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CURE INTERNATIONAL RESPONDS TO CRISIS IN HAITI

Medical Relief Team on the Ground in Haiti; Organization's Hospital in Dominican Republic Ready to Accept Patients; Organization Establishes Fund to Aid Efforts in Country

Lemoyne, Pa. January 15, 2010: CURE International, a U.S.-based nonprofit organization, has responded to the urgent need caused by the earthquake in Haiti.

“We are extremely saddened by the earthquake in Haiti, and our prayers are with the suffering people of this country,” said Dr. Scott Harrison, CURE’s founder and CEO.

“We are now responding to the crisis. Because CURE operates a hospital in the Dominican Republic and sends medical teams to Haiti on a regular basis, we are uniquely positioned to provide both the immediate emergency medical care that is needed and the additional care that will be needed in the weeks and months to come.”

Here is a summary of CURE’s relief efforts:

- A CURE relief team is in Port-au-Prince. The members of the team are: orthopedic surgeon Dr. Scott Nelson, pediatrician Dr. Dielika Charlier, nurse Lucia Hernandez, nurse Susan Beemer and the executive director of the CURE International hospital in the Dominican Republic Steve Bostian.

The team has set up a base in the city and is now providing urgently needed medical care to injured victims. The team expects to begin performing surgeries tonight. Others are expected to join it in the days to come.

- CURE International’s hospital in the neighboring country of the Dominican Republic is ready to provide acute orthopedic surgical care to hundreds of Haitians coming across

the border. CURE's hospital, located in Santo Domingo, is but 160 miles from the epicenter of the disaster, the closest specialty hospital equipped to treat these types of injuries.

- The organization has established a relief fund for those who wish to contribute to CURE's emergency medical assistance efforts to victims of the earthquake.

People can give in one of two ways. They can donate online at helpcurenw.org/haitirelief.

They can also give a \$10 gift from their mobile phone by texting CURE to 85944. (The charges will appear on their cell phone bill.)

For updates, please visit blog.helpcurenw.org.

About CURE International

CURE International is a nonprofit organization that transforms the lives of children with physical disabilities and their families in the developing world through medical and spiritual healing, serving all by establishing specialty teaching hospitals, building partnerships and advocating for these children. Since 1998, it has treated more than 1,000,000 patients and performed more than 70,000 life-changing surgeries.

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