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Helping Nonprofits Respond to the Crisis in Haiti

SPOKANE, WA, *1.21.10*—At Inland Northwest Community Foundation (INWCF), our hearts go out to the people of Haiti who are suffering terrible consequences as a result of the recent earthquake. One of the best ways to help the Haitian people is to make monetary donations to organizations that are experienced in disaster relief and have a presence in Haiti.

Traditionally, philanthropy reflects long-term strategic investments to create lasting change, whereas charity is more short term and immediate. During times of natural disaster, both philanthropy and charity respond together to ensure favorable outcomes for people and communities.

These local organizations are among the many excellent agencies providing disaster relief directly to Haiti. You may contact them by visiting their Web sites for more information:

American Red Cross, Inland Northwest Chapter, <http://www.spokaneredcross.org>

Catholic Charities, Spokane, <http://www.catholiccharitiesspokane.org>

Salvation Army, Spokane, <http://www.salvationarmyspokane.org>

If you are a donor who is interested in contributing to national charities and would like to ensure their legitimacy, please visit the Better Business Bureau Web site at www.bbb.org/us and search for Haiti Relief. Donors interested in making a gift from their donor-advised fund can do so online at www.inwcf.org. If you need a password, please contact PJ Watters at pjwatters@inwcf.org. You can also support the endowment of one of these local organizations through our Web site by making a gift to the Mary Elizabeth Ralston Fund for the benefit of the Salvation Army.

Founded in 1974, INWCF serves 10 Eastern Washington counties and 10 North Idaho counties to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. The community foundation currently manages 285 funds valued at more than \$55 million and has awarded \$37 million in grants and scholarships since its inception, positively impacting thousands of lives in this region.

For more information on INWCF and its work in the Inland Northwest, please visit www.inwcf.org.

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