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Community Foundation Makes Haiti Grant and Offers Disaster Grant Making Assistance and Guidance

Community Foundation has expedited a grant to assist in the recovery of the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

A \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation's Ridenour Family Fund is directed to Hôpital Albert Schweitzer Haiti (HAS). HAS, located 40 miles northwest of Port-Au-Prince, was able to withstand the recent devastating earthquake and is currently operating with full staff helping victims. With mass casualty protocols in place, the medical staff is evaluating each patient, performing diagnostic tests and delivering life saving care. Due to the expertise developed over its 54 year history, Hôpital Albert Schweitzer Haiti (HAS) is one of the few institutions positioned to provide timely hospital care for the injured. Check the www.hashaiti.org website with news of relief efforts and updates.

Community Foundation of Tompkins County, a member of the national Council on Foundations in full compliance with national standards for community foundations, has quick access to resources to assist local donors in responding to the Haiti recovery efforts. Individuals, groups and corporations wishing to consider how to assist in Haiti are encouraged visit <http://www.usig.org/disastergm/earthquakehaiti2010.asp> to review Council on Foundations' disaster grant making resources. This and additional information on making effective charitable gifts to assist Haiti are available by contacting the Community Foundation at 272-9333 or visiting its website at <http://www.communityfoundationoftc.org/>.

The Community Foundation is a non-profit public charity created by and for the people of Tompkins County. The organization accepts gifts and bequests to a variety of current or new funds. Investments are professionally managed, providing a growing source of income that enables grant making to meet the needs of today and tomorrow. Decisions for grants are made by the Community Foundation's board of directors (together, in some circumstances with donor advisors) to focus on the particular and unique needs of Tompkins County. To learn more about the Community Foundation, please contact George Ferrari, Executive Director, 309 N. Aurora Street, Ithaca, NY 14850 gferrari@communityfoundationoftc.org or call 272-9333.