

HAITI:

Information & How to Help

Brooklyn Public Library (BPL), like millions of people around the world, has been deeply impacted by the devastation in Port-au-Prince, Haiti caused by the 7.0 earthquake that struck the country's capital on January 12, 2010.

To provide support to Brooklyn's Haitian communities and concerned Brooklynites, we have compiled a resource guide of websites providing information on how to find missing loved ones, retrieve up-to-date news about the earthquake crisis, connect with local Haitian organizations, donate toward emergency relief efforts and become involved as a volunteer.

BPL does not endorse any organization listed in this resource guide. Our recommendations are for informational use only. For more ways to help, visit: www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/haiti

GENERAL INFORMATION

U.S. State Department

888.407.4747

www.state.gov

Retrieve information about U.S. citizens living in or traveling to Haiti by calling toll-free number.

American Red Cross

800.REDCROSS (800.733.2767)

www.redcross.org

Search for and register the names of loved ones who are unaccounted. In addition, donate toward relief efforts online or via mobile device. Text HAITI to 90999 and \$10 will be automatically donated to the Red Cross. (Donation charged to cell phone bill.)

NYC.gov Information Hotline

311

<http://NYC.gov/311>

Switchboard operators will provide information on making monetary gifts and volunteering service toward relief efforts.

Haitian Consulate

www.haitianconsulate-nyc.org/index_en.html

212.697.9767

Provides a list of local Haitian organizations in New York City and the tri-state area.

Relief Web

www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc100?OpenForm

Online gateway to information on humanitarian emergencies and disasters. Administered by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Radio Soleil D'Haiti

www.radisoleil.com/radisoleil.htm

New York City's 24-hour Haitian radio station. Listen to live streaming radio online.

Haitian Times

www.haitiantimes.com

Weekly newspaper distributed in U.S. Haitian communities and in Haiti.

Google Crisis Response

www.google.com/relief/haitiearthquake

Suggests ways to donate, and provides links to news and updates, as well as contact information for hospitals in Port-au-Prince.

CNN

www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2007/impact

Comprehensive list of organizations providing emergency relief, including food, shelter, medical aid, and acceptance of international currencies.

New York Times

<http://submit.nytimes.com/haiti-missing>

Upload photos of missing loved ones to receive assistance in search efforts. If no photo is available, post descriptions of loved ones on the *Times'* Lede blog.

DONATING TO RELIEF EFFORTS

InterAction: A United Voice for Global Change

202.552.6524/202.667.8227

www.interaction.org

Contribute to the earthquake relief efforts in Haiti through the largest coalition of U.S.-based and international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) dedicated to aiding the most vulnerable citizens across the globe. In addition, access regularly updated list of NGOs supporting relief efforts, plus guidelines on the most effective ways to support earthquake aid.

Guidelines for Appropriate International Disaster Donations

www.cidi.org/guidelines/guide_In.htm

Guide available in English, Spanish, French, Kreyol, Arabic, Greek, Farsi and Indonesian.

Partners in Health

617.432.5256

www.pih.org

Nonprofit organization providing urgent medical care, with long-established projects in Haiti. Currently, seeking surgeons, nurses and other medical personnel in addition to monetary donations.

Doctors Without Borders

888.392.0392

www.doctorswithoutborders.org

An international medical humanitarian organization providing urgent medical care to earthquake victims. Long-established projects in Haiti.

Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City

212.788.7794 or 311

www.nyc.gov/html/fund/html/home/home.shtml

Donate online or by phone. The Mayor's Fund will direct contributions to reputable organizations. Send contributions by mail to:

Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City
One Centre Street, 23rd Floor
New York, NY 10007
(Write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" in memo)

Diaspora Community Services (DCS)

www.diasporacs.org

Contributions to DCS, formerly the Haitian Women's Program, will be donated to DCS' Centre Medico Social Nord Alexis in Port-au-Prince.

VOLUNTEERING

Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI)

703.276.1914

www.cidi.org/incident/haiti-10a

CIDI seeks persons with international experience and technical skills in medicine, communications, logistics, water/sanitation and engineering.

AFYA Foundation

914.338.7034

www.afyafoundation.org

Volunteer to sort clothes and supplies for immediate shipment to Haiti. Monetary and other donations also accepted.