

# HAITI *How You Can Help*

The earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12<sup>th</sup> was one of the most destructive natural disasters of our time. It killed more than 200,000 people and left 1 million homeless. But the toll was far greater than mere numbers can convey. The quake shattered the lives of women, men, and children. People from all walks of life. Old and young. They now face the rainy season with little more than a tarp over their heads and the memory of what they've lost.

*You can help us do more. Here's how.*

**Make a donation** Your donation will go straight to survivors. Contributions in any amount can save lives. You can help them get food, water, shelter, medical care, and other necessities. But more than that, you can bring them hope. You can give securely online at [ARCreief.org](http://ARCreief.org).

**Border Crossings** Find out more about the refugee crisis, what we do to help, and how you can join us at this one-hour presentation with Daniel Wordsworth, American Refugee Committee President. Border Crossings is at 5:30 p.m. at our headquarters the first Tuesday of each month (March 9th, April 13th, May 11th). Please RSVP with Jessica Phinney at 612-607-6480 or [JessicaP@archq.org](mailto:JessicaP@archq.org).

**Volunteer Night** The first Tuesday of each month is Volunteer Night! Volunteers enjoy food and conversation as they complete essential projects that keep people engaged with our work. First-time volunteers are encouraged to attend Border Crossings before jumping in. Please RSVP with Jessica Phinney at 612-607-6480 or [JessicaP@archq.org](mailto:JessicaP@archq.org).

**Come to an event...** Check out our Community Calendar at [ARCreief.org](http://ARCreief.org) for information on the latest briefings, events, and fundraisers for the American Refugee Committee's Haiti response.

**...or host your own!** Start a challenge, fundraiser, or contest to help raise awareness and donations. Supporters have organized concerts, used toy sales, root beer float stands (at a law firm), hair-dyeing contests, bicycle treks across Africa... The possibilities are endless. Please contact Jenna Moeger at [JennaM@archq.org](mailto:JennaM@archq.org) to discuss ideas and get support. We are here to help you!

**Company Campaigns** We can also help your company set up matching, in-kind, or cash donation programs. We can speak at events, provide content for employee communications, tout your good will, and give ongoing updates about the situation in Haiti. For help, contact Emily Porter at 612-607-6481 or [EmilyP@archq.org](mailto:EmilyP@archq.org).



# Be an Advocate for Haiti

Do you have a passion for humanitarian relief? Are you an artist, a mother, a local business owner, a neighbor, a student...a person who wants to make a difference in Haiti?

The American Refugee Committee is calling on YOU! Join the Community Advocates – Haiti Relief program. Your talents and interests can help Haitians rebuild their lives!

## Step 1: Choose a committee.

Each advocate committee will reach out to a different area of our community. Choose from:

- Arts
- Grassroots
- Business
- Education

## Step 2: Take action!

Your committee will steer community outreach efforts in your area of interest.

- Launch your own community fundraiser – designed, organized and led by committee members!
- Arrange speaking engagements with people who share your passion for helping others.

You can work with your book club, a local restaurant, your child's school, the local rotary club, your own workplace, a group of local artists... whoever wants to help raise critical funds that will help Haitians rebuild their lives and their community.

## Your commitment

Community Advocates – Haiti Relief is a three-month program designed to address the immediate needs of earthquake survivors in Haiti. As such, it will be active and fast-paced. As an advocate, you should anticipate committing at least five hours per week.

## What you get in return

As an advocate, you'll receive staff support and exclusive access to the latest updates on Haiti. You'll be invited to meet face-to-face with staff who've just returned. Hear stories of people they met, and find out what's really happening on the ground. You'll also get the satisfaction of knowing you've directly made a difference in the lives of people who have lost everything.

## How to Apply

We are currently accepting applications for a limited number of spots. If you're interested in becoming an advocate, please contact Jessica Phinney at [JessicaP@archq.org](mailto:JessicaP@archq.org) or 612-607-6480.



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Based in Minneapolis, the American Refugee Committee has been responding to humanitarian emergencies and disasters for 30 years. We are dedicated to putting your money to work. 89 cents of every \$1 we raise goes directly to help survivors. Visit our web site for more information on our response, upcoming events, and to sign up for regular e-mail updates on Haiti.

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