

REMINDER:

NYCAL Happy Hour: For Haiti Earthquake Relief

On Thursday February 11, 2010, from 6:00 PM-Until, Sara Murphy of Lynch Daskel Emery and Gary Casimir of Reed Smith, LLP will be hosting a NYCAL happy hour at Stitch 247 W. 37th Street in support of Haiti Relief. We are asking for \$10 to \$20 donations for this event. The event will benefit two Haiti based orphanages, *Enfant Haitian Mon Frère** and the *Lathan Mission Foundation Orphanage**. You may also choose to direct your donations to the Red Cross: Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

So please come out and share a drink and free appetizers with your colleagues and give to a very worthy cause. Please invite as many people as you wish and pass this around to people in your office and anyone you think maybe interested.

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**Enfant Haïtien Mon Frère* is an orphanage and children's home in Port-au-Prince run by Yves-Marie Lafontant, Av., and Father Lespinasse. It is recognized by USCIS and UNICEF. Sara has personally been involved with this orphanage and has visited it several times since 2006, when she began the adoption process for her daughter, Vanessa. Vanessa lived there until Sara brought her home this past summer. The orphanage suffered greatly during the recent earthquake, as the building housing the older boys collapsed, killing several of the boys who were home at the time, and the main building housing most of the children was damaged. Father Lespinasse was also killed in the earthquake at his home across town. Whether Me. Lafontant and the remaining 40+ children under her care will be able to remain in Port-au-Prince and rebuild their home is unknown, but their financial need is certainly great at this time.

**Lathan Mission Foundation Orphanage* is based in Haiti and sustained minor damage to their dorms during the earth quake. Gary Casimir is personally familiar with the Orphanage, its organizers and it directors. As a result of the earthquake, it is expected that that the number of orphaned children in Haiti will exceed 400,000. The *Lathan Mission Foundation Orphanage* will use your donations to repair its facilities and to deal with increase of children that they will need to care for as result of the earthquake.