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## **SONS OF ITALY STATEMENT ON HAITI EARTHQUAKE TRAGEDY & RELIEF EFFORTS**

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The Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), the largest and oldest organization representing Italian American men and women, is deeply saddened by the tragic earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 13, and the dire conditions and loss of life left in its wake.

Understanding the pressing urgency of the situation, we cannot wait to act. We stand ready to offer our support to the reputable organizations tasked with and prepared to provide immediate assistance to Haitians and others left devastated by this tragedy.

We ask all Sons of Italy members and all Italian Americans to give what they can to aid this monumental humanitarian relief effort. We suggest direct cash donations to the following organizations:

Catholic Relief Services  
[www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)  
888-277-7575

Doctors Without Borders  
[www.doctorswithoutborders.org](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org)  
888-392-0392

Food for the Poor  
[www.foodforthe poor.org](http://www.foodforthe poor.org)  
800-427-9104

Salvation Army  
[www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)  
1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769)

William J. Clinton Foundation  
[www.clintonfoundation.org/haitiearthquake/](http://www.clintonfoundation.org/haitiearthquake/)  
501-748-0471

Lastly, we ask that you keep the people of Haiti in your thoughts and prayers now and as the country rebuilds.

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**National President**  
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*Established in 1905, OSIA has more than 500,000 family members and supporters and a network of more than 650 chapters coast to coast. OSIA works at the community, national and international levels to promote the heritage and culture of an estimated 26 million Italian Americans, the nation's fifth largest ethnic group according to the U.S. Census Bureau. To learn more, visit [www.osia.org](http://www.osia.org). | The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) is the philanthropic arm of the OSIA. Established in 1959, the SIF has contributed more than \$108 million to scholarships, medical research, cultural preservation, disaster relief, and other projects. To learn more, visit [www.osia.org/sif](http://www.osia.org/sif).*