

Contribute what you can afford but contribute.

FACTS ON ROTARY:

Founded in 1905

Largest International service organization in the world in 200 countries and regions.

Motto: Service Above Self

Mission: World Understanding and Peace

MEMBERSHIP FACTS:

World Membership = 1.2 million members plus spouses and Youth clubs

Bahamas = 400 members

HAITI = 350+ members IN 17 CLUBS

5 HAITI CLUBS IN THE HARDEST HIT AREAS: Port au Prince, Delmas (say *Dell-MA*) Airport, Petion-Ville (say *Petty-on-vil*), Carrefour (say *Kafu*), Jacmel (say *Jack-mal*)

BAHAMAS CLUBS:

12 Clubs in the Bahamas

Nassau = 6

Abaco = 1

Cat Island = 1

Eleuthera = 1

Freeport = 3

ARE THERE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TO COVER?

NO - 100% of donations go to help people. Rotarians pay out of their pockets for administrative costs.

WHY GIVE TO ROTARY?

We already have a network in place and Our Rotary Satellite Phone System in the Caribbean enabled us to establish and maintain communications with Haitian Rotarians from the first hour of the disaster

Rotary will be helping the Red Cross to ship donations to Haiti.

OUR MEDICAL AID IS GETTING DIRECTLY TO WHERE ITS NEEDED.

Hospitals located in Pignon (say *Pin -yon*) and Les Cayes (say *Lay-ki*) are being run by Rotarians.

Dr. Claude Surena, head of the Haiti Health Commission is also a Rotarian and has turned his home into a clinic and has approximately 100 people being treated there.

Bahamian & Haitian Rotarians are working with clubs around the world to get help for the immediate and the long term.

WHY ARE WE ASKING FOR CASH?

FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Funds raised will go towards purchasing medication and medical equipment directly from manufacturers and foreign drug companies at wholesale prices, not retail. Our dollars will go further with our network. Storage of 'stuff' is becoming an issue.

DOCTORS

We have sent doctors and have more on their way.

REBUILDING

We will continue working with our Rotarians in Haiti for the long term to help rebuild

BANK ACCOUNT

Account set up for The Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas is controlled by a COMMITTEE of long serving Rotarians.

WHERE ARE THE SUPPLIES GOING?

Communities where we have Rotary Clubs in Haiti and areas where Haitians are evacuating to.

WHAT HAS ROTARY DONE SO FAR?

60+ flights as of Jan 24th

55,000 lbs. of medical supplies.

WHAT KIND OF FOOD CAN WE SEND?

Rice, Beans, Cornmeal, Dried foods, Canned foods, Powdered milk (**only pop top cans**)

WHAT ABOUT HELPING BAHAMIANS?

Our current projects and programs for local charities are continuing as usual. Money raised for Haiti is separate and will have no affect on our local efforts. We cannot neglect our own so we must do both.