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Tamil Canadian Community Rallies to Help Victims of Earthquake in Haiti

The Tamil Canadian community is rallying together to help those affected by Tuesday's devastating earthquake in Haiti. Currently, the death toll has been estimated to be anywhere from 50,000 to 100,000. The 7.0-magnitude earthquake destroyed hospitals, schools, entire neighbourhoods and left countless homeless or dead. The Tamil Canadian community sends its heartfelt condolences to all those, in Haiti and Canada, affected by this tragedy.

"In 2004, Tamil Canadians watched with horror and helplessness as the Boxing Day tsunami claimed the lives of so many loved ones, and at that time, so many Canadians came forward to help us in our time of need," said David Poopalapillai, National Spokesperson for the Canadian Tamil Congress. "Now, it is our turn. In this spirit, we are strongly urging our community members to do what they can through well-established registered charities to help the victims of this devastating natural disaster in Haiti."

The Tamil Canadian community is organizing many activities to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake. The first of this, a drop-in fundraiser, will take place on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at Karaikudi Chettinad Restaurant, 1225 Kennedy Road, Toronto, Ontario. Community members will be able to come and make a contribution from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. All contributions at the event will go to Global Medic, a registered charity that helps those in need around the world by providing relief supplies and equipment. Global Medic previously assisted in tsunami relief efforts in Tamil areas of Sri Lanka and is already on the ground in Haiti to assist with this tragedy. The Government of Canada has said it will match every dollar Canadians give to the relief effort, up to \$50 million.

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