

Haitian Relief Efforts

Since the news first broke that our friends and neighbors in Haiti suffered a devastating earthquake, our Village Council and Village Administration have closely monitored the tragic situation. Miami Shores Village receives situation reports from the Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations Center on a daily basis. At this point in time, officials are asking for cash donations due to the difficulty in shipping supplies to Haiti. Donations to the American Red Cross can be made at <http://www.redcross.org/>.

Should you have extra supplies on hand and wish to donate things such as bottled water, non-perishable food, tents, or medical supplies, you can bring them to the Metro-Dade Fire Station #30, located in downtown Miami Shores at N.E. 95th Street and N.E. 2nd Avenue. The Fire Department, in conjunction with the County's Emergency Operations Center, has the means to ship relief supplies to the Island. In addition, the Village Administration has set up an employee donation program coordinated by our Librarian Elizabeth Esper.

Before making cash donations, residents are urged to obtain a list of credible responding agencies. The following web sites can provide information on making informed decisions when supporting charities; www.interaction.org , www.give.org , www.globalgiving.org . Village residents can obtain additional Haitian relief information from the Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center at <http://www.miamidade.gov/oem/haiti.asp>