

Village of Elmsford Mayor Williams and the Village Board of Trustees are deeply saddened by the terrible events in Haiti over the past several days and offer their prayers to the families affected by this devastating tragedy. As a small close knit family community the Village of Elmsford is always willing and able to lend a helping hand to those in need. However, as a small Village so far away from Haiti, there is not much we can do directly at this point other than to provide assistance to the organizations who are on the ground in Haiti helping. As such if you wish to help below are a variety of organizations assisting in Haiti listed for your convenience.

Also New York State Governor David Paterson has established an online registry of New York State citizens in Haiti at the time of Tuesday's horrific earthquake. To access the online registry, go to the Governor's website, www.ny.gov/governor and click on the New York State Registry of New York Citizens in Haiti. You will be asked to provide the name of the individuals you have not had contact with and provide some essential contact information. For those who do not have access to the web, the Governor has established a hotline – 1-888-769-7243. The information collected will not be used or shared for any purpose unrelated to locating and identifying family and friends in Haiti. It is open from 9 am to 9 pm during the week and 9 am to 5 pm on weekends. Should you know of anyone that may want to connect with other services or just need someone to talk to, consider calling "211" and the United Way may be able to assist.

Several Assistance Organizations Listed below:

The American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/en> To donate by text: dial "HAITI" to "90999" and a donation of \$10 will be given automatically to the Red Cross to help with relief efforts, charged to your cell phone bill.

UNICEF

<http://www.unicef.org/> You can also call 1-800-4UNICEF.

Yele Haiti

<http://www.yele.org/> You can also text "Yele" to 501501 and \$5 will be charged to your phone bill and given to relief projects through the organization.

Oxfam

<http://www.oxfam.org/>

For a database of non-profits and ratings of the best charities online visit:

<http://www.charitynavigator.org/>

or

<http://www.guidestar.org/>