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HAITIAN AMERICAN EMERGENCY RELIEF COMMITTEE TEAMS WITH BAAB TO BRING ASSISTANCE TO HAITI

(MIAMI, January 13, 2010) -- The Haitian American Emergency Relief Committee (HAERC) has teamed with members of Miami-Dade County's Black Affairs Advisory Board (BAAB) to gather assistance for citizens of Haiti after the devastating earthquake which hit the country January 12th.

The Haitian American Emergency Relief Committee is a 501c3 which was formed several years ago following the devastating back-to-back hurricanes which battered Haiti. Since then, the organization has made humanitarian visits to the country and distributed several tons of food and non-perishable items as well as toys to children during the holidays.

At this point, the HAERC's executive director, D.J. Fabien is planning to travel to Haiti to gauge the impact of the earthquake and establish possible distribution points to direct the anticipated outpouring of assistance. "Anyone who wishes to donate to HAERC's relief efforts can do so by visiting the organization's website, which is www.haerc.org. All funds or goods donated to the HAERC will be distributed directly to those in need. As a Haitian businessman currently residing in Miami, Fabien travels frequently to Haiti and has established a close relationship with other organizations that provide assistance to Haitian residents. "As a result of my travels and connections, I have a "hands on" approach to providing aid to those who are most needy," he concluded.

The Black Affairs Advisory Board supports the efforts of the Haitian American Emergency Relief Committee and staff has been involved in providing administrative and fundraising support to the organization. The BAAB exists to address concerns and advocate on behalf of the Black World Community and reports to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners.

For further details on the Haitian American Emergency Relief Committee (HAERC) visit the organization's website at www.haerc.org . For details on the Black Affairs Advisory Board, contact Retha Boone-Fye at (305) 375-4606 or email rboone@miamidade.gov or visit the website at www.miamidade.gov/baab.

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