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## Help for Haiti

February 2, 2010

HSA's board of directors has made a \$10,000 donation on behalf of HSA members to the Haitian relief efforts.

HSA joins with individuals, organizations, and governments around the world that are mobilizing to provide food, shelter, and medical aid for the Haitian people devastated by the January 12 earthquake that has demolished large parts of the country and left hundreds of thousands dead or homeless.

The donation is directed through [Free the Children](#) in Canada to Partners in Health, which runs Zanmi Lasante. The Zanmi Lasante medical centre is located in the Central Plateau of Haiti and delivers health care through a network of clinics in that region of the country. It also trains Haitians as doctors and health professionals. The health centre survived the earthquake and is moving to deliver aid to the disaster zone.

HSA's board of directors considered a number of relief organizations to which to make the contribution, and encourages HSA members to make donations to Free the Children, or any of the following, as recommended by the [Canada Haiti Action Network](#):

[Canadian Red Cross](#) The Canadian Red Cross is mobilizing to support relief efforts in Haiti -- providing medical support, clean water, food and shelter to people who have lost everything.

The Red Cross also looks beyond immediate relief, to the Haitian peoples longer-term needs as they recover from this enormous tragedy and begin to rebuild their communities. Aside from the human toll which continues to climb this earthquake has robbed hundreds of thousands of people of their homes and livelihoods, in a country that is already the poorest in the western hemisphere.

[Doctors without Border/Medicins sans frontieres](#) operates clinics in Port au Prince and surrounding neighbourhoods. It has expertise in disaster relief.

By mail:

Haiti Earthquake  
Doctors Without Borders  
720 Spadina Ave., Suite 402  
Toronto ON  
M5S 2P9

[Sawatzky Family Foundation - SOPUDEP School](#) SOPUDEP is a pioneering school in Petionville with an enrolment of 600 students from elementary to senior high school grades. The school was not in session when the disaster struck, and has been transformed into a medical centre. The resources of the school and its teachers are being mobilized to assist the neighbouring population. The Sawatzky Family Foundation is a registered charity in Canada and issues tax deductible receipts.

By mail:

The Sawatzky Family Foundation  
PO Box 626

25 Peter Street  
North Orillia, ON  
L3V 6K5

[Haiti Emergency Relief Fund](#) In association with the Haiti Action Committee in San Francisco/Bay Area, this fund delivers resources directly to grassroots organizations in Haiti. It was founded in 2004 following the 2004 coup d'etat that forced the elected president of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, from office and imposed a two-year regime of human rights violations whose consequence continues today.

By mail:  
Haiti Emergency Relief Fund  
EBSC East Bay Sanctuary Covenant  
2362 Bancroft Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

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