

*Antonine Lainé,*  
HoHAYE's Co-Person of the Year  
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The potential to make a difference belongs to ordinary people who have a heart for the well being of their neighbors. Our society benefits from such individuals, and the impact strengthens our community in many ways.

These thoughts characterize a woman who lives in the far South Side of Chicago – a soft-spoken lady who likes to call her husband honey. Shortly before her only daughter's wedding in August 2007, her husband, a local Haitian pastor in the Chicago area, cheered her saying "Thanks to my wife, I avoid making a lot of errors."



Within a short period of time, one will notice that she cares for people and community. She also cares for the flower garden that adorns the exterior of her house during summer.

In addition, she cares for Hope for the Haitian Youth and the Elderly (HOHAYE) to the point of purchasing the items that were used as prizes the organization awarded to the winners of the February's raffle.

In a spirit of gratefulness, HOHAYE has the honor to hail that person, whom Pastor Joseph E. Lainé knows quite well, as the co-person of the year. Antonine Lainé, affectionately called "Toto" is the co-person of the year.

She has demonstrated a great deal of interest in HOHAYE's operations for most of the organization's seven years of existence. Her commitment has played a significant part in some of the organization's past success. Of course, that sense of commitment exists in the heart of some other concerned members of the association.

Pastor Jean F. Valdémár commends her contributions that go hand in hand with a passion for excellence and success versus a tolerance of mediocrity and failure.

"Antonine is a woman of action.... When we're doing something, she puts her heart in it," Pastor Valdémár said.



People who know Toto long enough would agree with Pastor Valdémár. After all, that recognition takes place at a time when more of such persons need to come out of the shadow of our selfish society. Can you believe this? She was taking care of HoHAYE's raffle business even in my wedding!!! This is how devoted she is to HoHAYE.

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