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Urgent message from Friends of the Orphans regarding Haitian Relief

*Supported by Friends of the Orphans,
Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos helps thousands in need
and serves important role in community*

Miami, FL—September 11, 2008—Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, already suffering from an agonizing food crisis, violent riots and protests, has been hit particularly hard by recent storms. Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricanes Gustav, Hannah and Ike have left a path of destruction, further damaging fragile communities. Thousands of homes, businesses, community centers, schools and churches have been damaged or destroyed by flooding, mudslides and high winds. Among the places that endured damage is Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos/Nos Petit Frères et Soeurs (NPH, Spanish and French for “Our Little Brothers and Sisters”), a home for orphaned, abandoned and disadvantaged children supported in the U.S. by Friends of the Orphans.

A 40-year-old non-profit organization with regional offices in six states, Friends of the Orphans, supports the NPH network of orphanages in Latin America and the Caribbean. NPH currently cares for over 3,500 children in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru. In addition, NPH outreach programs, including a free pediatric hospital and emergency and disaster relief in Haiti, serve over 30,000 children and adults each year.

Donations to Friends of the Orphans help provide children at NPH with food, clothing, shelter, health care, education, and the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty, which was once their destiny. When children leave NPH, they are prepared to be productive, self-sufficient and caring members of their own communities.

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Gifts to Friends of the Orphans also support the NPH outreach programs that help people in surrounding communities. NPH Haiti has already supplied people in need with thousands of gallons of clean drinking water and tons of food, as well as clothing, medicine and household supplies. In coming weeks, they will help people replant gardens and rebuild homes.

Friends of the Orphans sends monthly shipments of much-needed supplies to the NPH homes. **The next shipment of emergency supplies to Haiti will leave the Port of Miami on Friday, September 19, 2008.**

Friends of the Orphans Southeast Region has set up **Emergency Relief Donation boxes** at the following **Coral Gables Fire Stations:**

2815 Salzedo Street 305-460-5563
525 S. Dixie Highway 303-479-7944
11911 Old Cutler Road 305-722-8600

The emergency relief supplies most in need are the following:

Non perishable food
Bottled water
Baby food, powdered milk and diapers
Non perishable medicine

For more information on the relief collection, or to mail a monetary contribution, please contact:

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To learn more about Friends of the Orphans and NPH, or make a donation securely online, please visit **www.friendsoftheorphans.org**.

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