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**BETHPAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
INITIATES HAITIAN QUAKE RELIEF EFFORT IN ALL OF ITS 21 BRANCHES
THROUGHOUT NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES**

Monetary Donations Accepted at all Bethpage Branches

Bethpage to be Drop-Off Site for High Demand Items Including Water, Non-Perishable Food, Hygiene Products

Bethpage, NY – January 18, 2010 – In an effort to offer support to those families who have been devastated by the events in Haiti, Bethpage Federal Credit Union has initiated a Haitian Quake Relief effort in all of its 21 branches throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. For a two-week period, Bethpage will be accepting monetary donations, which will be donated to the Red Cross, from both members and non-members and will be matching all donations up to \$5,000. Bethpage will also make an immediate \$10,000 donation to the Red Cross. Non-member donations will be accepted in person, in cash and check forms.

High demand items such as water, non-perishable food, baby diapers, wipes, hygiene products, towels, wash clothes and blankets will also be accepted at all Bethpage branches through close of business, Tuesday, January 19, 2010. All donated items will then be shipped to Haiti by a plane donated by American Airlines in coordination with Senator Brian Foley and Central Islip's Haitian American United For Change & YOUN A LOT, Inc. A complete list of requested items can be found at <https://www.bethpage.coop/pdf/relieffort.pdf>.

“There is an immediate need to help the tens of thousands of families devastated in Haiti and while there are many Haitian communities on Long Island, not many have the capacity to transport donations,” said Linda Armyn, Senior Vice President of Corporate Development and Government Affairs, Bethpage Federal Credit Union. “We have identified a few organizations on Long Island and together, are coordinating the immediate collection and transportation of much-needed supplies and money.”

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In addition to the collection of monetary and high demand items, Bethpage employees are also being encouraged to make donations to the Haitian Quake Relief effort by using their corporate cell phone, blackberry, or iPhone to text "HAITI to 90999" to make an automatic \$10.00 donation to the Red Cross.

For more information, included all Bethpage branch addresses, visit Bethpage Federal Credit Union online at www.bethpagefcu.com or call (800) 628-7070.

Bethpage is the leading Long Island community financial institution with over \$3.6 billion in assets. Bethpage maintains branches in Bay Shore, Bethpage, Central Islip, Commack, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Levittown, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Melville, Mineola, North Babylon, Port Jefferson, Riverhead, Smithtown, Roosevelt, and Westbury with over 200 surcharge ATMs in King Kullen, 7-Eleven, Walgreen's and Costco locations throughout Long Island. Phone: 1-800-628-7070 or visit www.bethpagefcu.com

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