



Philanthropy Responds to Haiti

Total pledges near \$76 million

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Foundations across the globe immediately responded to the devastation in the wake of the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010. In line with past efforts following significant global disasters, the Council on Foundations is tracking its members' philanthropic response to the Haiti earthquake. To date:

- 128 foundation and giving program members have self-reported their relief and recovery support to the Council.
- \$75,939,545 in direct support has been pledged. As part of this total, foundations pledged to match more than \$8.4 million in donations from the public or corporate employees.
- To encourage public support, most (70%) community foundations are creating a special fund dedicated to Haiti.
- Members from the business community are also contributing valuable non-cash resources, such as product and personnel, to help assist the governmental and NGO agencies on the ground.
- In their efforts, Council members are taking a mixed approach to their support, allocating funds for both immediate and long-term needs.
- Nearly all members are providing support through U.S.-based intermediary partner organizations that have a presence in Haiti.

Descriptions of individual members' giving activities are collected on the Council's special Web page dedicated to the Haiti earthquake, available at www.cof.org/disasterresponse, which also provides resources and legal FAQs on disaster grantmaking. As commitments to Haiti recovery continue to unfold, members are encouraged to submit their activities or update their listing by emailing disasterresponse@cof.org.