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## DONATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS

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The magnitude 7.0 earthquake that struck Port-au-Prince, Haiti on January 12, 2010, is nothing short of catastrophic. With an estimated 3 million Haitians affected, it is too early for relief agencies to give an accurate accounting of injuries and fatalities.

Many Angelenos have family members and friends who live in Haiti and they are anxiously awaiting some news about the status of their loved ones. For information or updates please contact:

- The State Department (888) 407-4747
- Haitian Embassy in Washington, D.C. (202) 322-4090

If you are interested in making a monetary donation to help the residents of Haiti, please contact the following organizations:

- THE AMERICAN RED CROSS - Phone: Donation Hotlines: (800) REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) / (800) 257-7575 (Español); Website: <http://www.redcross.org/>
- UNICEF - Phone: (800) 4UNICEF (800) 486-4233; Website: [http://www.unicefusa.org/?gclid=CO6yofn0oZ8CFRT6agodi2E\\_mg](http://www.unicefusa.org/?gclid=CO6yofn0oZ8CFRT6agodi2E_mg)
- OPERATION USA - Phone: (310) 838-3455; Website: <http://www.opusa.org/>
- THE WHITE HOUSE- Website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/01/13/help-haiti>. This site states that you can donate \$10 to be charged to your cell phone bill by texting "HAITI" to "90999." Proceeds will be directed to the American Red Cross.
- WORLD VISION - Phone: (888) 511-6548; Website: <http://www.worldvision.org/>

In the wake of the Haitian earthquake tragedy, Angelenos are urged to take a moment to review their own emergency disaster plans. If you do not have one, start by visiting <http://readyla.org/> and learn how you can prepare your family, workplace, business and community before a disaster occurs. Remember, we live in Los Angeles and it's not a question of if a disaster will happen, it's a matter of when it will happen and if you are prepared. It's time to get ready LA.