



Press Statement

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Relief Effort for Haiti Flood Victims Continues

Boston, Massachusetts, September 30, 2008. Over one million affected in Haiti by the recent hurricanes: Fay, Gustav, Hanna and Ike. The actual death toll rose to more than 800. Other devastating impacts of the hurricanes include more than 1/8 of the population to become homeless, the loss of thousands of livestock, and the destruction of infrastructure (roads, bridges, and schools) and agricultural plantations.

The New England Haiti Relief Effort thanks the Haitian Community and Friends of Haiti throughout the New England area for donating \$9,000 and a truckload of clothes and other supplies.

The New England Haiti Relief Task Force announces two new fundraising initiatives:

A fundraiser at Club Matrix (275 Tremont Street, Boston) on October 5 at 9:00 PM

A fundraiser at 1199 SEIU on October 16 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Please make monetary contributions at:

Citizens Bank, Account #1313181878. Please make checks payable to "New England Haiti Hurricane Relief Fund".

Please drop off all donations at the:

1199 SEIU on October 16, 2008

150 Mount Vernon Street (at the Bayside Expo)

USWA Local 8751

Monday to Friday from 5:30 AM to 6:30 PM

305 Medford Street, Charlestown

10 Freeport Street, Dorchester

2000 Washington Street, Roxbury

49 Industrial Street, Readville

Donations:

Clothes

Medical and hygiene supplies (over the counter medicine, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, and sanitary products, etc.)

School supplies (pens, pencils, backpacks, etc.)

Non-perishable food

Partial list of Supporting Organizations:

Association of Haitian Women (AFAB), Center for Community Health Education and Research (CCHER), Coalition des Roche-à-Batelais pour l'Expansion Locale (CORABEL), Foundation for the Technological and Economic Advancement of Mirebalais (FATEM), Gonaives en Marche, Haitian Coalition, Haitian Multi-Service Center/ Catholic Charities, Haitian American Public Health Initiatives (HAPHI), Haitian-Americans United (HAU), Home Town Association Resource Group, Mass. Community Health Services in Brockton, The Road to Development, YOFES, EDEM Foundation, 1199 SEIU, USWA Local 8751, etc...