

RRISA Haitian Medical Emergency Response Program

Atlanta area hospitals are receiving Haitian medical emergency cases from the USNS Comfort and RRISA is providing the logistics for temporary housing and basic patient/family care.

About RRISA:

RRISA is an affiliate of Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) and Church World Service (CWS), two of the 10 national refugee resettlement agencies authorized by the US State Department to resettle refugees of humanitarian concern. Since our incorporation as an agency separate from the Christian Council in 2002, we have grown to become one of the largest resettlement agencies in metro Atlanta, with a 40-person multi-cultural staff representing 15 countries and 25 languages. We provide services to approximately 2,100 refugees, asylees and victims of human trafficking each year.

RRISA's mission is to heal and rebuild the lives of displaced and uprooted people. Our vision is that refugee families will become stable, financially independent and productive members of the community, while preserving the ethnic and cultural identity that supports their dignity and self-esteem.

Haitian Response Services:

Client Services

- **Collaborating with other international, national, state and local service providers**
- **Coordination of basic needs after first response: including clothing, hygiene kits, cash assistance and food**
- **Family intakes and assessments**
- **Organizing health screenings for family members and general access to healthcare/mental health services**
- **Applications for benefit programs such as Refugee Medicaid and Food Stamps**
- **Housing assistance**

Community Outreach

- **Coordination of volunteer projects with local churches and other faith-based communities, businesses, schools and universities**
- **Partnering with the local Haitian community response**

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