountered, which was profound, but to rejoice in the fact that the Haitian people we met are an undeniable proof that it is possible to have inalienable joy in the face of great suffering. Though we cannot now return to Haiti, we hope to do so someday in the not-so-distant future and are grateful for the work that HART is doing. With the turmoil that has ruled over Haiti in the past few years, it is easy to feel like there is no way to help - which underscores the importance of organizations like HART, which give us an opportunity to help when we cannot be physically present.

One of our favorite HART programs is The Little Brothers and Sisters of Jesus (HART's HOPE)! We are so grateful for the gift of feeling like we can walk in some small way with our friends in Haiti, and we carry them always in our thoughts and in our prayer (our 4-year-old daughter, Emma, asks us almost daily how her friends in the HART's Hope program are doing, and prays for them, and for all the people in Haiti. Seeing what a big place she has in her heart for Haiti has been one of the most beautiful joys of watching her grow up!)

We had the blessing of spending time with Fr. Louis recently, and within five minutes of meeting him, he became Emma's new best friend! She can't wait to see him again, and she hopes he remembers to bring his toy snake for the pranks."

What a remarkable example Don and Carolina are to their children showing them what true compassion, empathy and generosity look like through charity. The Uhlmann's charity is a positive example for the future generation encouraging the tradition of giving!

Our deepest gratitude and love to the Uhlmann family!

PS Agnes is not pictured as she is scheduled to be born on August 26th. Please pray for a safe and healthy delivery for Carolina and Agnes!

