



NABSE's Response to the Earthquake in Haiti

Happy New Year to NABSE members and their families. Unfortunately, this New Year has brought an overwhelming tragedy of gigantic proportions to the great people of Haiti. We watch with anxiety and hope as the rescue and recovery operations continue to locate children and adult survivors of the Haitian earthquake. Each recovery is, without a doubt, reflective of the Haitians' strong will and determination. We celebrate each survivor, rescuer and relief worker as true heroes.

The NABSE National Office has heard from many NABSE members informing us of how they have supported the Haitian Relief Program. This very devastating and horrific catastrophe touches virtually every human being around the globe. Thanks to all who have contributed.

I urge every NABSE member, their friends and family members to extend a helping hand, anyway you can. Be sure to check the method of donation to insure its integrity.

The various plans verified by the US Office of Education (www.ed.gov) are presented below.

Clinton Bush Haiti Fund: Contribute online through www.ClintonBushHaitiFund.org or text **QUAKE to 20222** to charge a \$10

donation to the Clinton Bush Haiti Funds (the donation will be added to your cell phone bill)

Donate \$10 to the American Red Cross – charged to your cell phone bill – by texting “**HAITI**” to “**90999**” or contribute online at www.redcross.org.

ON THE NET

- Community Coalition For Haiti: <http://www.cchaiti.org/> Phone: 703.880.4160
- Catholic Relief Services: <http://crs.org/> Phone: 888.277.7575
- Be Heard Project: <http://www.beheardproject.com/> Phone: 877.HELP.CRS
- Save The Children: <http://www.savethechildren.org> Phone: 800.728.3843
- Care: <http://www.care.org/> Phone: 800.521.CARE
- Yele Haiti: www.yele.org

At this time only cash donations are recommended by the authorities.

After the stabilization Haiti’s infrastructure, schools will be renovated or rebuilt which will no doubt take months. NABSE is currently investigating the feasibility of collecting and transporting school supplies to Haiti at the time schools re-open. This will provide the opportunity for all NABSE members, affiliates, friends and families to participate. Since the official languages in Haiti are French and Creole, the National Office will also investigate and identify what particular learning materials will be needed and where they can be purchased.

Again, NABSE thanks those who have supported this relief effort in some way. NABSE will report on the progress of the collection of school supplies and materials.

Sincerely,

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