



Greater Boston Nazarene Compassionate Center, Inc.

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Rev. Dr. Pierre-Louis Zephir
Executive Director

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Dear friends, colleagues and partners,

I am writing this letter requesting your assistance in some areas of problems that are facing the Haitian community here in the U.S after a 7.0 earthquake devastated Haiti on January 12th, 2010.

1- We, at GBNCC which is faith-based organization that's serving Haitians in the greater Boston area, are experiencing an increase in the demand from our Food Pantry for food from our Haitian clients. It becomes now an emergency for the Haitian living in the US to focus on supporting their love ones in Haiti. So they're most likely using our food pantry in order to save some money instead of using it to buy food at the supermarket.

2- We have seen also an increase among the people looking for ESL Classes. As the TPS (Temporary Protected Status) has been granted to Haitians living currently in the US. Part of the TTS's provision, is an obtention of work permit. Through this, many of them see the need to learn English as to find a better position in the work place. From this point, the demand for English classes has been quadrupled since January 15. It is an emergency for us now to increase our capacity of English classes offered for the past 10 years, unfortunately sometimes with no sustainable funding or without funding at all. Many of them feel that they need to learn English in order to find a job. Our ESL program is currently serving less than 20 students. We will need more resources in order to expand our capacity. So more Haitian immigrants who are seeking for English classes, will find slots available to learn the language that they need to navigate the American society. Additionally, we expect to see new immigrants coming from Haiti fleeing the scene of the devastation. Learning English will be first step that they will make as a path to their adaptation. At GBNCC, we want to be ready to welcome all those new students in our classes.

3- The third area of need concerns numerous families looking for daycare and After School program. They don't have money to pay for the services, and they are not eligible for voucher. As the TPS will allow them to work, they will need a program to place their children, while they are working. GBNCC will offer also Breast Cancer, Diabetes and HIV education and prevention.

GBNCC will open its door to those children who are looking for a safe place for counseling, tutoring and recreation.

Any donation should be made to Greater Boston Nazarene Compassionate Center Inc and mailed to the following address:
130 River Street Mattapan MA 02126.

GBNCC will take all the necessary steps in order to ensure efficient and effective use of your donation. As a donor you may specify which area of activities your money should support.

We thank you in advance for your support, despite this difficult time of economic downturn. We would like to let you know that your donation is tax deductible.

Sincerely,
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