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EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FOR HAITI

Friends of Haiti, a Green Bay-based organization that brings medical and developmental support to Haiti, is mobilizing to provide much needed supplies and support to the people of Haiti in the wake of this week's devastating earthquake there.

The immediate need is for monetary donations, and these can be sent to:

Friends of Haiti, PO Box 1174, Green Bay, WI 54305. Please mark all donations "Earthquake Relief."

Friends of Haiti normally conducts its efforts in the central valleys and mountains of Haiti. However, since this area was not severely affected by the earthquake, support is being redirected to Port-au-Prince, and to Matthew 25, a mission guest-house operated by the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas, now turned treatment-and-triage center. On the night of the earthquake Matthew 25 was one of few places in Haiti with electricity provided by their backup generator. They cooked up big pots of soup, lit up their soccer field and served as a treatment and triage center. Three Haitian doctors and the staff and six guests provided support throughout the night.

Supplies that had been gathered for Friends of Haiti's scheduled medical mission in April will be sent as soon as transportation can be arranged, and will therefore need to be refurbished for the April mission. While supplies are appreciated, donations will be the most effective way for the organization to gather what is truly needed to be of service to the people of Haiti. Those who wish to contribute by volunteering in Haiti should contact the Red Cross in their area.

Friends of Haiti sponsors two medical missions to Haiti every year, plus conducts agricultural, educational and developmental work in Thomazeau and the villages around Grand Boulage. Upwards of 1000 donors, mission participants and volunteers are

involved each year. Mission participants come from all over the United States, including Washington, Maryland, Ohio, California and Florida.

The medical teams treat approximately 5000 Haitians at four to five sites on each visit, some sites reached only by steep hikes. These medical missions are often the only access to medical care the people of the central valleys and mountains have.

You can learn more about the work of Friends of Haiti by visiting our website:
www.friendsofhaiti-gb.com.

**DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE, THERE MAY BE A SHORT DELAY IN
ACKNOWLEDGING YOIUR DONATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**