



Hope for Haiti

Raising Money for Haitian Relief





On Tuesday, February 2, three weeks to the day after an earthquake struck Port-au-Prince at 4:53 pm, Staples Swimming and the Westport Weston Family Y Water Rat Swim Team will “Swim for Haiti” to raise money for Save the Children's relief efforts. The fundraising event will take place at the same time at both Staples High School and the Westport Weston Family Y.

Twenty-one days after the earthquake has symbolic significance. More than half of Haiti's population is under the age of 21. Children are at particular risk in the weeks ahead. That is why Staples Swimming and the Westport Weston Family Y have decided to support Westport-based Save the Children, which has been providing health, education and food to vulnerable Haitian children for 25 years.

The last time the Westport swimmers raised money for Save the Children was in 2005, when the Water Rats held a swim for Asian Tsunami relief. The swim team raised nearly \$19,000. This year we want to raise more.

Swimmers should use a contributor sheet to record donations. We want swimmers to contact friends and family in Connecticut and out of state. Contributor sheets may be turned in during Swim for Haiti or at practice. But all contributor sheets and checks are due no later than practice on Thursday, February 4, 2010. The next day we will deliver the money to Save the Children.



Y Brophy Pool

Bluefish	6:00 - 6:45 pm	Bluefish & Stripers swim 200 laps combined
Stripers	6:45 - 7:30 pm	

Shallows of Y Stauffer Pool

Red Group	5:15 - 5:45 pm	100 laps of the width of pool
Blue Group	5:45 - 6:30 pm	200 laps of the width of pool

Y Stauffer Pool

Senior I & II	3:30 pm	200 25-yard laps each for a total of 5,000 yards
Senior III & Adv.	5:15 pm	200 25-yard laps each for a total of 5,000 yards
Intermediate I	7:00 pm	100 25-yard laps each for a total of 2,500 yards
Intermediate II	7:00 pm	75 25-yard laps each for a total of 1,875 yards

Staples High School Pool

Girls & Boys	2:30 pm	150 25-meter laps each for a total of 3,750 meters
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Swimmer _____



Practice Group _____

Please support me when I “Swim for Haiti” on February 2, 2010 (see minimum distance below). I am raising money for Save the Children’s Haitian relief effort. Checks should be made to “Save the Children” and reference “Westport Swim.” If you prefer to pay by credit card, please use Save the Children’s credit card form.

Donor	Address	Contribution \$50 \$100 \$250 Other	Paid Check Number or CC for Credit Card Form Attached

Y Bluefish & Stripers swim 200 laps combined

Y Red Group 100 laps of the width of pool

Y Blue Group 200 laps of the width of pool

Y Intermediate II 75 25-yard laps each for a total of 1,875 yards

Y Intermediate I 100 25-yard laps each for a total of 2,500 yards

Y Senior III & Adv. 200 25-yard laps each for a total of 5,000 yards

Y Senior I & II 200 25-yard laps each for a total of 5,000 yards

Staples High School 150 25-meter laps each for a total of 3,750 meters





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Thank you for supporting Save the Children's Emergency Response in Haiti

Save the Children is the leading independent organization creating lasting change in the lives of children in need in the United States and around the world. Recognized for our commitment to accountability, innovation and collaboration, our work takes us into the heart of communities, where we help children and families help themselves. To support Save the Children's emergency programs in Haiti, please complete the form below:

Group Name: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Date of Donation: _____ Amount of Donation: \$ _____

Donation Method: Credit Card Check (make checks payable to Save the Children)

Credit Card Type: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date (Month/Year): _____ / _____

Name of Card Holder: _____

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Yes, I give Save the Children permission to send me e-mail.

My e-mail address is: _____

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- Ways to get involved and or/upcoming events
- Advocacy e-newsletter and action alerts
- E-mails from other non-profits and commercial organizations

Save the Children's Response to Earthquake-affected Children in Haiti

Fact Sheet



A collapsed building in Port-Au-Prince. REUTERS/Reuters
TV courtesy www.alertnet.org

The Emergency: Shortly before 5 p.m. on January 12, an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter Scale struck the impoverished island nation of Haiti – the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere and the scene of frequent disasters. The epicenter of the earthquake was centered 14 miles southeast of the capital of Port-Au-Prince, which has some 2 million residents. While the extent of the devastation and casualties – which are feared to be massive – is still being revealed, Save the Children staff on the scene report many collapsed and damaged buildings. The earthquake is believed to be the worst in Haiti's modern history.

The Impact on Children: Children are always among the most vulnerable during emergencies. The earthquake has forced families whose homes were damaged or destroyed into the open, leaving children vulnerable because they are exposed to the elements and at increased risk of diseases. Children have experienced a tremendous shock and face uncertainty in the coming weeks and months. They also are without the security and comfort of possessions, daily routines and contact with friends. It is critical that they return to a normal routine as soon as possible.

Save the Children's Response: Save the Children has had a presence in Haiti for over 20 years and launches immediate relief for children affected by the island's frequent natural disasters. Save the Children is conducting rapid assessments of need in and around hard-hit communities, is sending international disaster relief experts, is initiating relief that will include food and non-food supplies and plans to address displaced families' health and hygiene needs. With all indications of an extreme emergency, the agency is planning for a large-scale response and has released funding from its Halaby-Murphy Endowment Fund to help underpin initial activities.

Save the Children has worked in Haiti since 1985, primarily in the capital city of Port-au-Prince and the Central Plateau region, providing health, education, protection and food security programs to vulnerable children.

Given the expected great magnitude of need, Save the Children has issued an appeal for support to initiate and sustain work that will focus on the immediate needs of children and their survival and rapid recovery. Please support our responses to affected children and families by visiting www.savethechildren.org to make a gift or learn more.



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