

The ASUC organizes 'UC Berkeley Earthquake Relief Week' to support global Haiti relief efforts

Berkeley, CA, February 2, 2010 – This week officially marks the ASUC's Haiti Earthquake Relief Week, in memory of the devastating 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010. The weeks-worth of events will take place from Friday, January 29 until Friday, February 5.

Commemorative activities will include daily tabling on Upper Sproul, performances by Cal student groups, community guest speakers, and a Lower Sproul campus rally. Wristbands can also be purchased from various student groups to support earthquake victims. To culminate the week, student and community-member performances will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in 155 Dwinelle on Thursday, February 4 and from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, February 5 on Lower Sproul.

In addition to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Week, there are many opportunities for student participation and support:

1) The ASUC has launched a fundraising website and competition with other universities across the country, including Stanford. All donations will go directly to Partners in Health, an organization which has served Haiti for the past 25 years and currently devoting 100% of its organization to Haiti Relief. As a campus, our fundraising goal is to raise 50k, and with your help we can achieve this by 3/1/2010. To learn more about Partners in Health or to make online donations, please visit

<http://act.pih.org/page/outreach/view/haitiearthquake/ucberkeley> or
<http://tinyurl.com/berkeleyhaiti>.

2) Many service groups have joined forces to collaborate on future events, projects, and initiatives at Berkeley. Meetings will occur on a weekly basis. To join this group and/or receive more details, please email berkeleyhaiti@gmail.com.

For event updates and more information, join the UC Berkeley Haiti Facebook group at <http://tinyurl.com/HaitiCal>.

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