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HOPE FOR HAITI TO SEND TWO 757 AIRPLANES WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO PORT-AU-PRINCE

Updated list of supplies urgently needed from in-country team

Naples, FL—January 15, 2009—Hope for Haiti, a non-profit organization based in Florida, will send two 757 airplanes to Port-au-Prince on Saturday, January 16, 2010. Go Daddy's unprecedented \$500,000 donation will allow the airplanes—one of which was generously donated by GE—to reach the Hope for Haiti trauma team. The planes will carry much needed medical supplies and first aid medical personnel to continue to help the earthquake survivors.

"This morning Hope for Haiti was prepared to send two private planes piloted by local friends of the organization, full of supplies, five doctors, and three nurses, unfortunately, at the last minute, we had to abort our flight due to Port-au-Prince's overwhelmed airport and a lack of fuel for a return flight to restock the plane," said Hope for Haiti, Executive Director, Elizabeth Davison.

The organization is coordinating its efforts with the United Nations' Mission to Haiti (MINUSTAH) to ensure that it is able to help the most people possible with the best care available.

"MINUSTAH is quite understandably shaken—they are missing a lot of local staff, and are doing their best to recoup," said Hope for Haiti Country Director Mike Stewart who has set up a Trauma Unit at the Villa Creole Hotel in Petion-Ville.

"Basic human services are virtually nonexistent, not only in Port-au-Prince, but in most of the country. Delivery of water, food, medicine, and qualified personnel to the people who need them most is essential," he said.

"Much is needed to help the survivors. Below is a list of emergency, medical supplies, and medications most requested and urgent. These supplies can be dropped off at the Hope for Haiti office. Non-Naples area residents are encouraged to help with monetary donations, which can be online via the organization's Web site www.hopeforhaiti.com. The money raised will help expedite donated supplies to Haiti.

Emergency Supplies Needed:

- Headlamps
- Batteries (AA/AAA)
- Hazmat suits
- Respirators
- Medical masks
- Body bags
- Tents
- Clothes (new)
- Food

Medical Supplies Needed:

- Gloves – all sizes
- Hand sanitizer (large bottles)
- 1 Gallon size Ziplock bags
- Band-Aids (all sizes)
- Sutures (all sizes)

Medications Needed:

- Heavy pain killers
- Local anesthesia
- Kwell lotion (scabies) or medical soap
- Sparonox
- Griseofulvin, Fulvicin (Nail fungus/infections)
- Bactrim (UTI)
- Ciprofloxacin
- Silvadene cream
- Hydrochlorthyozide (Hypertension)
- Aspirin (children and adult)
- Neosporin
- Itrikonzole (antifungal pediatrics for head fungus)
- Iodine salt (Goiders)
- Amoxil or Augmentin (chewable antibiotics for children -refrigerated antibiotics are not realistic)
- Muscle relaxants (medication for handicap children specifically)
- Children vitamins
- Adult Vitamins
- Tylenol
- Malaquine (children malaria syrup)
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Topical antifungal creams
- Any diuretic meds
- Tums
- Antacids

“I cannot even begin to thank you all for your prayers and support,” said Stewart. “Please continue to spread the word and share information. This is going to be a long hard road ahead. Blessings to everyone who is helping.”

The Hope for Haiti Naples office is abuzz with activity as volunteers, supplies and donations arrive. “The staff is thrilled to have the support of the surrounding community. Fundraisers are being held, Old Navy through Florida is having fundraisers, Blue Martini has named a new drink Hope for Haiti and the list goes on.” said Davison.

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