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The Haitian Student Association, the Student Government Association, the Bonner Center for Civic and Community Engagement, the Office of Student Activities, and the Office of Dining Services have coordinated a campus-wide kickoff program for TCNJ's collaborative effort to show our support and raise funds for the people of Haiti. The program will introduce the College's "Here for Haiti" campaign and will highlight the ways in which our campus community will respond throughout the next several weeks to show our unified support for this important cause. *The kickoff event will take place on the evening of Tuesday, February 2nd, 2010.*

All members of the campus community are invited. The Kickoff event will feature three main components:

CELEBRATE HAITI DINNER - Eickhoff Hall, beginning at 4pm

Dinner will be served beginning at 4pm in Eickhoff Hall featuring Haitian cuisine and a celebration of Haitian culture and history.

MAIN PROGRAM - Kendall Hall, 7pm

This program, held at Kendall Hall at 7pm, will feature speeches from President R. Barbara Gitenstein, a member of TCNJ's faculty, and student leaders. There will also be music, poems, and a brief slideshow. We will also inform the campus of events that have been planned throughout the semester to support TCNJ's "Here for Haiti" campaign.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL - Quimby's Prairie, immediately following the main program

We will hold a brief candlelight vigil immediately following the Main Program on Quimby's Prairie to pray for the people of Haiti and hold a moment of silence to honor those lost in the tragedy.

We will be collecting CASH donations at the event which will be divided equally between Partners in Health, CARE, and the Clinton-Bush Haiti fund. The faculty, staff, and students identified these organizations as three exemplary charities in terms of their use of funds and direct impact in helping the people of Haiti.

We invite you to be a part of this wonderful event and sincerely hope you will be able to attend. The goal is to have the campus community of The College of New Jersey come together and show our true spirit of caring and service.

Should you have any questions regarding the event, please feel free to contact the Haitian Student Association (hsa@tcnj.edu) and the Student Government Association (sga@tcnj.edu).

Sincerely.

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