

Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund – Frequently Asked Questions

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- **Where do I mail contributions?**

All Haiti contributions must be directed to the DAF in U.S. dollars, made payable to **TRF DAF**, at the following address:

**Rotary DAF
c/o NRS
4A Gill Street
Woburn, MA 01801**

- **Other than a check, how can I contribute to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund?**

Please see detailed instructions at www.rotary.org/haiti. You may contribute via check, credit card, wire or stock transfer. All contributions must be in U.S. dollars and only U.S. tax receipts will be issued. On all contributions please reference the **Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, #296**.

- **What if I send a contribution to the Evanston lockbox or TRF headquarters?**

Contributions sent to the Evanston lockbox may be delayed, returned or erroneously allocated to APF-SHARE. TRF cannot be responsible for misdirected contributions.

Any contributions marked for Haiti received at the lockbox after **31 March 2010** will be designated to The Rotary Foundation's World Fund.

All Haiti contributions must be payable to The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund (or simply "TRF DAF") and must be sent to the Woburn, MA address above.

- **Will I receive Paul Harris Fellow or Major Donor recognition for my contribution to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund? Will my contribution count toward my club and district contribution goals?**

No. Contributions to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund are not eligible for Paul Harris Fellow or Major Donor recognition. Contributions will not count toward club and district contribution goals.

- **Is there a way to make online contributions to The Rotary Foundation's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund?**

No. Please follow the contribution instructions found at www.rotary.org/haiti.

- **Is there a minimum contribution amount?**

No.

- **Can District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations go to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund account?**

No. DDF cannot be transferred to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

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- **What amount of my contribution will actually go to the relief effort in Haiti?**

Nearly 100 percent of contributions to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund will be granted to IRS-approved charitable organizations helping to provide relief and recovery. A small fee of 1.3 percent covers the administrative and investment costs. Additionally, on 1 July of each year, 1 percent of the fair market value of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund will be contributed to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation to support the programs of the Foundation.

Please note that the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund will make grants to other charitable organizations that may have other costs. However, efforts will be made to provide grants to organizations that directly support the needs of individuals and communities through the Rotary volunteer structure and other aid organizations. Additional fees may apply depending on the method of your contributions.

- **Can non-U.S. Rotarians contribute to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund?**

Yes. All funds must be contributed in U.S. dollars and only U.S. tax receipts will be issued. Funds must be contributed according to the contribution instructions posted at www.rotary.org/haiti. Contributions for this fund cannot be sent to another Rotary International office or fiscal agent. Contributions from outside the U.S. may require additional information for processing. Rotarians in Australia should contact their local Rotary office for additional instructions on processing contributions.

- **Can I work with my employer to get a matching gift?**

Possibly. Please verify all information with your employer. Some companies do not allow matching gifts to go to donor advised funds and restricted funds. The Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund may not be an eligible recipient.

- **How will the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund contributions be used?**

On 27 January 2010, Past RI Director Barry Rassin, Director-Elect John Smarge, Past District Governor Dick McCombe (D.7020) and District Governor-Elect Diana White (D.7020) met in Haiti with members of the Rotary Haiti Task Force to assess the relief efforts and to begin to formalize a plan for the utilization of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. The Task Force is comprised of experienced Rotarians, representing the seventeen (17) Rotary Clubs in Haiti, whose mission is to serve as the conduit between Haiti and the rest of the Rotary world.

The Task Force reported on the transition from the acute needs to the more mid-term and long-term concerns; both in the hard hit Port-au-Prince as well as rural areas. The Task Force will continue to focus its efforts in both areas; however acknowledging that the greatest long term results can be gained by assisting the rural communities, whose populations have increased dramatically due to the migration away from Port-au-Prince.

The Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund account holders will work with the Task Force, by and through local Rotarians directly or in partnership with other NGO's, using both matching funds and on-the-ground resources, to provide cooperative community development in

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- **Is the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund connected to ShelterBox?**

No. ShelterBox is a separate charitable entity.

- **What is The Rotary Foundation donor advised fund?**

The Rotary Foundation donor advised fund is a charitable vehicle that offers individuals and Rotary-affiliated groups the flexibility to fund an account with tax-deductible contributions and then recommend grants to benefit U.S.-based charities in good standing. A donor advised fund account can provide tax benefits, professional investment management, accounting conveniences, and simplified charitable giving.

Contributions to a donor advised fund account can be made at anytime, are irrevocable, and are immediately tax-deductible to the fullest extent provided by U.S. law. You can learn more about The Rotary Foundation donor advised fund at www.rotary.org/daf or by contacting plannedgiving@rotary.org.

- **Who should I contact with questions about the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund or The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund?**

You may contact Annie Palubicki at 847-866-3488 or annie.palubicki@rotary.org with questions about the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund or TRF DAF.

- **Who should I contact with questions about the relief work Rotary clubs are doing in Haiti?**

Additional questions regarding Rotary club and district relief efforts in Haiti can be sent to relief@rotary.org

- **I cannot make my contribution in U.S. dollars. Are there other places to direct my contribution?**

You can learn more about disaster relief activities in Haiti on the District 7020 [website](#). Additionally, there are many Rotary club-sponsored relief initiatives and disaster relief organizations working to provide assistance to victims of the earthquake. Please refer to the [Disaster Relief and Recovery Organizations List](#) to identify an organization working in Haiti that meets your giving criteria.

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