



HELP FOR HAITI DRIVE

On the evening of January 12, 2010, a major 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti. It is the most powerful quake to hit the struggling country in more than 200 years. The tremor struck 15 km (10 miles) southwest of the capitol of Port-au-Prince, and was quickly followed by two strong aftershocks of 5.9 and 5.5 magnitude. According to reports, as much as 70% of buildings and homes have been compromised or destroyed, with debris continuing to fill the streets making rescue and relief efforts slow and difficult. However, despite the fear, uncertainty and the enormous challenges that lay ahead, the outpouring of support from the U.S. and around the world has been amazing!

On January 25th-29th, the ABC Group will be hosting a Help for Haiti Drive to collect basic necessities for the victims of this devastating quake. Collections boxes will be stationed by the main office. Below is a list of supplies that we are collecting during the drive:

Water

Dried food items such as rice and beans

Canned goods

Clothes- Summer Only

Shoes

Kitchen Items

Shampoo, soap, toilet paper... all hygiene products

All medical supplies (this is direly needed right now!)

School Supplies

Towels

Bedding

Toys

Following our drive, the items will be given to the Marilyn W. Dugan Foundation, a charitable organization based in Wilton who is sponsoring a shipping container that will be sent to Haiti at the end of February. The cost of shipping the container is \$3200, so if you would like to contribute towards getting the items shipped out, the foundation is currently accepting donations. Below is the contact information for the organization:

Marilyn W. Dugan Foundation Inc.

21 Mollbrook Rd.

Wilton, CT 06897-4709

203-762-5125

Director: Joseph R. Dugan

In addition, the ABC Group will be setting out change collection boxes in the main office and the cafeteria where the snacks are sold. Mrs. Rodriguez will be keeping a contribution envelope in her office for anyone who would like to make a more substantial donation. All cash donations will be sent to the American Red Cross International Response Fund. Below is the information if you would like to send a donation privately:

American Red Cross International Response Fund

P.O. Box 37243

Washington D.C., 20013

1-800-REDCROSS

1-800-257-7575 (espanol)

www.redcross.org

