



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear City of New York Employee:

I am sure you have seen the news of the terrible suffering in Haiti. While the full toll of the devastation isn't known yet, one thing is clear — the people of Haiti need our support. Many people have asked how they can help. Unfortunately, with critical infrastructure still severely damaged, and reports of a bottleneck of food and supplies, we have been advised not to send goods. Right now the most pressing need is financial help.

Last Friday, Speaker Quinn and I announced a program by which employees of the City of New York can set aside part of their paychecks to directly aid the Haitian disaster relief efforts. The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City will ensure 100 percent of the contributions to the City's Haiti Relief Fund are directed to reputable organizations that are providing relief to the victims.

All City employees who wish to participate may donate a specified amount of money from each paycheck earmarked to the Haiti Relief Fund. These tax-deductible deductions will run for two months spread over four pay periods. The new Citywide payroll deduction program will begin with the pay period that started this past Sunday and will first be reflected in paychecks and direct deposits issued on February 5, 2010. [Click here](#) to find out how to make a donation in a few simple steps. You can also encourage your family and friends to donate by calling 311 or visiting [www.nyc.gov/fund](http://www.nyc.gov/fund).

To those who've given already: Thank you.

And to our Haitian-American neighbors: We are with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor