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HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE EXTENDS HAITI HURRICANE RESPONSE PROJECT TO MARCH

CARLISLE, MA 2/9/09 – Hands On Disaster Response (HODR), a Massachusetts-based, volunteer-driven, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, extends its Gonaives, Haiti hurricane response project until March 28, 2009. HODR coordinates volunteer efforts to bring direct assistance to communities around the world affected by natural disaster with maximum impact and minimum bureaucracy.

On October 10, 2008 HODR launched Project Gonaives in response to the successive hits of four tropical storms and hurricanes that battered the island of Haiti in August and September. To date more than 120 volunteers from 14 countries, including 25 Haitians, have volunteered at Project Gonaives, assisting more than 1,000 families recover from these devastating storms. Volunteers have cleared mud from and rehabilitated a school that serves more than 600 street children, have cleaned out private residences, allowing 100 families to move from rooftops, shelters and shared spaces back into their homes, and have developed a new well ring prototype which is now being used by Catholic Relief Services and for more cost- and time-effective well rehabilitation.

Due to unparalleled collaboration with other NGOs in Haiti, HODR has extended its efforts for an additional month, until March 28, 2009.

HODR relies on the generosity of donors to carry out its effective disaster response work. More than 90% of every donation supports our disaster response programs. Your monetary gift will make a direct difference in the lives of the people of Gonaives,

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For more information please visit www.HODR.org, where you will find Project Gonaives updates, NBC news coverage, photos, volunteer information and more.

ABOUT: Hands On Disaster Response (HODR) is a MA-based, volunteer-driven, 501(c)3 non-profit organization, that provides hands-on assistance to survivors of natural disasters around the world with maximum impact and minimum bureaucracy. By supporting volunteers with housing, meals, tools, and organized work at no charge we are able to provide free and effective response services to communities in need. Our programs are directed by the needs of each community in which we work, ensuring a timely, relevant, and culturally sensitive response. Previous projects: Iowa, USA (2008 flooding), Missouri USA (2008 tornadoes), Arkansas, USA (2008 tornadoes), Bangladesh (2007 Cyclone Sidr), Peru (2007 earthquake), Philippines (2006 Typhoon Reming), Indonesia (2006 Jogjakarta Earthquake), Mississippi, USA (2005 Hurricane Katrina), and Thailand (2004 Southeast Asian Tsunami). Donations made to HODR are tax-deductible. Tax ID #20-3414952.

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