

Dear Neighbors:

Am Shalom's *Fanchon Simon's Helping the Hungry* program and other friends from Glencoe are establishing **The Glencoe Haitian Relief Fund** for Haitian members of our community to help them support their families in Haiti who were directly affected by the earthquake. Jean Banave Bene and Shelda Jean Philippe work at Grand Foods; Shapa Santil is employed at Food Stuffs; and Willer Laude and Genet Gaston are both working at Glencoe Schools. The plight of their family members, striving to rebuild their lives after the devastation of the earthquake, has inspired this effort to unite the Glencoe community to come to their aid.

The Glencoe Haitian Relief Fund will provide support directly to these families in need through their relatives who work in Glencoe and whom many of us have come to know. One hundred percent of monies collected in Glencoe will go directly to help these Haitian families rebuild their lives. At this time, financial donations are more critically needed than clothing, blankets or other household items. Funds collected may be used for a range of expenses including travel, housing and basic necessities such as food and medical care.

Contributions for this community relief effort can be made by check to 'Am Shalom (Haitian Relief)' and sent directly to the synagogue at 840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe, IL 60022. Contributions will be tax-deductible and all contributions will be publicly accounted for. We hope that this will be a community-wide effort. Please forward this note to friends and neighbors who may also be interested in the opportunity to make a donation. If you would like to be involved directly with this committee, please contact us.

Many thanks,

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Glencoe Haitian Relief Fund Committee (in formation)

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