

PRESS STATEMENT

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Radiothon and Megathon to Collect Goods and Money for Flood Victims in Haiti, Saturday September 20th and Sunday September 21st.

Boston, Massachusetts, September 17, 2008. Over one million are affected in Haiti by the recent hurricanes: Fay, Gustav, Hanna and Ike. The actual death toll rose to more than 800. Cities and towns, including Gonaives, Jacmel, Cabaret and Mirebalais, are flooded, causing more than 1/8 of the population to become homeless, the loss of thousands of livestock, and the destruction of infrastructure (roads, bridges, and schools) and agricultural plantations. "I have never seen anything as painful", said Dr. Paul Farmer.

The New England Haiti Relief Effort announces two initiatives:

- **A Radiothon on Saturday, September 20th from 12 to 6PM, on Radio Concorde 1580 AM, Boston, and several other media outlets)**
- **A Megathon on Sunday, September 21st from 2PM to 6PM – at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, 1350 Tremont St, Boston**

Please continue to make monetary contributions at:

- **Citizens Bank, Account # 1313181878. Please make checks payable to "New England Haiti Hurricane Relief Fund".**

Drop off all donated goods at the **Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, 1350 Tremont Street, Boston.**

- Medical and hygiene supplies (over the counter medicine, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, and sanitary products, etc.)
- School supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, backpacks, etc.)

Special presentations by:

- Local Dignitaries
- A host of Haitian artists (including the famous singer, Jean Michel Daudier)
- The Panama Folklore Group
- Local clergymen

Partial list of Supporting Organizations:

Association of Haitian Women (AFAB), Center for Community Health Education and Research (CCHER), Coalition des Roche-à-Batelais pour l'Expansion Locale (CORABEL), Foundation for the Technological and Economic Advancement of Mirebalais (FATEM), Gonaives en Marche, Haitian Multi-Service Center/ Catholic Charities, Haitian American Public Health Initiatives (HAPHI), Haitian-Americans United (HAU), Home Town Association Resource Group, Mass. Community Health Services in Brockton, The Road to Development, YOFES, EDEM Foundation, etc...