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**“L’UNION FAIT LA FORCE”(STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY):  
CELEBS, GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS IN ATLANTA,  
MIAMI & NY COORDINATE MASS EFFORT TO RELIEVE  
VICTIMS OF HAITI EARTHQUAKE**

(ATLANTA) - January 14, 2010 – Several celebrities and grassroots organizations in Atlanta, Miami and New York have joined forces in a mass effort to provide aid to the victims of the 7.0 earthquake in Haiti.

Singer/songwriter Melky Jean’s **Carma Foundation**, Atlanta-based **The Haitian Alliance**, New York’s **Haitian Memorial Foundation**, the **City of Miami** and **WEEN** (Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network) are offering local communities ways in which they assist in the Haiti relief effort.

Celebrities and executives such as **Melky Jean, Jamie Hector, Daphnee Duplaix, Sha Money, Tony Yayo, Mona Scott-Young, Raekwon, Claudine Joseph, Patty Laurent, and La La Vazquez** have all signed on to help spread the word about this grassroots movement.

**YOUR CALL TO ACTION:**

**FOR NATIONAL DONATIONS TO HAITI**

The Port-au-Prince offices of the **Carma Foundation** – whose mission is to improve the health of poor and vulnerable women and children in Haiti – were seriously affected by the Haiti earthquake. Make a monetary donation at <http://www.carmafoundation.org/> to help Carma send missionaries to Haiti to aid in the relief effort.

**MIAMI:**

- **The City of Miami, District 5** is accepting donations of emergency supplies such as clothing, water, first aid and canned food to send immediately to Haiti. Contact Tracy Lozama in the District 5 office at 305-253-5390 for more information.

**ATLANTA:**

- Make a monetary donation to **The Haitian Alliance** to help send missionaries and emergency supplies to Haiti at [www.transformhaiti.org](http://www.transformhaiti.org).
- The Haitian Alliance is also collecting relief materials such as drinking water, first aid items, toiletries, non-perishable food rations, baby formula, linens and more.

**The Haitian Alliance Drop-off Locations:**

- **WRFG Radio** -Mon – Fri; 11:00AM – 6:00PM; Sat (1/16) – 2PM-4PM; 1083 Austin Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30307-1940
- **Northside Women's Specialists** -Mon – Fri; 8:30AM - 5:00PM; 980 Johnson Ferry Rd, Suite 620,Atlanta, GA 30342-1608
- **Northside Women's Specialists** - Mon – Fri; 8:00AM - 3:30PM; 1015 Mansell Road, Roswell, GA 30076-1507
- **Club Intrigue** - Mon-Sun; 4PM – until; 5471 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING EVENT:

**Rebuild Haiti: A Benefit Concert for Haitian Relief** - Tues, Jan. 19; Lenny's Bar - **486 Decatur Street Atlanta, 30312** - 7pm to 12am; Tickets: \$8 at the door. (100% Profits will be Donated to The Haitian Alliance for the Haitian Relief efforts). *Six bands participate in A Night of live Reggae and feel-good music. Monetary and in kind donation boxes will be accepted. Please see: <http://www.TransformHaiti.org> for list of needed items.* For more information, visit [www.unitedforjamaica.org](http://www.unitedforjamaica.org).

**NEW YORK:**

- The **Haitian Memorial Foundation** and **WEEN** are seeking volunteers to donate and gather supplies as well as travel to Haiti to assist in the global relief effort.

To offer your help/resources, call **I. Maxime Auguste** at 914-751-3303. You **can drop-off emergency supplies** at the HMF office at 435 South Broadway, Suite #1, Yonkers NY 10705. [www.haitianmemorialfoundation.org](http://www.haitianmemorialfoundation.org).

- **Supplies Drop-Off Location:** To donate dry food, non perishable items, sneakers, flat shoes, sandals, clothing, blankets, baby wipe, water bottles, etc to aid workers who are on-the-ground in Haiti, please see the address and times below:

2115 Nostrand Ave, 3rd Fl (b/w Flatbush & Glenwood), Brooklyn NYC  
 Time: 12p - 8p  
 Dates: Fri 1/15, Sat 1/16, & Sun 1/17

ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING EVENT:

If you're in the New York area on **Monday, January 18**, you can drop off emergency supplies at the **Benefit Bash for Haiti** hosted by **Patty Laurent, Mona Scott-Young, Daphnee Duplaix, Wiener Milien (NYC TV), the Heavy Hitters, I. Maxime Auguste** (Haitian Memorial Foundation) and more. Location: **Crimson** (formerly Strata), 915 Broadway, New York, NY 10010. For more information call 212-844-9829 or email [pattylaurent.signature@gmail.com](mailto:pattylaurent.signature@gmail.com).

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