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Richard Stockton College Reaching out to the Community for Support in Providing Disaster Relief to Haiti

Candlelight Vigil Scheduled for Jan. 26

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Galloway Township, NJ- In response to the Haitian earthquake disaster, students, faculty, and staff at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey are joining forces to provide much needed assistance to Haiti.

Volunteers will be selling ribbons to collect donations each weekday in D-Wing. On Saturday, January 23, 2010, ribbons will be for sale in the Sports Center starting at 11:00 a.m. during the alumni game and during the men's and women's basketball games against Ramapo at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. respectively. A candlelight vigil will be held in the K-Wing Circle on Tuesday, January 26 at 8:00 p.m. A "We are Family Program" will follow the vigil at 9:30 p.m. in the Lakeside Lodge. All events will take place on the College's main Galloway Township campus.

Len Farber, Stockton's Director of Student Development, said, "In the last week, we have seen the massive destruction and human suffering caused by the earthquakes in Haiti. Our thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones, as well as those who are anxiously awaiting news about family and friends. Students have taken the initiative to provide help, and they recently met to brainstorm and gather ideas about how Stockton can aid those in need."

Marie Jean-Charles, a Haitian student in her junior year at Stockton was born in Saint-Marc and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Marie explained, "I reached out to Len Farber for help, and together we have been reaching out to the students. So far, we have received a great deal of support from the multicultural organization, sororities, Student Senate, M.A.L.E.S., and many other student clubs and organizations. The support and prayers are much appreciated. I am so thankful that my sister, who lives in Haiti, is in a safe place."

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In addition to campus efforts, Michael and Kathryn Golotto, both doctors and graduates of Stockton College, are scheduled to leave this morning, Friday, January 22, for Jacmel, Haiti, a remote village without access to care as of yet. The husband-and-wife team, who joined forces with the disaster support organization Partners in Health, successfully gathered disaster relief supplies and rapidly organized a nine-man crew of medical specialists, surgeons, a relief specialist, a translator, a pharmacist, and a psychologist. The nine-man crew, named Team Ange (creole for Team Angel), will convene in Atlanta, Georgia and travel to Santo Domingo together. From Santo Domingo, the team will travel by bus and truck to Peternales, where they will then be transported by the Dominican Republic Navy to their final destination in Haiti.

Michael and Kathryn Golotto explained, "We are fully ready with all staff, supplies, machines, generators, etc. to set up a MASH unit and get to work right away. We can't thank everyone enough for rallying together. Our garage is starting to turn into a disaster relief storage center. The overwhelming support is deeply appreciated."

For more information about the candlelight vigil, please contact Stockton's Student Development Office at 609-652-4205.



Photo: Marshall Carter collecting donations in D-Wing by selling ribbons to students, faculty, and staff between classes.

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