Donations Still Needed for Families of Haitian Associates

Several Ocean Reef organizations continue to actively collect donations for the families of 150 Haitian Associates who were severely affected by the recent earthquake. Those who wish to donate through the Foundation can do so through their Donor Advised Accounts or by writing a check to the Ocean Reef Foundation, with “Haiti Relief” in the memo. Donations can be dropped off at the Cultural Center Office or mailed to 200 Anchor Drive, Key Largo, FL 33037. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Foundation Administrator Yarianna Mikolay at 367-4707.

The Human Resources Office continues to welcome donations of food, water and supplies between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Requested items include:

- Food items (must be ready to eat, as there is no electricity or means of cooking): canned vegetables, fruits, soups, stews, beans and chili; canned meats such as spam, tuna, salmon and chicken; cereal, dried fruit, crackers, evaporated milk, dry milk, water and oatmeal; peanut butter, nuts, bread and jelly or jam; protein bars and cereal bars. Food items that are high in protein and fiber are preferred over those that are high in fat, as they offer greater nourishment.
- Water
- Medical Supplies: bandages, gauze, alcohol, medicines (cold and flu), ointments, cough syrup and vitamins.
- Children's Items: toys, diapers, baby food, formula
- Toiletries: soap, tampons, feminine napkins, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, dish soap.
- Clothing and Household: Socks, blankets, clothing (all sizes), underwear, towels, sheets, pillows and shoes.
- Additional Supplies: calling cards, batteries, flashlights, matches, lighters, candles and lanterns.

An update of the relief efforts and measures taken to assist our Haitian Associates will appear in the Feb. 5 Ocean Reef Press.