



Acupuncturists Without Borders

Providing relief and recovery in the wake of major disasters and traumatic events

Haiti Emergency Response

January 22, 2010

Dear Practitioners:

We've been receiving MANY inquiries about an acupuncture response to the earthquake in Haiti, with requests to volunteer. We are moved by the deep desire amongst our colleagues and supporters to help. Thank you.

Acupuncturists Without Borders (AWB) and Pathways to Wellness (Pathways) have come together in partnership to launch a relief response.

For more information about AWB's acupuncture relief efforts after the Louisiana hurricanes, California wildfires and Iowa floods, [click here](#)

For more information about Pathways to Wellness' clinics and community services [click here](#)

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Here are ways you can help and get involved:

AWB and Pathways are now mobilizing teams of volunteer acupuncturists to go to Haiti to provide assistance. Acupuncture treatments will help heal trauma and provide general body-mind-spirit healing.

In most disaster situations, acupuncturists can be of greatest support beginning several weeks after the disaster, once the people most affected have water, shelter, food, and immediate medical care. When these emergency needs are taken care of, the next critical need is for the people who have been traumatized to be able to function once again physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

We are intending to be on the ground sometime in February. We will send out email updates regularly to let you know of our progress.

Please help us help the people whose foundation has been shaken by this disaster begin to heal their trauma so they can rebuild their lives.

In order for us to be available in Haiti when we are most needed, we must raise \$20,000 NOW to implement this relief effort. Once this fundraising effort is underway, we will have regular updates on our web site of how much money we have raised. Please consider a donation of \$100 or whatever you can afford.

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Volunteering

At this time, in addition to donations, we are seeking volunteers. Licensed acupuncturists and NADA trained ADS are welcome to apply.

Priority for volunteers will be given to AWB members who have been to an AWB training since they are already familiar with many of the considerations, procedures and protocols for providing disaster relief.

Volunteers will need to pay for their own airfare to and from Haiti, and food within Haiti. You may want to consider doing community fundraisers to pay for these costs (as we teach at our trainings.) Volunteers will also need to have their own medical insurance. Other costs will be covered, including housing, local transportation, local communication, acupuncture supplies, administrative support in the U.S. as well as in Haiti, and coordination amongst agencies.

If you would like to volunteer, please do NOT call as we are inundated with messages. Rather, please send an email to acaggianelli@pathwaysboston.org and include the following preliminary information. We will contact you to follow up and get more information. Please understand that we are currently swamped with the needs of this effort, so we may not get back to you right away:

- ** Name, address, email address (important!) and phone number
- ** Date of birth
- ** State of licensure and license number, or ADS certificate number
- ** Paragraph description of previous community/field acupuncture training and experience, if any
- ** Whether you have an active passport, and when it expires
- *** Whether you have medical insurance, and what kind
- ** When you are available to go: How soon, for how long, and any other time restrictions over the next six months
- ** Any personal health issues
- ** If you have attended an AWB training, please include date and location

We send our deep wishes for healing to all those in Haiti who are suffering from this

tragedy, and to their loved ones everywhere. We hope to be able to help in a profound way with the transformative medicine of acupuncture.

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Sincerely,

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* Note: if you have been trying to reach us via email prior to the Haiti emergency and haven't heard back from us, please email again. We had some technical glitches with our emails over the holidays. Thank you and our apologies.