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Miami residents in low income housing take up collection for Haiti earthquake victims

"It's not much we can give but we give from the heart and know it will help."

- New Horizons Resident Ella Kitchen

Miami – Residents and staff of **New Horizons**, a low-income housing property for the elderly in Miami, recently took up a collection of food and medical supplies for the victims of the Haiti earthquake which were delivered to the Notre Dame Haitian Church in North Miami. New Horizons is a 100 unit affordable housing complex located in the Martin Luther King neighborhood of Miami.

Donations of canned goods, bottled water, medical supplies and toiletries were collected over a week.

"New Horizons residents are very kind and loving people," said Ella Kitchen, a resident. "Whatever they can do to help others, they are more than willing to do."

"If someone is in trouble, don't ask them if there's anything you can do; think of something appropriate and do it," said Jacqueline Jimenez. "Helping others giving me strength of energy and shows me how to appreciate every moment of life with my loved ones!"

Property Supervisor Mariana Robaina who helped organize the collection, said even though New Horizons are financially strapped themselves, "it was a way of realizing how blessed we are, and that by participating in this cause it would help us forget our own troubles by giving to others in need."

New Horizons is owned by Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc., a Boston-based nonprofit that has rescued and restored some of America's most 'at risk' rental housing. POAH acquired New Horizons a year ago from Greater Miami Neighborhoods, a Florida-based non-profit. New Horizons and four other properties were at risk of conversion to market-rate housing or falling into deeper disrepair. They are: New Horizons Communities, Cutler Manor and Cutler Meadows-Glen in Miami, Campbell Arms in Homestead and Middletowne Apartments in Orange Park. On average, the incomes of residents in POAH housing are only 30 to 50% of median income.

PHOTOS:

014 - Maintenance Supervisor Jose Marrero loads up his truck for delivery

010- Maintenance Supervisor Jose Marrero secures bags of donations for the victims of the Haiti earthquake

008- Property Manager Dinorah Avila checking canned goods for the shipment

007- from left to right: Property Manager Dinorah Avila, Community Housekeeper Delly Reynoso and New Horizons Assistant Manager Jacqueline Jimenez

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