

Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.

Disaster Relief Funds to Haiti!

On Tuesday afternoon, January 12th, the worst earthquake in 200 years - 7.0 in magnitude - struck less than ten miles from the Caribbean city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The initial quake was later followed by twelve aftershocks, with a magnitude greater 5.0. Structures of all kinds were damaged or collapsed, from shantytown homes to national landmarks. Millions of people are likely displaced and thousands are feared dead as a result of this devastating disaster.

As rescue teams from all over the world descend on Haiti to help where they are needed, the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. has sent a contribution of \$2,000 for the relief efforts currently being conducted as a result of this devastating earthquake.

After much investigating, it has been determined by the Foundation and International Office, that this contribution would be best utilized by sending it to the American Red Cross.

The American Red Cross has set up a field hospital in Jacmel which will be able to treat approximately 200 people per day, in addition to supplying medical kits to treat 2000 patients and hundreds of blankets and sheets. An American Red Cross water trucking program is now providing clean water for those living in a makeshift camp. In the days ahead, the Red Cross will begin to provide temporary shelters, providing kits that contain tarps, rope and tools, as well as tents and blankets for initially 20,000 families.

Your individual or club contributions toward these relief efforts are welcomed and appreciated. Any contributions received by the International Foundation earmarked for the relief efforts being conducted as a result of the earthquake in Haiti will be forwarded directly to the American Red Cross for their use in helping to ease the pain that these people are experiencing.

Thank you,

Cindi Buxton
Foundation Chair