

HAITI RELIEF EFFORT: SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE FACULTY, STUDENTS AND STAFF REACH OUT TO SUPPORT HAITI

Fort Myers, Fla. (January 19, 2010) Southwest Florida College will be participating in a jointly sponsored effort to provide humanitarian relief to the people of Haiti.

“The devastation and human suffering on the island of Haiti is incomprehensible, and the plea for help has been heard around the world,” said Dr. Stephen Calabro, Executive Vice President for Southwest Florida College.

Student Activities Director for the college, Pamela King, has organized a donation drop site at each of the four Southwest Florida College campuses, which includes locations in Estero, Fort Myers, Port Charlotte and in Tampa.

“We have a Haitian population at the college and we need to show our support and do something to help,” King said. “This helps to foster a sense of community beyond our campus.”

Items such as shoes, blankets, shirts, diapers, toiletries as well as monetary donations, are being accepted at each of the college’s donation drop sites for the Haiti relief effort.

“Our mission statement speaks of changing lives,” said Dr. Calabro. “There is no better way to demonstrate our commitment to the mission than by reaching out to those in need.”

Southwest Florida College is an accredited, private institution of higher learning centrally located in Fort Myers, Tampa, Port Charlotte, and includes the Institute of Interior Design located within the Miromar Design Center in Estero. The College offers programs in Health Care, Business, Design, Education, Information Technology and Legal Studies. Its mission is to provide educational opportunities for individuals to acquire knowledge and skills that will help prepare them for rewarding careers in fields with high growth potential. For more information, call toll free 888-526-7973 or visit www.swfc.edu.