



Press Release

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Victoria County United Way — United Way's Response to the Disaster in Haiti

Victoria, Texas (January 19, 2010) – Since the devastating earthquake in Haiti on January 12, our United Way system has rallied to support those in need. United Way's role is to support long-term recovery efforts to rebuild lives and infrastructure devastated by the disaster in Haiti, and to help residents address educational, financial and health-related challenges. Examples may include access to health care, rebuilding schools and housing, meeting critical basic needs for shelter, food and clothing.

Because there is not a United Way in Haiti, United Way Worldwide is working through its members and other partners in Haiti to respond. The Caribbean Council is assessing needs and opportunities to begin the long-term recovery, as well as to ensure that donations are invested in the most effective nonprofit agencies providing services in Haiti. The Caribbean Council is a regional group that comprises United Ways in Jamaica, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands (St. Croix, St. Thomas / St. John), and Trinidad and Tobago.

The United WayWorldwide Disaster Fund has been activated. People in the USA can donate online at <https://volunteer.united-e-way.org/uwwwdisaster/donate/> or text HAITI to UNITED to contribute \$5 via their telephone bill.

Because of the magnitude of the effort needed, below are a few of the many organizations devoted to relief efforts you may wish to consider for your contributions. Please click the link below to be directed to their Haiti Relief website.

- **[American Red Cross](#)**
- **[Doctors Without Borders](#)**
- **[UNICEF](#)**
- **[World Vision](#)**
- **[Mercy Corps](#)**
- **[Clinton/Bush Haitian Relief Fund](#)**
- **[United WayWorldwide Disaster Fund](#)**