

One Local Volunteer Heading to Haiti; One on Standby

Tuesday, January 20, 2010 — American Red Cross of Lee County volunteers Simpson St. Fort and Joseph Gabriel have been activated to assist with relief efforts in Haiti.

St. Fort, of Lehigh Acres, is scheduled to leave Miami Thursday for the U.S. N. S. Comfort, where he'll serve as a language translator aboard the floating medical treatment facility. He has been active with our chapter for the last eight months and is fluent in English, Creole and French. Simpson also served in the Air Force and was loaned to the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Wasp in support of operations in Haiti in 1994, for eight months. Gabriel, of Fort Myers, will be on stand-by. He is fluent in English, French and Creole and has been active with the Lee County Red Cross for nine months.

Looking for people in Haiti

Since the earthquake struck, more than 19,300 people have registered with the International Committee of the Red Cross-sponsored Web site (www.icrc.org/familylinks) helping to reconnect families separated during the earthquake. People trying to locate U.S. citizens living or traveling in Haiti should contact the U.S. Department of State, Office of Overseas Citizens Services, at 1-888-407-4747 or (202) 647-5225.

Also, people without access to the internet and are trying to locate people in Haiti are encouraged to visit the Lee County Red Cross for assistance. (6310 Techster Blvd. Ste. 7, Fort Myers, FL 33966 – or call 239-278-3401).

You can help the victims of countless crises, like the recent earthquake in Haiti, around the world each year by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, which will provide immediate relief and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance and other support to help those in need. The American Red Cross honors donor intent. If you wish to designate your donation to a specific disaster, please do so at the time of your donation by mailing your donation with the designation to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013 or to your local American Red Cross chapter. Donations to the International Response Fund can be made by phone at 1-800-REDCROSS or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish) or online at www.redcross.org

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