



Stephen Italien

From: 3BB

For his work with:

La Difference

La Difference is a model community in Cite Soleil. Since 2006, the residents of this small neighborhood in 3BB have kept the streets clean, the houses brightly painted, and the community safe. They have inspired thousands of other Soleyans to take responsibility for their communities through local action and volunteerism. La Difference was a founding member of Konbit Soley Leve and hosts a yearly fair that promotes all that is positive about Cite Soleil.

Stephan Italien is the one of the founders of La Difference. It was his inspiration and leadership that started the transformation of this neighborhood into a model community. In the past eight years, Stephen had La Difference have never been acknowledged formally for these efforts.

This prize goes to Stephen Italien on behalf of the entire neighborhood of La Difference for remaining an inspiration to Cite Soleil.

Why....

“Prim Soley Leve”

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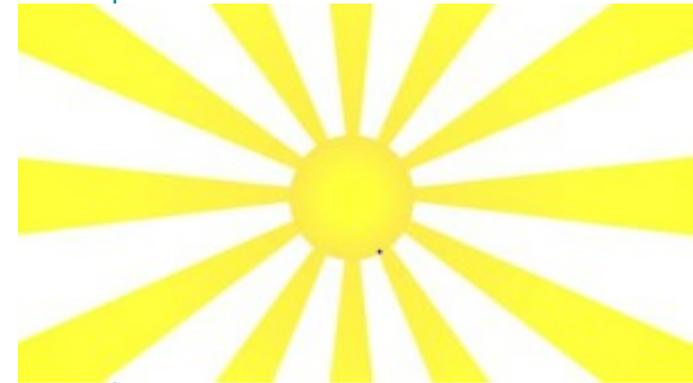
Robillard Louino, who was raised in Cite Soleil and has his Master’s in Peacebuilding, is always looking for ordinary citizens in Cite Soleil who are doing extraordinary things to build peace in their communities. With all of the negative attention that Cite Soleil receives because of its history of gang violence, the positive work of local community groups and leaders is often ignored or overlooked. To counter this under-appreciation of local heroes, Robillard has decided to award four residents of Cite Soleil with a peace prize as of June.

He hopes it will not only encourage these four individuals to stay motivated, but inspire others to follow their lead, and demonstrate that the people of Cite Soleil want - and are willing to work for - peace. This first year, he is giving out the award as a private citizen, but hopes that in the future the community will take its responsibility to honor its sons and daughters for their work each year.

“Soley Leve” means “the sun rise” and links back to Cite Soleil meaning “City of the Sun”. All of the recipients of this award have done something to make Cite Soleil shine brighter for all to see.

CITE SOLEIL

Peace Prize



“Prim Soley Leve”

Ane 2014

“An’n kontinye fe konbit!”

Prize recipients for 2014...



Frantz Francois

From: Rue Volcy

For his work with:
SAKALA & Touris
Ghetto

SAKALA is a youth-oriented community center in Cite Soleil run by Pax Christi Ayiti. The center is designed to prevent violence by engaging the youth of Cite Soleil through sports, culture, education, and urban gardening.

Frantz is a core member of SAKALA and goes above and beyond to ensure that the center is up and running and serving the youth of Cite Soleil. He works tirelessly to bring the ideas of SAKALA to the streets and neighborhoods of Cite Soleil.

This year, he also worked to build relationships between youth peace leaders in Cite Soleil and other ghettos such as Martissant, Belaire, and St Martin through a program called 'Touris Ghetto'. Frantz organized multiple exchanges between young people from these sister neighborhoods, including a 3-day stay at SAKALA.

He has earned this award for his efforts on behalf of youth peace leaders in Haiti's ghettos.



Alashkar Milien

From: Soley 17

For her work with:
Konbit Soley Leve

Konbit Soley Leve is a young social movement founded in Cite Soleil to bring together different neighborhoods through positive social action. Founded on June 25th 2011, it has inspired thousands of Soleyans to take responsibilities for their streets, their neighborhoods, and communities.

Konbit Soley Leve is a movement, not an organization, so it has no official structure or president. But it still needs leaders, and it found one in Alashkar Milien. Alashkar stepped up to take a role as a leader in the movement during a critical time, bringing in more women, solidifying important partnerships, and creating livelihoods opportunities.

But her most important action as a leader has been to cultivate new leaders and create a culture of collective leadership, which is essential for any social movement.

She has earned this award for her cultivation of leadership for local peace-building in Cite Soleil.



Sadrack Joseph

From: Soley 4

For his work with: ID-
Haiti & the Cite Soleil
Basketball Team

ID-Haiti is a young organization in Cite Soleil that was established to encourage the talents of young people in Cite Soleil.

ID-Haiti's first initiative was to establish the Cite Soleil Basketball Team, an inter-neighborhood basketball team that got to the Division-2 Championships in its first year of existence. The Basketball Team united people in neighborhoods across Cite Soleil, created positive role models for Soleyans youth, and helped to change the negative stereotype of Cite Soleil that the rest of Haiti holds.

Sadrack is the president and founder of both ID-Haiti and the Cite Soleil Basketball Team. His tireless dedication to both and his sacrifices helped the team to not only succeed in the championship, but also succeed in presenting a positive image of Cite Soleil.

He has earned this award for his dedication to fighting the negative stigma of Cite Soleil