



DMYFS TO ACT AS COLLECTION POINT FOR HAITI RELIEF

Durham Middlefield Youth and Family Services are currently accepting relief items for disaster victims of Haiti's earthquake. Board members Elisabeth Kennedy of Middlefield and Jeff Francis of Durham have close ties to Haiti. Elisabeth met Pastor John Beaucejour in 2006, later partnering to found an orphanage. HELO, Inc. Their nonprofit corporation provides Home, Education, Love and Opportunity (HELO) to orphaned and abandoned children in Haiti, the poorest country in our hemisphere. Jeff Francis has traveled to Haiti with Elisabeth and helps raise funds to support the orphanage. In tribute to their efforts and to assist the hundreds of thousands of Haitians affected by the earthquake, DMYFS will act as a collection point for the following items: over-the-counter pain relievers, antibacterial ointments, gauze, tape, blankets, water and summer clothing. In addition to these items, cash is also very much needed. Checks made payable to HELO, Inc. are most welcome. Any of these items can be dropped off at the lower level of the Middlefield Community Center in the kitchen area and can be left off even if DMYFS staff is not available.

For more information regarding the orphanage and/or to make donations on line, please visit www.HeloHaiti.com.