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TO: All Members of the University of Manitoba Community

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SUBJECT: Haiti Relief Effort

As you are aware, on January 12, 2010 a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck off the western coast of Haiti, having a devastating impact on the country. Many thousands were killed and thousands more were trapped in the rubble. Homes, businesses and community supports have been destroyed and millions of residents have been left with an urgent need for food, water, shelter, and medical supplies. The country was struck again today by a 6.1 magnitude aftershock, further adding to the destruction.

Many of you may already have made a personal donation to the relief effort. Many more have expressed a willingness to help.

In response to this interest, a University of Manitoba initiative has been organized by members of our staff community, with the support of the University of Manitoba Students' Union, to coordinate our individual responses. During a week -long campaign running from Monday, January 25 to Friday, January 29, you will be able to drop off monetary donations in support of the Haiti relief effort with a designated contact person within your faculty or department of study, or at a booth located at University Centre. Faculties have been asked to identify a designated contact person who will receive these donations.

All donations will be directed to the Canadian Red Cross, which has been supporting disaster relief to Canadians and to people around the globe since 1964. All individual donations are being matched by the Government of Canada, to a maximum of \$50 million. Donations above \$10.00 will be eligible for a tax receipt.

We appreciate your monetary gift and support. If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer during this campaign, please contact Sheila Martens at Sheila_Martens@umanitoba.ca or 474 – 7831.

Thank you.