

Communi-клик

Breaking News from Florida's International Volunteer Agency



February 2010

DONATE TO HELP HAITI!

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS ASSESSED BY STRUCTURAL ENGINEER
REGISTERED NURSE AND TRAUMA COUNSELOR PROVIDES IMMEDIATE RELIEF
HAITIAN HOMETOWN ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP A SUCCESS
JOIN FAVACA AT THE SUSTAINABLE HAITI CONFERENCE. Register TODAY!

DONATE TO HELP HAITI!



It's not too late to donate to Haiti! A bill passed by Congress on January 22, 2010 extends the timeline until February 28th for those wishing to claim Haiti relief donations during the 2009 tax season. FAVACA urges you to help Haiti in its recovery efforts. To donate to FAVACA's Haiti recovery programs click [here](#).

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS ASSESSED BY STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

Long-time FAVACA partner and Haitian Minister of Tourism, Patrick Delatour, now head of the *Haitian Commission Responsible for Shelter Building and Reconstruction Planning*, requested assistance from FAVACA. Volunteer Jack Sullivan, an Orlando-based structural engineer, traveled to Port-au-Prince February 16-23, 2010, to work hand in hand with the Government of Haiti to assess damaged buildings. The analysis and cost assessment are in support of the United Nations' March 31st donors forum in New York where the Haitian Government will request the necessary funds to rebuild the country.

REGISTERED NURSE AND TRAUMA COUNSELOR PROVIDES IMMEDIATE RELIEF

Following the devastating January 12th earthquake, veteran FAVACA volunteer Lory Servil, North Miami, provided her psychiatric nurse experience to benefit numerous domestic and international organizations providing care to the injured. Supporting the efforts of the [United Nations](#), [Relief International](#), Bread for the Poor, and the Children's Kingdom Orphanage, she spent two weeks providing urgent medical care for the critically wounded and assisting with infection control and the emotional comfort of patients. As a Haitian Creole speaker, Servil also helped assess damaged medical



facilities with Relief International including the General Hospital, Hospital Saint Francois de Sales, and a dozen other hospitals and medical facilities. Servil traveled to Haiti January 17-February 1, 2010. This project was made possible due to donations from our generous supporters.

HAITIAN HOMETOWN ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP A SUCCESS



FAVACA hosted a Haitian Hometown Association Workshop on Saturday February 20th from 8am-5pm. Hugo Cardona of [Core Strategies for Non-Profits](#) and Les Weil of [Les Weil Consulting LLC](#) presented to a group of 35 Haitian-Americans on financial accountability, project management, and fundraising. FAVACA has been working alongside the Haitian diaspora since its inception in 1982. The workshop provided the skills requested by diaspora organizations to build the capacity of their organizations as we rebuild Haiti together. The training was supported under grant from the [Western Union Foundation](#) and was in collaboration with and hosted by [Florida Atlantic University's School of Social Work](#).



JOIN FAVACA AT THE SUSTAINABLE HAITI CONFERENCE: Register TODAY!

FAVACA will be hosting a panel entitled: "Post-Earthquake Haiti: The Role of Social Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Redevelopment" on Thursday March 18th at 9 a.m. and will include Haiti specialist Dr. Robert Maguire, social entrepreneur Aaron Rose, and development specialist Marc Roger. FAVACA's Executive Director Demian Pasquarelli will act as the moderator discussing such topics as: "Rebalancing Haiti after the Quake through Pro-Poor Development"; "Models for Social Investment: Creating Wealth Sovereign Funds for Haiti;" and "Current Redevelopment Efforts in Haiti." A full agenda for the Sustainable Haiti Conference can be found by [here](#).



Sustainable Haiti Conference contains 45 panels and over 130+ speakers from around the world. Topics will include "Rising to the Challenge: South Florida's Haitian Diaspora," "Agriculture as Job Creator," "Operating Within the Chaos: A Primer," "Social Venture Capital as Change Agent," and more. A partial list of confirmed speakers includes former Prime Minister Michèle Duvivier Pierre-Louis, Actor from NBC's "[Heroes](#)" Jimmy Jean Louis, Maarten Boute from [Digicel](#), Anne Hastings of [Fonkoze](#), and many members of the Haitian Diaspora.



Sustainable Haiti Conference (www.haiticonference.com), part of Social Venture Capital/Social Enterprise Conference, Miami-2010 (www.connectionmiami.com), is being held at the Miami Beach Convention Center from March 17-19, 2010, and tickets are going quickly. The *Sustainable Haiti Conference* is a unique 'conference within a conference' - the largest and most comprehensive economic development conference ever on Haiti.

Individuals interested in attending the Sustainable Haiti Conference

must register before the event. Tickets are available for single day and for the full three-day conference. To register for click on the following link: <http://www.haiticonference.com/pricingregistration>.

FAVACA - The Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas

Miami Office

**7220 NW 36th Street, Suite 608
Miami, Florida 33166
(305) 470-5070
favaca@favaca.org**

Tallahassee Office

**1310 N. Paul Russell Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
850 410 3100
favaca@favaca.org**

Promoting social and economic development in the Caribbean
and the Americas through volunteer service.

www.favaca.org

