

# Activity Report 2017 Anges du Soleil NGO



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#### **Executive Director Statement**



"The world changes. To date, after only three years of experience, A nges du Soleil is the beginning of the realization of a dream for a better world.

With at the heart, the Social Diversity.

This is a life philosophy to federate the H uman B eing with the mutual help and the generosity, rather than the fear of the O ther and its differences.

We all have so much to give, so much to learn from each other, big and small to live better together.

E ducation is the best tool to get out of the generational poverty trap, so let's give a real chance to children from vulnerable environments.

Let's give them confidence in themselves for their personal fulfillment, for their happiness.

It is the child who will create the world of tomorrow, with what he lives today, and by accompany them, we will all be grown and enriched.

As G andhi understood, it's up to us to be the change we want to see in the world.

Do not hesitate and embark with us in this ambitious but realistic project of a better world for all.

2017 was an eventful year, strong in changes, proposals, visibility, commitments, involvement.

O verall a great year but with its difficulties, its challenges, its complications and its twists.

It is clear to this day that the priority objective in 2018 is to strengthen the financial inputs, the team, and our capacities for the sustainability of the N G O."

Data

#### Strategic Axes

140 children from 2 to 16 years old have benefited from our services

120 beneficiary families

*68* children benefited from the Riverland Club's sporting activities

8 children enrolled in private Francophone and Anglophone schools

40 volunteers helped us in our missions

12 meetings were held with families

1,322 followers on Facebook

Since 2014, the NGO Anges du Soleil, works daily to provide an alternative to the children of Tamarin and Rivière Noire whose families live below the poverty line despite the efforts of the government and the private sector. O nce again, the work done by the NGO this year has brought us closer to this vision.

O ur main mission is to intervene in disadvantaged cities and villages in order to help families get out of the generational poverty trap by emphasizing the fight against discrimination, education, support for children and their parents for that they become aware of their role.

O ur activities are therefore part of these two main strategic areas:

✓ Strengthen social diversity and the fight against discrimination

 $\checkmark$  Strengthen the NGO capacities and its service delivery by increasing its activities with regard to children and their families

#### Activities

The actions of the NGO Anges du Soleil are at the heart of the organization's strategies.

#### Schooling from kindergarten

*Objective:* G ive children the possibility to access a different schooling and to promote social diversity.

### Children Awakening

*Objective:* Promote the empowerment of children from 3 to 5 years through awakening sessions.

#### **Educational Support**

*Objective:* Strengthen the learning capacities and facilitate the education of children and adolescents from vulnerable families.

#### Families Support

*Objective:* Empower families in their parenting and in the establishing of rules of life in their home.

# Psychological and Educational support

- ✓ *TRAINING*: Teach the importance of training on a personal level, to better live individually, family, socially, etc ....
- ✓ HEALTH & PREVENTION: By a proximity approach, bring awareness, inform about the rules of hygiene and the dangers of malnutrition.
- ✓ ENVIRONMENT: Information and involvement of families to preserve the environment and to respect the nature. Promote the sustainable development.

# Artistic and Sports Activities

- ✓ SPORTS: G roup or individual classes are given by professionals in various sports activities such as swimming, gymnastics, horse riding, dance, karate, yoga, football and others ...
- ✓ ART & CULTURE: Develop the creativity of the individual, give confidence to the person through other learnings. Promote talents, allow these young people to express themselves, develop their abilities, demonstrate their natural abilities through workshops, theater, music ...

# Schooling Project

Fully in line with our strategy of *social diversity* and the *fight against discrimination*, schooling children whose families enroll in a pattern of generational poverty *provides them with a long-term educational perspective.* 

Indeed, schooling children from kindergarten in French or English private schools until the end of their course allows Anges du Soleil to accompany them in a comprehensive way.

In 2017, *8 children* were enrolled in different schools in the region:

- ✓ 4 of them attended the *Paul and Virginie School*
- ✓ 2 of them went to the Case des Bambins
- ✓ 2 others at the *Ptits Mounes school*

A nges du Soleil have allowed these children to *benefit from extra-curricular activities* and *psychological and pedagogical support.* 



This project would not be such a success if a work of *Empowerment of the families* was not put in place: by requesting a *financial participation* and by emphasizing the importance of the *role occupied by the families*, we favor a *supervision responsible*.

The success of this project for the past three years, and the partnership woven with pre-primary and primary schools: Paul and Virginie, West Coast, Case des Bambins, Ptits Mounes, L'O dysée du Savoir, Telfair allow us to consider the enrolment and the support of 20 children as from January 2018.

In order to achieve the objective of a full integration of these children in their class and with classmates, the NGO takes care to organize their birthdays. Thanks to the financial support of our volunteers, we were able to offer an exceptional moment to these 8 children.







#### Success stories

"The children are unrecognizable, when they arrived they were shy, reserved, introverted, they did not speak a word of French or English and to this day, they are radiant, fulfilled and smart," *said the E xecutive D irector about Tessa and O wen*.

"The children take back their parents, their cousins and their friends on the French mistakes.", *The Executive Director's comment about Taylor, Theo and A ngel.* 

"They have gained self-confidence, confidence to dialogue, to position themselves, to argue with adults as well as young people," *said the E xecutive D irector about Beatrice, T aylor, N eekhil.* 

#### **Empowerment Activities Project**

In 2017, thanks to the renewed trust of our partners, the support of our volunteers and the arrival of new sponsors, we have diversified the offer of our activities, allowing more and more children to participate and go out of their lifestyle.

#### Sports Activities:

A mong our most loyal partners, the *Riverland Club* has enabled 34 new young people to benefit from sports activities, totaling 68 regular beneficiaries for the year 2017. Their sports activities' offer has also been expanded: Indeed, cricket, judo, roller, tennis, yoga and trail classes have been added to the swimming, dance, gymnastics, football and karate lessons already in place.

Thanks to the generosity of our *volunteer Kirsty*, yoga classes have benefited to 20 children every Friday of the year. In response to the success of the activity, a "special moms" session started in September.

Classical Indian dance classes led by Prisha were held once a week and were enjoyed by *13 children*. A performance took place during our end-of-year party. These courses were completed in 2017 through our fundraising activities. The Cavalia riding school sponsored 5 children for a lesson once a week.



#### Cultural Activities:

Since February, *theatre classes* have been set up by the organization allowing Virginie Raoul to teach in a weekly session, the Art of comedy to *10 children*. Truly liberating and instructive for children, we had to put an end to this activity at the end of the year for budgetary reasons. We hope to be able to take over this activity in 2018.

In the first semester of this year, the *awakening workshops'* main topics were the five senses. For the second semester, the children devoted themselves to the preparations for the end of the year festivities and to various organised activities and outings.

Every week, *manual and fun activities* have been organised and offered to groups of children.

In November 2017, thanks to the support of *François Garcin* and *LaKaz* à pain, a solidarity kitchen workshop was launched. *Two mothers gave a cooking class to 8 other women.* The financial participation of the participants allows us to self-finance this activity, which we wish to continue in 2018.

Thanks to our volunteer, Jean-Marc, 12 children took guitar lessons once a week.

*Handicrafts workshops* were held on a regular basis on Mondays and Thursdays for *9 children* aged 4 to 7, and every Friday for *10 children* aged 8 to 11. The commitment of Brigitte, Christiane, Veronique, Maguy, Sacha, Isabelle, Séverine, Angelina, Vincent and others allowed us the regularity of these activities.

With the presence of Agathe and Thibaut from the French association "La vie des Autres", many activities were also carried out for 2 months. Four days a week, manual and fun activities were organized and offered to groups of children.



#### Educational Activities :

This year, we also put in place *English-Skills Building* workshops for the two school children in West Coast, thanks to our volunteer, Sabine. These workshops are held once a week.

Michael, volunteer of Anges du Soleil, has generously carried out *literacy classes* with significant progress for A lexander.

Frédérique has supported Taylor every week to help him to *strengthen his capacities and build confidence*.



**One-off** Activities

This year again, A nges du Soleil has proposed many activities and outings to *140 children beneficiaries* of the organization.

In August, we joined the *Hope House Association* as part of its Kayak Island Tour to raise funds. During their stop in the Morne region, we gave our support and took the opportunity to organize a picnic with the children and parents volunteers, as well as to celebrate the birthday of N eekhil.

In November, thanks to the generosity of the *Mauritius Wildlife Foundation*, we organized two trips to Ile aux Aigrettes. A total of 67 children and 10 accompanying parents were able to visit and admire the flora and fauna of the island.

As part of the contest organized by SMB and IMMEDIA, volunteers Sonia, Ioana, Laura and Stacy accompany 9 children since the end of November in their participation. We wish them good luck!

In December, to offer a unique Christmas Party to our 140 children beneficiaries, several outings were organized:

The Rotary Club of Tamarin offered a full day of recreation to 30 children. On the program: cinema, face painting and a Christmas meal.

The invitation of the association Gasop, allowed 12 children to go to the Serge Constantin Cultural Center in Vacoas for a musical show animated by their troupe of young people, on the theme of Walt Disney's Cartoons.

The *Medine group* has allowed *25 children* to visit Casela for a memorable day.

Finally, this year again, we organized the Christmas of Anges du Soleil at the Tamarin Youth Center. Many activities, shows and activities were carried out thanks to the support of several sponsors: Kreola, Mam Gouz Creperie and Kaz à Pain allowed us to make this day magical.

With the demonstration of the activities practiced by the A nges throughout the year (Indian Classical D ance, K arate, Judo or Y oga), parents were able to see the progress and involvement of their children. As for the children, they could appreciate being able to demonstrate what they learned throughout the year: an important recognition for their identity construction.

The arrival of Santa Claus made all the children happy since all gifts collected were given to them.









#### Communication

#### Hymn

Since 2015, Anges du Soleil have launched their Hymn, a true ode to the solidarity and unity of Mauritius which you can now find the clip on YouTube! The objective of this initiative is to reflect the path traveled by the children of the Anges du Soleil since its creation. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3554FRdYpM

#### Anges du Soleil Presentation

As usual, we organized a presentation of our activities to make known the NGO and make new volunteers want to join us. This year, Anges du Soleil were welcomed by *Tamarin Accueil*, during the "Café-Rencontre" at Frenchie Café in Black River.

#### Media

This year, it was possible to see the NGO in the documentary "Love Moris" of the MBC.

We have also appeared on radio shows three times.

Finally, 7 articles in the traditional press were devoted to us, and 4 on the digital.



#### NGO Support

Since solidarity is at the heart of our actions, we donated 10% of the proceeds from the Solidarity March to SACIM to allow a young girl from Case Noyale to go to India to receive care.

#### Information Meetings

Since *parents' commitment* is a priority for us, the 120 families were invited to attend our *monthly coordination meetings*.

# Volunteers Coordinati

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on Meetings

The NGO would not be what it is without the *commitment* 

of its volunteers. To facilitate the management of the

proposed activities and keep them informed of our daily

actions, we have organized meetings every fortnight.

#### Fundraising

#### Solidarity March

5 days of walking during which 20 walkers took turns to travel 210 km. The start was given to Curepipe and the arrival of the marchers was applauded at the Place Cap Tamarin on May 20th. The singer Mr Love and his band gave a concert on the occasion of the event.



This fundraising activity was made possible thanks to the support of the sponsors: Trimetys, l'Epicerie Gourmande, Les Chefs du cœur, la Kaz à pain, le Big Willy's, la Kaz Roti, le Kiosque Fleur, Ritual Spa, Veranda Tamarin Hotel, Phoenix Beverages, Super U, KFC, Winners, Engen, Currimjee Limited, Radio One, Top FM, MBC radio, MBC TV, L'Express, Tikoulou, la SACIM, My Moris, Lilian Eymeric et à toute l'équipe de Mr. Love !

#### Magic Party

On N ovember 10, more than 200 people participated in the charity cocktail organized by the NGO. This year, *international magician-mentalist William Watt* hosted the evening. A raffle was organized to allow A nges du Soleil to raise additional funds.

Once again, many sponsors helped us to complete this evening successfully. Le Big Willys, les Chefs du cœur, l'Epicerie Gourmande, Gister, Kote Vin, Slowan d'Ongles sensuels et Livia du Studio de Lily, Hestia, A CT ogether, 5 Plus Dimanche, La Gazette, Koze, N etmatics, Cap Graph, A ccessa, A moprint, Copy Quick, Peexee Print.

#### The raffle prizes were generously donated by :

Restaurant Roots of Spirits de la Preneuse, Ti Cabanon à Albion, le Frenchie café à Rivière Noire, la Pizzeria Stenio's à Albion, le Fun Adventure à la Balise, JPH et Love Mauritius de Rivière Noire, l'Hotel Flower of Paradise de Pereybère, Jade Groupe, Trimetys, Ongles sensuels et le Studio de Lily et Curious Corner.

# Charity Sale

For the third time, *Belle & Toile*, a ready-to-wear fashion store, accessories and decorations, has partnered with A nges du Soleil and has *donated 50% of the profits made during its sale in June and December 2017.*  school fees and the activities of the beneficiary children of the association.



#### Volunteers

We have more than 40 volunteers.

They are real *drivers of the organization*, they act on a daily basis to enable the organization to develop its activities and increase the number of its beneficiaries.

This year, we have had the chance to welcome *Agathe and Thibaut*, from the French association La V ie des A utres, for a 2-month stopover in Mauritius as part of their world tour. They proposed and *organized activities 4 times a week*, which benefited many children.

In 2017, we welcomed 15 new volunteers.



#### Finance

In 2017, A nges du Soleil received *Rs. 2,192,887. Administrative expenses* (support committee) amounted to *Rs 1,026,143* and *Projects expenditures* to *Rs 938,718. The 2017 budget surplus of Rs. 228,026 has been reallocated to the activities of the association for 2018.* 



Thanks to the unfailing support of our partners <sup>1</sup>, many regular activities and all the occasional activities were

offered to the children of the association and therefore do not appear in these accounts.

To see the impact of the sponsors of our partners in the overall budget of the organization, we made a *simulation chart* (see below). The valuation of all our activities including operating expenses amounted to Rs 3,859,202 while actual costs amounted to Rs 1,964,861 for 2017, a discount of Rs 1,894,341.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The list of our partners is on pages 21 and 22 of this document.

In the table below, the actual expenditures of the solidarity chain <sup>2</sup> (project-related expenses) and the support committee (administrative expenses) are compared to the overall budget.

It is important to note that *the commitment and support* of our partners have enabled A nges du Soleil to offer more than twenty different activities to its 140 child beneficiaries and to educate 8 children.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The chain of solidarity includes all the activities of the association, the details of which can be found on pages 9 to 13 of this document.

	Budget including the valuation of discounts and gratuities.	Actual costs of activities
<i>E ducation (including transport, meals, uniforms and school materials)</i>	1 168 943	810 847
Educational Activities	177 000	0
<i>Empowerment Activities (incl. transport and equipment)</i>	1 258 400	101 950
One-off Activities	199 500	3 013
Operating Costs (incl. charges et salaries)	1 040 988	1 040 988
Miscellaneous	14 371	8063
Total	3 859 202	1 964 861

#### Acknowledgments:

Thank you to all our partners who allowed us to sustain our projects in 2017.

Thanks to the Support and Solidarity of a multitude of A ctors in the region, the NGO A nges du Soleil manages to E mpower families with vulnerable background from the Black River region and promote the Social D iversity.

Y ear after year, we get closer to our goals, respecting our core values:

Respect. Love. Sharing. Ambition. Joy.

0 nce again, we would like to *thank the partners who* supported us financially and through their actions in 2017: *Our volunteers* who helped us to set up our regular activities (in alphabetical order):

A gathe, A lain, A lexandra, A ngélina, A urélie, B rigitte, C aroline, C endrine, C hristiane, D any, E liana, E ve, F rançois, F rédérique, G uillaume, Ioana, Isabelle, Ivy, Jade, Jean M arc, Jerry, K aren, K irsty, L aura, L ou A nne, L ouise M arie, M aguy, M arianne, M arie C laude, M arie H élène, M ichael, M uryel, M yriam, N adine, N athalie, O livier, Pascal, Sabine, Sacha, Sandra, Sandrine, Séverine, Slowan, Sonia, Sophie, Stacy, Stephan, Stéphane, Sylvie, T hibaut, V éronique, V incent.

A huge thank you to our faithful partners, who have been supporting Anges du Soleil for several years:

Belle et Toile Big Willy's Bar Cavalia E cole E quitation La Case des Bambins Copy Quick Crystal Jade Group Kreola DMC London Way Rivière Noire

| Les Ptits Mounes
| Paul et Virginie
| Riverland Sports Club
| Solatol Codina
| Swan Insurance
| Tamarin Accueil
| Telfair
| Trimetys
| West Coast

# Companies that have supported us in 2017:

A ccessa	JPH de Rivière N oire
Amoprint	Kiteurs du Cœur
Bioculture	Kote V in
BLS Ltd	Lakaz à pain
Cap G raph Ltd	Love Mauritius de Rivière Noire
Chefs du cœur	Make If A ppen L td
Coco U p	Mam G ouz C rêperie
Curious Corner	O ngles sensuels et le Studio de Lily
C urrimjee L imited	Peexee Print
D eco F ête	Phoenix Beverages
E picerie G ourmande	Roots of Spirits
E lie B ernager	Sam's Friends
Frenchie Café	Solution E au et E nvironnement
Flower A D	Sportslepep LTD
Flower of Paradise H otel	Stenio's Pizzeria
Fun A dventure	Ti Cabanon
G ister	VFS International
H estia	

Thank you for helping us to build a Better Future for the children of Black River.

#### Our associative partners:

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