

HavServe Volunteer Service Network is Mobilized, Fundraising and Giving Emergency Aid in Haiti After Hurricane Matthew

The organization seeks to raise funds for immediate and longer-term needs of Haitians in the village of Lebrun, where HavServe has been operating since 2010.

SILVER SPRINGS, MARYLAND, US, October 24, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- HavServe, the 400+ volunteer strong non-profit organization, is responding to [Hurricane Matthew](#)'s devastation in Haiti by fundraising through its vetted and approved Official Facebook Network Page.* The organization seeks to raise \$20,000 to provide both immediate and longer-term needs to Haitians in the southwest village of Lebrun, where HavServe is presently onsite, and has been operating since 2010. Initially, some funds will go toward providing immediate



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assistance such as clean drinking water, non-perishable food assistance and [emergency relief](#) supplies (tarps for shelter, blankets and hygiene kits). Reserve funds will support gathering and shipping longer-term needs such as educational supplies, children's shoes, school uniforms, books and additional non-perishable foods. More details are available at

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/1243788178995629/>

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Hurricane Matthew is the second strongest storm to ever make landfall in Haiti, bringing 145 mph winds, heavy rain and dangerous storm surges, resulting in more than 1000 deaths and leaving 1.4 million Haitians in dire need of humanitarian need, including shelter, clean water and food. Hurricane Matthew decimated Haiti's crops, hence the numbers of

homeless and hungry are expected to continue rising, especially in rural southwest Haiti.

“The majority of homes in the village of Lebrun and the surrounding area located in the southwest of Haiti were destroyed, and the five elementary schools supported by HavServe in Haiti were severely damaged, some irreparably; rebuilding the communities, the homes, the gardens, the schools, the churches is a daunting, difficult, long-term task, but we made so much progress after the 2010 earthquake, that we have great experience in our favor. We at HavServe will be in Haiti for the long haul to do our part to support in the Hurricane Matthew recovery and rebuilding process,” said Carline

Brice-Mesilus, current HavServe board member. Brice-Mesilus is a LeBrun native who now lives in the DC Metro area and founded HavServe in 2010.

The organization hosted and fed 500 children and 34 Haitian teachers during its 2016 HavServe Summer Camp and [Educational Enrichment](#) Program, and has a proven track record in creating micro-entrepreneurial opportunities for the village's families through strong partnership marketing. Organizations with overstock of building materials, clothing, educational items, or non perishable packaged goods may donate to HavServe, a registered 501(c)(3) public charity, by contacting Sandra Fathi, Director of Donor Relations and Gift-In-Kind at [sandrafathi\(at\)havserve\(dot\)org](mailto:sandrafathi@havserve.org).

Brice-Mesilus added, "Team HavServe would like to thank our donors, partners and supporters, in addition to our Board of Directors, Advisory Board, and the countless volunteers in Haiti, Canada, Brazil and the United States who are giving their time, energy, effort, and good spirit to help Haiti's communities recover and rebuild after Hurricane Matthew."

Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by U.S. law. Cash donations can be made via the following avenues:

Online - <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/HavServe>

By check - make checks out to HavServe, and send to HavServe, P.O. Box 4173, Silver Spring, MD 20707

HavServe will hold its annual fundraising event on January 14, 2017 in the Washington DC area; it celebrates volunteerism with Haitian food and culture, and is open to the public. Ticket sales will open in the month of November, please check in at www.havserve.org.

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About HavServe: www.havserve.org

HavServe is an international network that promotes social and economic development in the Washington DC Metropolitan area and in Haiti through leadership, voluntary service, and development programs. Our mission is to connect individuals, volunteers, institutions, businesses, and communities to serve and to change lives through volunteerism and lasting partnerships. Founded in



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Hurricane Devastation in LeBrun, October 2016

2010, HavServe is a private, non-profit, non-partisan organization with international offices in the Washington Metropolitan Area and in Haiti.

<https://www.facebook.com/HavServe>

<https://www.instagram.com/havserve/>

*Facebook Fundraiser:

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