

Haiti Earthquake Relief Gala to Take Place in Burnaby on Saturday, February 6, 2010

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A gala cultural evening to raise urgently needed funds for earthquake relief in Haiti will take place on Saturday, February 6 at the Michael J Fox Theatre in Burnaby BC. The event will feature performances by magicians, dancers, musicians and recording artists, jugglers, comics and spoken word artists. Several speakers will report the latest information on the medical relief situation in Haiti and rebuilding task as the country goes forward.

The evening is being sponsored by Haiti Solidarity BC together with people in the arts and entertainment industry. It is titled, "HEAR US!"

Hundreds of thousands of Haitians are now refugees in their own homeland and will require aid and assistance for months and years to come--shelter, clothing, health care, schools for children, and of course, hope for the future. The key to Haiti's future development lies in the creation of institutions of empowerment of the Haitian people and their sovereign, governing institutions.

Doors will open at 6 pm and performances will last until 10 pm. A silent auction of a large number of donated goods from businesses and other contributors will offer people some entertaining and rewarding ways to contribute to Haiti relief. Our emcee will be Charlie Demers, CITY TV broadcaster.

One hundred percent of proceeds from the event will go to the following organizations in Haiti:

- * Partners in Health www.PIH.org <http://www.freethechildren.com/>
- * Doctors Without Borders www.msf.ca
- * Sawatzky Family Foundation (SOPUDEP School in Petionville) www.sopudep.org
- * International Child Care (Grace Children's Hospital in Port au Prince)
www.internationalchildcare.org

All of these organizations are registered charities in Canada, except for Partners in Health. The latter is partnered in Canada with Free the Children for donation purposes--all donations to Free the Children marked "Partners in Health" are forwarded to that organization. Thus, all contributions at the event are tax deductible. They will also be matched by the Canadian government in the form of its special fund administered by CIDA to which these and other eligible organizations can apply.

HEAR US!
(Haiti Earthquake Action Relief United Support)

Sat Feb 6th 6 -10 pm
Michael J Fox Theatre, 7373 MacPherson Avenue, Burnaby, BC
For theatre information: 604-664-8875
For web event listing:
www.hearusnow.ca
www.michaeljfoxtheatre.ca

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