

## Press Release

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The Haitian American Professionals Coalition (HAPC) extends prayers to the people of Haiti and all Haitian American families during this crisis in Haiti. HAPC is asking that all members of the South Florida Haitian American community participate in the HAPC Relief Effort. The effort has been divided into three phases. Phase 1 will be a medical assessment of what victims need RIGHT NOW. Phase II is expediting the process of getting victims these necessities as soon as possible and finally, Phase III will be a series of strategically planned missions that will aide in efforts for stabilization. Please visit [HAPCoalition.org](http://HAPCoalition.org) for continuous updates regarding the HAPC Relief Mission, donations and fundraising efforts. Members of HAPC will meet on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 6pm, Roti Pan Caribbean Flavas Restaurant, 6303 Miramar Parkway, Miramar, FL 33023 to further refine mission details. All organizations who are interested in participating in the relief effort are invited to attend.

HAPC is collecting medical supplies, medication (antibiotics and pain killers), bandages, gauze, alcohol swabs, syringes, gloves, isolation gowns, mask, etc... Please contact HAPC for drop off points.

HAPC is a U.S.-based, volunteer non-profit (501c3) organization that has been in existence since 2001. Currently the core members associations of HAPC are:

*Haitian Lawyers Association (HLA)*  
*Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida (HANA)*  
*Association of Haitian Educators of Dade (AHED)*  
*Association of Haitian Social Workers (AHSW)*  
*Haitian American Engineers and Scientists (HAES)*  
*Haitian American Center for Economic and Public Affairs (HACEPA)*  
*Haitian American Law Enforcement Fraternal Organization (HALEFO)*  
*Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida (HACCOF)*  
*Association of Exchange and Development of Activities and Partnership (AEDAP)*  
*Caribbean American Visual Cultural Preservation (CAVCP)*

The main goal of HAPC is to build a strong platform to advocate, develop and implement effective interventions and policies that address major gaps and disparities in health, legal, academic, political and socio-economic issues which affect Haitians locally, nationally and internationally.

This is an opportunity to give back to Haiti and show your commitment to our community abroad. Under the stars that light the sky of Haiti and South Florida, we will work, toil, serve and most importantly, rekindle the faith we have in our ability to heal Haiti. We invite the South Florida community to work with us to make a difference in the lives of those affected by this dreadful earthquake. We look forward to seeing you. Please visit us on FaceBook or at [www.HAPCCoalition.Org](http://www.HAPCCoalition.Org) to make a donation.

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