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St. Joseph Manor donates to the relief efforts in Haiti

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On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, life in Haiti began as any ordinary day. People were at work, children at school, people were living life. However, at 4:53 p.m. the day took a terrifying turn. With an earthquake of a 7.0 magnitude, the country was devastated, affecting 3 million people.

Here at St. Joseph Manor, the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti has had a devastating effect on members of our Manor family. Our Manor family has 37 associates who are from Haiti or have loved ones living in Haiti, who will be forever changed because of this natural disaster.

“It’s a tragedy, you are not there in your home country experiencing what they are experiencing, and it is killing you because they are there,” said Cassandra Antoine, LPN. “My family has no comforts of a home anymore. They are living and sleeping outside on the street.”

Cassandra talked about losing her family’s home, “It is hard to imagine that you have no home to go to anymore. You feel like a foreigner; going home to visit and you will have to stay in a hotel because there is more home to go to.” Cassandra’s sister and many cousins are still living in Haiti, through the devastation. Sadly, Cassandra lost her Godson and Nephew in this horrific tragedy.

“We thank God for our dedicated associates and we are sorry for their loss and suffering. We shall keep them and their loved ones in our prayers”, commented Anne DeMinico, CEO/Administrator.

On behalf of the 37 Manor associates, St. Joseph Manor will be making a donation of \$100 in their name, to Sr. Clair Daneau, Sisters of Holy Cross in Manchester, New Hampshire. Sr. Daneau is raising money to send tents to Haiti so the victims of the tragedy have a place to stay. Quoting Sr. Daneau, “They will rise because they are strong people and they are good Christian people.”

St. Joseph Manor is a non-profit nursing home and skilled care facility with 118 beds. A majority of the resident rooms at St. Joseph Manor are private. Also available is our Mater Dei Adult Day Health Program with a 60 client a day capability.

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