



HAITIAN CONGRESS TO FORTIFY HAITI

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Dear Friends,

We are back at the barricades again regarding the trials and tribulations of Haiti, the most recent of which is the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that befell its southwest section on August 14, 2021, the anniversary of the opening salvo of the Haitian revolution held at Bwa Kayiman in 1791. Thus far, more than 2000 people have died; over 10,000 were injured; many more became homeless; others are still missing buried under fallen debris. Property damages are estimated in the billions. Days later, hurricane Grace poured torrential rain and blew forceful wind on the affected areas creating even more havoc and chaos.

The Grand'Anse Area is the most impacted. This area is known as the breadbasket of Haiti. It is responsible for a significant percentage of the agricultural products the nation produces and consumes. Merely five (5) years ago, tropical storm Matthew devastated livestock, large agricultural areas, property and many lives.

The Haitian Congress (Haitian Congress) to Fortify Haiti that came into existence in 2004 initially in response to Hurricane Jeanne that devastated the City of Gonaives killing 3000 people, is joining hands with a number of our brothers and sisters of good will to help Haiti recover from the many disasters. Since that time, we have mobilized our friends and allies to help our brothers and sisters face other challenges. Besides mobilizing financial support for the victims of hurricane Jeanne; we organized and collaborated with several other organizations in the Chicagoland area to send medical supplies, equipment and healthcare workers to assist the victims of the 2010 earthquake; we sent eight (8) forty (40) foot containers to Haiti and traveled there to do distributions. In response to hurricane Matthew, the Haitian Congress raised funds to send directly to organizations doing relief work. We also sent a hand and solar operated water purification system to organizations in the Grand'Anse area. We have also sent support to organizations that are working on community building, infrastructure, agricultural development and food distribution, etc.

The Haitian Congress has also done significant work in areas to help Haiti develop, achieve good governance, reintegrate its Diaspora to reverse its brain drain, lobby for policy reforms in the areas of trade policies, immigration, etc. We are proposing a Marshall Plan for the comprehensive development of Haiti which has earned its stripes for its contribution to the world to get rid of the scourge of slavery. That proposed Marshall Plan is forthcoming.

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Meanwhile, we keep our attention on the immediate relief effort. Some of the organizations we have worked with in the past are still at it. The Haitian Congress is recommending that we continue to channel our support through the organizations we have worked with in the past and new credible ones in order to help our people meet the challenges of this catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. Our lived experiences tell us that sending material support of any kind is too expensive and too difficult to do effectively and on a timely basis. Sending funds is more expeditious and helps the local economy.

These organizations are the following for now:

- 1) Reunion Sportive d'Haiti, which has been working in the affected communities for 11 years. It has created the **RSHaiti Earthquake Relief Fund** to provide life-saving relief to the victims. Make a tax-deductible donation on their website at www.rshaiti.org towards this Fund. They can provide their banking info for wire transfers. They were founded in 2010, as 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization based in Maryland, dedicated to the well-being of youth. Réunion Sportive serves the southern part of Haiti where the earthquake occurred. This is the area where they organize their annual summer soccer camps; implement feeding and reading programs; build schools, clean water systems, and sanitation facilities; and distribute hygiene kits and solar lamps to school children that have no access to electricity.

Reunion Sportive has now set up the **Relief Fund to provide food, water, tents, and sanitation kits to the victims, as well as long-term relief**. They have staff and volunteers on the grounds to assist these victims and save as many lives as possible.

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- 2) Fondation Julia & Jade, Inc. is working in collaboration with the organizations listed below. Please donate to this organization as they provide humanitarian relief to the real victims of the earthquake and other devastation in the affected area.

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Working in Education, women empowerment and agriculture

These organizations are working together to organize the aid for the people in Grand'Anse. You can contact Georges Gabrielle PAUL for further information. Please send contributions via:

Western union, CAM, Moneygram under the name of Georges Gabrielle PAUL.

Funds can also be deposited directly in the account of the Foundation at:

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Working in Farming and Agriculture.

3) LAKOU, NFP is another organization we are targeting to support. It is a non-profit organization that engages in construction and construction vocational training. It’s headquarter is in Les Cayes that was significantly impacted by the earthquake. They are currently rebuilding shelters for those who have been left homeless. Make donations at: www.lakou.org.

The Haitian Congress implores all friends and allies to maximize all that they can give immediately. For any questions, call me, Marie Lynn Toussaint at 847-332-1639.

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