

## HAITIAN CONGRESS TO FORTIFY HAITI

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### PLEASE JOIN US!

**The Haitian Congress invites anyone who is available to join us throughout the day on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM help us load two (2) forty-foot containers with donated goods to ship to Haiti. One container is located at Mount Zion Tabernacle Church, 2101 Dempster Street, Evanston and the other is located at Inclusions Solutions/Nature's Perspective, 2000 Greenleaf, Evanston.**

### SUMMARY

On January 12, 2010, a major earthquake hit Haiti devastating the capital, its surrounding areas and other major cities such as Léogane, Jacmel, Baint, Petit-Goave, Grand-Goave, La Vallée and beyond. The quake has been characterized as the second deadliest anywhere in the world in the last 30 years and more than 300,000 people may have perished. Survivors have severe medical needs with thousands of amputees. Scores of people continue to need treatment for badly infected wounds, severe fractures and other medical issues. More than 1 million people have been left homeless and live under tents or in open air exposed to the dangers of the coming rainy season.

In response to the Haitian Congress' call to help the survivors, many of you have responded with donation of funds, medical supplies, crutches, canes, canned goods, clothing, hygienic goods, etc. With your help, the Haitian Congress, in collaboration with the Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad (AMHE) flew a team of doctors and other health professionals to Haiti on United Airlines. The airline offered free space for doctors, and we sent one team with \$10,000 worth of medical equipment and supplies, including blood-pressure and blood-sugar monitors, crutches, nebulizers, bandages and sutures. In recent weeks, the Haitian Congress, working with partners and allies, also shipped more than \$1 million worth of medication donated by The International Relief Team to the General Hospital in Port-au-Prince (L'Hôpital de l'Université d'État d'Haïti) by cargo plane. This essential medicine arrived on February 11, 2010.

In addition, Alderman Lionel Jean-Baptiste, Chairman of the Haitian Congress, Djougine Desrosiers, Executive Secretary, and Board member, Dr. Joel Augustin, traveled to Haiti and engaged in fact finding and relief effort.

**We need your help to load these containers with many of the goods we have received over the past few weeks so that they can be shipped to Haiti.** Please join us and bring a friend or a family member.

Additional details as to how you can help are available on our Web site:

<http://www.haitiancongress.org>.