

Those Angels Inc.' Mission

Delivering AC Transit Donated Buses to Students in
Haiti



What is Those Angels, Inc.?

- Those Angels, Inc. is organized as a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.
 - Our school, ECOFA is the only free school in Grand Cay. ECOFA provides a 1st through 6th grade education. We are currently providing free education for 200 students.
 - Those Angels, Inc. have partnered with Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) to help provide transportation for the students of Carrefour and other parts of Haiti. We are currently providing free transportation for over 300 students!



Purpose

- The purpose of the donation is to create a field program that will enhance the education of students at Those Angels Inc. established school: Ecole Communautaire Foyer Des Anges (ECOFA) and other schools in Haiti.
- Enhancing our existing school bus program that has provided free school transportation to over 1000 students since it's creation.



The Team

- It was the effort of community leaders, political figures, labor organizations that made accomplishing this mission possible.
 - AC Transit
 - State Attorney General: Rob Bonta
 - SF Board of Sup: Ahsha Safai
 - SEIU Local 1021
 - San Francisco Labor Council
 - ATU 192
 - Teamsters



The Mission

- The mission is to drive 3 donated buses from California to Florida where they would be placed in a ship for delivery to Haiti.
- AC Transit donated the 3 decommissioned buses.
- The teamsters provided the drivers.
- Labor partners provided the financial support for fuel, hotel and food for the drivers
- U.S congressman Carlos Gimenez, made shipping to Haiti possible

- [Sonoma County Teamsters members driving buses cross country to aid schoolchildren in Haiti](https://www.pressdemocrat.com) ([pressdemocrat.com](https://www.pressdemocrat.com))



The Media

The project received extensive media coverage

1. Print
2. Radio
3. Social Media

🔊 Ads

💬 Inbox

🔔 Notifications



Attorney General Rob Bonta ✓

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Proud to support the effort to deliver 3 older buses from the East Bay to Haiti to help students attend school. As the people everywhere call out for social change, aiding charities like **Those Angels, Inc.** create ripples of change by closing the education gap in helping children travel to school and fighting for equity by providing communities with much-needed resources for infrastructure. Thanks to **AC Transit** for making this donation of some older buses that still have some years of service left in them. And thanks to our brothers and sisters in labor—without whom this would not have been possible. Appreciate the work of the **San Francisco Labor Council, Teamsters LOCAL 665, SEIU Local 1021, and ATU Local 192** for joining arms and helping increase social justice in our world! Finally, thanks to my friend SF **Supervisor Ahsha Safai** for your work to support this most worthy mission.





The Journey/obstacles

We faced great obstacles throughout the journey, but we overcome.

1. Vehicle broke down in Gallup New Mexico
2. Gallup Express: The public transit agency provided us with mechanical support and one week later, the bus was back on the road to complete the journey to Florida.
3. Once in Florida, shipping company faced mechanical difficulties in many occasions delaying the project.



Mission Accomplished

- More than two years later, we are proud to announce that the mission was a success
- The buses made it to Haiti successfully
- And, on March 11th, 2022, over 50 student were taken to their field trip to Haiti's National museum.



Thanking AC Transit

The children thank AC Transit for this great gift!



Reason to smile

- Amid Haiti's political chaos, it is refreshing for our children to be given the opportunity to enjoy life as children.
- Parents were very grateful and thankful for the first field trip
- The children were especially happy, not only because they were on a field trip, but this was their first-time riding in these type of buses
- The smile on their faces was always the reason for this mission
- And we are looking forward to doing it again



Next Steps

- We are looking forward to duplicating this project on different parts of the island, to continue addressing the equity issue facing our education system
- Our partners are looking forward to doing this type of project again and they have committed themselves to play the same role they did before because of the success of the project
- We are looking forward to our partnership with AC Transit to continue helping our students in Haiti