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OUSD Haiti Earthquake Relief Efforts

ORANGE, Calif., February 2, 2010— Numerous schools throughout the Orange Unified School District rallied their collective school communities to join the effort in support of earthquake victims in Haiti. Teachers, students, parents and other members of the OUSD community collected cash donations and contributed to a district-wide shoe drive as well.

La Veta Elementary School hosted the "Gently Worn" Shoe Drive event January 23rd. Over 8,000 pairs of shoes were collected. In addition to La Veta Elementary, schools that participated in this event were Anaheim Hills Elementary, Cambridge Elementary, Canyon Rim Elementary, Crescent Elementary, El Modena High School, La Veta Elementary, McPherson Magnet School, Panorama Elementary, Santiago Middle School, Serrano Elementary, and Villa Park Elementary. Other OUSD departments contributed as well.

In terms of Red Cross cash donations, OUSD schools collected nearly \$10,000 through "Hats for Haiti" days, loose change drives and straight cash donations. Schools that contributed to the Red Cross donations included California Elementary, Canyon Rim Elementary, Crescent Elementary, Linda Vista Elementary, Nohl Canyon Elementary, Olive Elementary, Richland High School and Villa Park Elementary.

Renae Dreier, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Orange Unified School District said, "This is a tremendous effort by our entire school community coming together for those in need. It makes me proud to be a part of the Orange Unified School District."

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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