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Message Suggesting How People Can Support the Relief Effort in Haiti

Dear members of the UMDNJ community:

Our prayers and thoughts are with those of you and your families who have loved ones in Haiti and also with the people of Haiti.

On behalf of Dr. Owen, we want to thank everyone for the many offers of help, your generosity and your prayers.

Many employees have asked about going to Haiti to provide more direct help. The U.S. Department of State is not supporting this type of assistance at this point. However, we are in regular contact with the State Department and other key agencies and will consider an appropriate response when the needs of the relief effort are more clearly determined.

Staff and faculty who choose to make financial contributions to aid the relief efforts should note that the State of New Jersey suggests contributions to the following organizations:

The American Red Cross: 1-800-REDCROSS or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish),

www.redcross.org

UNICEF: 1-800-4UNICEF, www.unicef.org

Doctors Without Borders: <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org>

You may text contributions using your personal cell phones but may not use a UMDNJ phone for this purpose.

Should any of our employees need support in coping with the impact of the tragedy, please contact our Employee Assistance Program at 732-235-5930.

Thank you for your support. We will update you as the relief effort unfolds and we learn more.

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