

SCHOOL DISTRICT HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF SUMMARY

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A huge thanks to all district employees for the generous donations and participation in the various projects and activities that help support the Haiti Relief effort during this past school year. Your efforts produced a large sum of cash and tons of supplies for the victims of the January 12th earthquake. Given the economic strain we are all experiencing from the recession, this is a remarkable achievement in response to the needs of the people in Haiti. It reflects your awareness that the humanitarian crisis in Haiti will not be solved in the short term.

This document serves as a summary and final update on the Haiti Relief effort as the school year comes to a close.

1. MONETARY DONATIONS

*Since January 13th, district schools, departments and staff have donated a grand total of **\$90,188.41**. The donations were presented to The Greater Chapter of the American Red Cross, United Way, Missionary Flights International and other organizations.*

2. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

*There were approximately **60** schools that involved their students, staff and parents in organizing special activities, including food drives, fundraising and other presentations and events in support of the relief effort for Haiti.*

3. NEW HAITIAN STUDENT ENROLLMENT

*District schools continue to receive new Haitian students as a result of the January 12th earthquake. As of May 21, 2010, **654** new Haitian students have enrolled in schools in Palm Beach County.*

4. SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED AT THE SCHOOLS TO NEW ENROLLED HAITIAN STUDENTS

The Florida Department of Education, the Palm Beach County Health Care District and the School District of Palm Beach County combined their efforts and put in place appropriate procedures to assure that new students coming from Haiti after the earthquake attend school.

5. ON-GOING EFFORTS FOR HAITI RELIEF

On-going efforts for Haiti relief by schools and departments are encouraged as many schools and student groups have scheduled long-term activities to continue providing help to Haiti. The Department of Public Affairs will continue to coordinate if necessary any effort organized by the schools. The contacts for Haiti Relief are: Jimmy Peterkin: peterkinj@palmbeach.k12.fl.us (561) 434-7323 and Bito David: david@palmbeach.k12.fl.us, phone: (561) 963-3820