

ORPHANAGE for 120 children in HAITI NEEDS A PLAYGROUND!



Help bring smiles to little faces!



Come one, Come all!

HELP FILL the 12'x 20'
SHIPPING CONTAINER

Saturday, JUNE 19 in Cape Coral

Come 9 am to 5 pm to deliver your items to A-1 Shelters Self Storage / Cape Coral Industrial Park, 1014 SE I2th Place (off Hancock Bridge west of Del Prado)

We can pick up or set other times to receive items.

**Any questions, Just CONTACT
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Thank you!

The Sports Build Coalition, Inc., (S B C)
a non-profit / 501c3 corporation based in Cape Coral,
will travel to create this playground & is asking for donations!
Volunteer group joining from Hillel Center, Univ of Florida

P L E A S E

DONATE ITEMS in Good Condition—RECYCLE!

Sports & Play Items...Sports Balls, Shoes, Nets/ Goals, Ping Pong Table/ Sets, Bean Bag Games, Swings, Wagons, Trikes/Bikes/Helmets, Slides, Coolers, Sets of Team Shirts, Fishing Poles./Tackle, **Anything Pre-School Etc**

Building Materials...Quikrete, Lumber, Pavers, Cans of Paint, Fencing, Nails/ Screws, Shingles, PVC pipes/joints, Fixatives, Safety Items, Work gloves, Rope/ twine,wire, Etc

Tools...Hammers, Saws, Trowels, Levels, Hoes/Rakes, Mulcher, Paint brushes/ rollers/etc, Cement mixer, Wheelbarrows, Screwdrivers, Buckets, Etc

Miscellaneous Needs...Tents, Waterproof Storage Containers(all sizes), GOLF CART for transport, Children's Books in FRENCH, First Aid items, Hand Sanitizer, Sunblock, Repellant, Items for Classrooms/ Staff/ Kitchen Etc

DONATE MONEY – Any Amount Appreciated!

**Honor someone! Plaque included for \$100 & Up
Primary Cost is SHIPPING CONTAINER! (\$3,000+)**

DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

**SPONSORS needed for Large Playground Items from
\$100 to \$1,000**

PAYPAL available

DONATE YOURSELF – Volunteer! Help sort, pack.

Please read this with an open heart! Timing on our Haiti project has become crunched! We ask for your patience due to ongoing difficulties in Haiti since the earthquake. Unfortunate and unavoidable delays in communication created our timing dilemma now. Those delays have placed huge pressure on us!!

I just returned from Port-au-Prince where I charted plans for our upcoming sports & play project at a large orphanage there. Here follows our appeal to you...as I try to paint a picture for you.

You may know about Bob and me and our professional backgrounds and our recent founding of The Sports Build Coalition, Inc. SBC's purpose is to spread the advantages of play to needy areas, both in the US and abroad. It's been a goal of ours for retirement, not too far away for us.

What you may not know is that we NOW face the huge task of funding a shipping container and related costs...this need developed late when we learned we had no access to offered shipping. It is the only real expense since we are holding our Donation Drive to collect items (please see flyer).

Can you imagine your childhood without your skates or your bicycle or even your own ball? No safe swings?

We were propelled to our first foreign SBC project when that horrendous earthquake fast-forwarded our earlier intentions to bring a SBC project to Haiti. We set a time in August to take volunteers to a wonderful orphanage, **The New Life Children's Home in Port-au-Prince**. The Home is an island of calm, deliberate care and nurturing of 70 boys and 50 girls. At the Home, back burner things (such as expanded play spaces) can now move up. . .



For our work in Haiti, we had set the first week in August as best timing for all, but the shipping problem has arisen unexpectedly. To arrive in time for our work in early August, the container has to be on its way by JUNE 26th for arrival before our August project.

We are asking you, our front line...those we know and trust best, to be our greatest help due to time constraints. Isn't that what you are told to do when you are in your greatest need? In the future, our fundraising can reach further to others (through public events, grants, raffles, online appeals) and rely much less on those we know. We also have made promises to "bring smiles to little faces" and we need your help to do it!

While on my two day "inspection" tour at the Home, I measured their play areas and envisioned play places. This is a warm, happy home for over 120 kids, nearly half had become orphans on January 12 when the earthquake hit. All ages, all needs, with 18 kids living there being fitted for prosthetics. All these children will grow up in this Home, so SBC is challenged to help provide a variety of recreation needs. I saw rabbit cages, which lets older kids each raise a rabbit to sell, an aquaculture project to raise tilapia for food, and weekly Prosthetics Clinic for the community. It's amazing!

The Home's Director (an American who founded this home 34 years ago) was overjoyed to hear our Coalition's purpose is to create fun...

for smiles to uplift everyone...the kids, devoted staffers (one Nanny per 8-10 children) and maybe help other over-capacity orphanages. In its open areas, the Home needs old, damaged play items replaced and more spaces planned. She made me feel that we were angels descending...

The twelve volunteers joining Bob and I on the project trip are from **University of Florida's Hillel Center** and they each will pay their trip expenses. They are excited about getting a-hold of that container and getting to work Aug 2 – 8! I imagine there will be some smiles on their faces, too.

We have to appeal earnestly to you to please help with this early-on and large outlay on this project. Please join our collection campaign (see attached flyer) to help stuff a 8' X 20' container full...over \$3,000 in shipping costs will send easily ten times that in value of play and building items being donated to our collection for Haiti. Again, the container must leave the US by JUNE 26 to reach Haiti for work to begin Aug 2.

IF 50 family and friends could send \$100 each, we could cover all shipping plus some ability to fill gaps in donated items.

We are therefore urgently asking for cash donations of any amount, to be sent as soon as possible to us at 928 S. E. 32nd Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33904, made payable to Sports Build Coalition. Fully deductible for tax purposes as SBC is a 501(c)3 charity. We are also in process of putting PAYPAL on our website at SportsBuildCoalition.org.

We really need to receive funds between June 19 (Sat) and June 23 (Wed). This is important **so we can confirm the container** as planned.

Thanks for your help with this no-frills request...we desperately need it on behalf of the children waiting. Share this with everyone please...your family, your friends...it will help so much. We composed this so it would "broadcast" well. Adding your own note to endorse us would help, too.

At the Home on Monday, I helped answer the call from a field hospital that had two young boys, orphaned and injured on January 12, healed enough now to go into orphanage care. We went for them and hospital staffers instead had **three** young boys waiting. The Home is already crowded, working every day to expand, so we did say yes to all three...if they just could be given cots. So it goes, adaptations are made and life becomes better for the weakest. And, oh, the beautiful smiles and the sweetest little hugs.

By the way, it was University of Miami's Medical School field hospital, complete with their own tent city. So proud!

So please think and give as you can...I have faith you will. Already ever-hopeful, the Haitian people will learn and grow from their losses. Trust me on this...you could see it in the children's eyes.



Thank you for considering (and reading this!).

Love, as ever *Mary*

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