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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief

A global humanitarian effort is taking place to reach out to the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake this past week. This impoverished nation is struggling and greatly in need of any help the Chester County community can offer. Massive undertakings are underway to provide aid and relief to victims of the earthquake on January 12, 2010. Below are links to agencies that are providing relief services as well as information for philanthropy on responding to disasters.

REGIONAL CONTACTS

[United Way of Chester County](#)

[United Way of Southern Chester County](#)

Gifts support long-term recovery efforts to rebuild lives and infrastructure devastated by disaster and to address educational, financial and health-related challenges.

[Haitian Professionals of Philadelphia](#)

HPP is coordinating regional aid efforts and is organizing a relief trip to Haiti. Additional information on needed supplies and drop-off sites are listed on HPP's website.

MAJOR NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS

[American Red Cross](#)

Donations can be made to the Red Cross International Response Fund [online](#) or via text at "HAITI" to "90999"

[CARE](#)

With an active presence in Haiti since 1954, CARE's work there focuses on HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, maternal and child health, education, food security, and water and sanitation.

[Catholic Relief Services](#)

CRS has more than 50 years of experience in Haiti and currently serves some 200,000 of the poorest and most marginalized Haitians in the areas of health and nutrition, education, water and sanitation, HIV/AIDS, agriculture,

peace building and migration.

Save the Children

Having worked in Haiti since 1985, primarily in Port-au-Prince and the Central Plateau region, Save the Children provides health, education, protection and food security programs to vulnerable children.

UNICEF

UNICEF will deploy essential aid – including safe water, sanitation supplies, therapeutic foods, medical supplies and temporary shelter materials – as quickly as possible to assist with recovery efforts.

Additional Aid Organizations:

The *New York Times* has posted an extensive list of agencies that are providing relief:

<http://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/01/13/haiti-disaster-relief-how-to-contribute/>

INFORMATION FOR PHILANTHROPY

Foundation Center

FC's Philanthropy News Digest Blog, [PhilanTopic](#), has posted a list of web sites providing news about the Haitian earthquake and information about relief efforts to which individuals and organizations can contribute.

The Council on Foundations

A joint publication of the Council on Foundations and the European Foundation Centre, "[Disaster Grantmaking: A Practical Guide for Foundations and Corporations](#)" suggests eight principles plus practical tips for grantmakers to consider when responding to emergency situations. COF has also published a [Legal FAQs on Disaster Grantmaking](#).

The Center for International Disaster Information

The Center has issued [Guidelines for Appropriate International Disaster Donations](#).

Arabella Philanthropy Advisors

Arabella's issue brief titled [Investing in Disaster Response](#) explores challenges, trends, and donor considerations for philanthropists seeking to respond to a disaster; they have also posted a [Haiti Emergency Update](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR NEWS & INFORMATION

[Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors](#)

RPA has compiled a short list of major relief organizations with a presence in Haiti and local/country-specific organizations providing direct aid.

[ReliefWeb](#)

A United Nations website providing up-to-date information as well as data and documents on the earthquake.

[AlertNet](#)

Run by the Reuters Foundation, provides news, information and analysis on the earthquake response.

Located in downtown West Chester, the Chester County Community Foundation leads, inspires and encourages all individuals and organizations to create or contribute to lasting philanthropic charitable legacies.

The Community Foundation holds over \$30 million in trust and by administering funds helps more than 300 individuals, families and nonprofits who want to provide a charitable legacy for their community forever. Last year, The Community Foundation awarded \$1.5 million in grants and scholarships. For more information about the Chester County Community Foundation, visit www.chescocf.org or call (610) 696-8211.