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# News Release

## **Vincentians in the Diaspora Rally for Haiti**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010:**

Vincentians residing in the United States have been coming together to provide much needed support for survivors of earthquake-ravaged Haiti...

SVG's Ambassador to the U.S.A. and Permanent Representative to the O.A.S., Her Excellency La Celia Prince, has confirmed that Vincentian Associations in both Florida and Pennsylvania are collecting clothing and canned-foods and raising funds for the relief effort. In Washington D.C., the community-spirited Kenly "Shortmus" John has started an online group on Facebook, which is working assiduously to collect donations. Mr. John has also solicited the support of Vincentian shippers in New York and has received their undertaking to assist in transporting items to Haiti.

In Florida, Vincentian recording artiste, Kevin Lyttle, has teamed up with another Vincentian, Wayne Hazlewood who owns an air-charter company, and members of the Florida Haitian community, to transport food, medicine and other emergency supplies to Haiti on private charter flights. One such flight was despatched on Saturday, to the Dominican Republic where the goods were off-loaded to be transported by trucks to Haiti.

Ambassador Prince has issued an appeal to all Vincentian Associations to contribute to the relief effort which is being coordinated by the Embassy in Washington and the Consulate in New York. Funds collected are being channelled to the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) which is the development and disaster relief institution of the Organisation of the American States.

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