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Dear Friends,

As you all know, the earthquake and its aftershocks have devastated Haiti. It is still early in the recovery effort, but millions are likely displaced and uncountable numbers are dead and feared dead as rescue teams from all over the world descend on this small Caribbean nation to help.

There have been many wonderful outpourings of ideas for raising funds and good thoughts for our brothers and sisters suffering in Haiti. What communities of compassion we have together! Please continue to inform us of your community's fund raising efforts and we will chronicle them to stimulate ideas and to acknowledge these good efforts. We hope to work together for many years for the people of Haiti, as this level of disruption and misery will be long in healing.

If your school is looking for ways to collaborate on helping Haiti, we offer these two ideas for your school to consider.

We invite you to join students from the Waldorf School of Garden City, the Brooklyn Waldorf School, the Rudolf Steiner School in Manhattan, and the Green Meadow Waldorf School in Chestnut Ridge, New York, in the extensive coin-drive they have organized in response to the dire need of the Haitian people. Empty water jugs have been placed throughout these schools so that teachers, parents, students, and community members can donate whatever coins they have towards this effort. We encourage ALL Waldorf schools to participate by placing your own water jugs out at your school to collect coins. You can send the money you collect directly to the charity of your choice. The Rudolf Steiner School of New York City will give their coins to "Oxfam America for relief to Haiti;" the Waldorf School of Garden City will forward their gifts to Yéle Haiti; and the Green Meadow and Brooklyn Waldorf Schools will send their gifts to "Partners in Health." You can send to one of these charities or to a charity of your own choice.

On February 6th, the teachers at the Nelson Waldorf School have called all Waldorf communities the world around to gather sponsors to contribute to a knit-a-thon for Haiti. Please see the flyer and sponsor form attached for more information on this inventive idea – assistance in a pure Waldorf mode! Maybe this could become an annual event for restoring Haiti.

Thank you for all the help you can give.

Yours in service,

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