

## Haiti relief effort needs your support

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On January 12th a 7.0 (out of 10 on the Richter scale) earthquake shook the south side of the small island of Haiti. Since that tragic day over two and a half weeks ago, support and relief efforts have been organized.

Haiti is a country with a long history of rampant poverty, juxtaposed against their long history of independence.

Haiti was established as an independent republic over 200 years ago. Since then the

Haitian people have been in a constant fight against poverty and natural disasters.

This earthquake, while only the first registered natural disaster of the new decade, has the potential to be the worst

However, relief was quick to come to the Haitians. Everyone from celebrities

to sports icons have sought to raise not only money for the people of Haiti, but also awareness

about the devastation that this small nation has repeatedly overcome.

There are many ways that you can aid in

the efforts to relief the people of Haiti.

Almost every relief agency ranging from the Red Cross to small independent community agencies ask simply for a donation. No amount of money is too small and will be distributed to those who need it the most.

You can make donations expressly to the Haiti relief fund on their website: <http://www.haitirelieffund.org/>. Another way to make a donation is to text the word "Haiti" to 90999 on your cell phone.

A \$10 donation will be added to your cell phone bill and will go to help the Red Cross in their relief efforts. Any donation is appreciated; it doesn't even have to be your cell phone.

If your roommate makes you mad then make a donation in their honor with their cell phone.

Even though immediate relief has been provided this problem will not simply go away over night, your donations will help ensure that every Haitian affected by this disaster has food, water, shelter, and first





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