Eisenhower And The Berger Foundation Provide Relief To Haiti

On January 12, 2010, the country of Haiti was hit with a devastating earthquake. It is estimated that the 7.0 magnitude quake left nearly 250,000 people dead and approximately one million Haitians homeless. Eisenhower Emergency Physician Raul Ruiz,MD,MPP,MPH volunteered on the ground in Haiti to provide emergency medical care to the earthquake victims. Impressed by Dr. Ruiz's efforts, The H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation asked Eisenhower Medical Center to ensure that the foundation's $1 million donation for emergency and medical supplies would find effective use in Haiti.Dr. Ruiz facilitated the Berger Foundation's donation to Samaritan's Purse, a non-profit organization that has worked in Haiti for more than 30 years.

"Eisenhower Medical Center and Dr. Ruiz know through firsthand experience how to quickly and personally turn this donation into much needed supplies for the people who need it most," said Ron Auen, President, The H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation. "We are pledging this money on behalf of the kind and giving citizens of the Coachella Valley."

Located in Palm Desert, The H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation was founded in 1961. The private foundation generously supports organizations that promote education, health care and other charitable programs. Samaritan's Purse has hundreds of volunteers working on the ground in Haiti, and has sent cargo flights with medical and emergency supplies to Haiti since the earthquake.

"It brings tears of joy that The H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation is helping the people of Haiti in such an incredibly generous manner," said Michael Landes, President, Eisenhower Medical Center Foundation."We are honored to have been chosen as the channel through which their much-needed funds will reach the people of Haiti with the help of Dr. Ruiz and Samaritan's Purse."

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