

## **AZ Communicators Unite to Help With Haiti Relief Efforts**

As many of us sit at our desks and in our homes watching news coverage of the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti January 12, we are left wondering—what can we do together as a team to help?

The IABC Phoenix chapter is working together with Phoenix PRSA to help collect needed supplies for survivors in Haiti. We researched several organizations and found that [Church World Service](#) is one of [American Institute of Philanthropy's top-rated charities involved in the Haitian earthquake relief efforts](#). The organization provides supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to people in need around the world. A Hygiene Kit has been identified as an urgent need for survivors in Haiti to make the difference between sickness and health for struggling families.

**Below is the list of items that are needed for the Hygiene Kits that will be assembled with your help.**

- Hand towels measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- Washcloths
- Wide-tooth combs
- Nail clippers (no metal files or emery boards)
- Bar of soap (bath size, in wrapper)
- Toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Standard size Band-Aids®

\*\*Please note that we are also seeking monetary donations to help us purchase these much-needed supplies and address shipping costs.

### **WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THIS EFFORT?**

We are asking for your support to help us reach the **goal of creating 350 Hygiene Kits to Haiti**.

You can help by donating items and helping us spread the word so that we can gather as many donations as possible by the end of this month (send an e-mail to your family, friends and colleagues; use social media; organize a company-wide donation drive).

Then, for anyone who is available to join us, we will come together Thursday, February 4 to assemble the kits and spend time networking with fellow friends and colleagues (time and location details to be announced the week of January 25).

### **Donations can be made in three ways:**

- Donated items and cash donations will be accepted at the IABC Phoenix professional development luncheon program January 21
- Donated items can be brought day-of to the networking event on Thursday, February 4
- Contact IABC Phoenix Chapter President Jessica Hansen ([jessicaleighhansen@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicaleighhansen@yahoo.com) or 480.941.8497) to arrange other options

Thank you in advance for your help in sharing this information with others and for making your own donation. We also look forward to hearing from those of you who are willing to assist and hope to see you on February 4.

If you would like to RSVP for the networking event to help assemble the Hygiene Kits, please email Jessica Hansen at [jessicaleighhansen@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicaleighhansen@yahoo.com).

