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**MOSES JEAN-PIERRE, HOOPS FOR HAITI'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INTERVIEWED BY  
NBC NEWS ABOUT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO CONTROVERSY**  
*Makes impactful defense of the Haitian community*

Moses Jean-Pierre, Founder and Executive Director of Hoops for Haiti, a Boston-based non-profit dedicated to bringing positive change to the lives of Haitian youth, their families, and communities through basketball, education, mental health, and targeted charitable initiatives, was recently interviewed by NBC news. In the interview, Mr. Jean-Pierre makes a passionate defense of the Haitian community in light of the ongoing controversy in Springfield Ohio and Donald Trump's hateful comments.

The article in its entirety can be found at the following link:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/-trump-haitians-tropes-pushback-debate-ohio-rcna170679>

Excerpts from the interview are provided below:

Moses Jean-Pierre, who founded the [nonprofit group Hoops For Haiti](#) in Boston, which aids Haitian immigrants with jobs, education and socialization, said he is having a hard time resolving his anger over the accusations.

“I work every day with Haitian immigrants, and no one works as hard as them,” he said. “They come in and try to be productive members of society. They are just looking for opportunities to work hard and send money back home and start a new life. And for them to be targeted and used as a pawn in politics ... well, it really bothers me a lot.”

Because of Haiti’s [history of corrupt politics](#), dismal economy and social unrest, particularly in [the capital, Port-au-Prince](#), the country has become a “whipping boy” for the uninformed, Jean-Pierre said.

“So there’s no surprise there. It saddens me that so many Americans are sharing it and falling into the racism,” he said. “You have a population of [businesses in Springfield, Ohio, saying they’re happy](#) for these immigrants being there because their production is amazing. They’re focused on work, not social media. That’s the Haitian people: working to build for their families.

#### **ABOUT HOOPS FOR HAITI:**

Hoops For Haiti is a Boston-based IRS-certified 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission is to bring positive change to the lives of Haitian youth, their families, and communities through basketball, education, mental health, and targeted charitable initiatives. Hoops for Haiti does not receive government grants or public funding and relies on the generosity of our supporters to help support the Haitian community globally. For more information please visit us online at [hoopsforhaiti.org](http://hoopsforhaiti.org) and be sure to follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

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