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## **Relief Fund Activated for Louisiana Credit Unions to Help Haiti Earthquake Victims**

In response to the devastation and destruction in Haiti, the Louisiana Credit Union League (LCUL) encourages credit unions to answer this international call of action. The World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU) has activated the Haiti Disaster Relief Fund in order to provide immediate assistance to the estimated three million people that remain hurt or homeless.

This is an international disaster that has left a country with nearly nothing. It is important that we embrace the credit union philosophy and support WOCCU's efforts in providing assistance to the victims in Haiti. LCUL will be sending all donations to WOCCU to support the Haiti Relief Fund. For those who wish to send monetary donations, you can mail to the following address:

**The Louisiana Credit Union League  
Haiti Disaster Relief Fund  
824 Elmwood Park Blvd.  
Harahan, LA 70123**

In July 2009, WOCCU launched a three-year program to extend financial services to Haiti's rural poor with funding from the United States Agency for International Development. According to WOCCU, there is an active credit union movement in Haiti made up of 175 credit unions serving more than 400,000 members. WOCCU staff members are uninjured and accounted for, but that there has been significant destruction to the island.

WOCCU has fostered relief and rebuilding efforts during past international disasters, including the Asian tsunami and earthquakes, the Philippines landslide, and earthquakes in Peru, El Salvador and Malawi. As evidenced during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, this type of immediate, timely, and generous response is a natural effect of the credit union philosophy. Credit unions around the world provided immediate support in our time of need and contributed to our rebuilding efforts. Now, we encourage you to give back to those who seek the same assistance as we once did. Your donations will provide WOCCU with funds in response to critical needs, such as food, shelter, clothing, logistics, and search and rescue operations that are necessary in order to save lives and to help Haiti towards recovery.

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