



Emergency Planning for Haiti Patch

DISCOVER

What you can do to assist the victims of the Haitian earthquake.

As Girl Scouts, our *Motto* is to be prepared and our *Promise* is to help people at all times. So it is of little surprise that there have been numerous, eager inquiries from girls and troops throughout our Council about what can be done to support the victims of Haiti's devastating earthquake and the ongoing relief effort.

CONNECT

Direct money that you wish to donate to only the agencies listed below:

- **The American Red Cross** is accepting donations through its [International Response Fund](#).
- **Pan American Development Foundation** is encouraging donations at <http://www.panamericanrelief.org/>.
- **UNICEF** requests donations for relief for children in Haiti via its [Haiti Earthquake Fund](#). You may also call 1-800-4UNICEF.
- **Oxfam** has an online donation system at <http://www.oxfamamerica.org/>.
- **Save the Children** has launched an emergency relief effort for Haiti. [Donate to Save the Children](#).
- **Mercy Corps** is accepting donations [online](#), by phone at 1-888-256-1900, or by check to: *Mercy Corps Haiti Earthquake Fund, Dept NR, P.O. Box 2669, Portland, OR 97208*
- **Doctors Without Borders** has set up clinics to treat people in Haiti.
- **The UN World Food Programme** is accepting donations through <https://www.wfp.org/donate/haiti>.
- **CARE** has deployed emergency team members to Port-au-Prince to assist in recovery efforts, with a focus on rescuing children who were trapped in collapsed school buildings. [Donate to CARE](#).
- **The International Rescue Committee** has deployed an emergency response team in Haiti. [Donate to the IRC Haiti Crisis Fund](#).
- **World Vision** has more 370 staff members in Haiti. [Donate to World Vision](#).
- **United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund** (CERF) supports catastrophes like the earthquake in Haiti. [Donate online](#).

TAKE ACTION

When disaster strikes, it's comforting to know that Girl Scouts everywhere come to attention with a zealous readiness to help. As people who care about the girls we serve, it is our responsibility to use catastrophes like this as an opportunity to teach them how to *Be Prepared* for themselves, their families and their friends, and the value of helping others.

To qualify for the Emergency Planning Patch, follow the steps below:

1. Brainstorm with the girls to determine the best way they can **TAKE ACTION TO HELP HAITI**.
1. Conduct a service project on behalf of the Haitian earthquake victims. Let the girls know they will need to write a brief paragraph describing the project and include it with a photograph!
2. Email the description and photos of the girls engaged in the project to Teresa Van Arsdale at tvansdale@gsep.org or by mail to:

Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania
Attn: Teresa Van Arsdale
P.O. Box 814
Valley Forge, PA 19482

You will receive a voucher from GSEP to take to one of the retail locations where you will receive one free patch per registered Girl Scout.