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## **Acalanes Artist on a Mission**

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When Acalanes senior and art student Grace Linderholm visited the struggling Victor Hugo School in Gonaives, Haiti on a medical mission October 2010, she was so taken with their mission and their struggles she decided to continue her service upon returning home.

Linderholm created a partnership with Mr. Charles Henri (the school's founder and principal) which has blossomed into The Global Chalkboard Project. Under the fiscal agency and nonprofit One World Children's Fund (OWCF), she has continued her commitment by working with local elementary schools and now, artists to make sure that the Victor Hugo continues to exist and change children's lives.

On April 21 and 22, Linderholm and fellow art students will be selling prints of original artwork at the Lafayette Gallery and the Art Room (50 Lafayette Circle). All profits will be donated to the Victor Hugo School. The show will also feature Serge Gay Jr., a Haitian born artist who is behind the award-winning music videos of Cee-lo Green, Train, Greenday, and more.

The support of One World Children's Fund makes The Global Chalkboard Project one of 30 internationally-selected projects, and the first one in Haiti. Linderholm is their youngest champion. "The show is our second major fundraising event," Linderholm said. "It's a great community gathering, supporting both high school artists and a local gallery. With our last donation to the school, The Global Chalkboard Project ensured that the children had a daily meal, were served clean water, and continued their education."

You can find out more about the support of OWCF at: [oneworldchildrensfund.org](http://oneworldchildrensfund.org).

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