



*From the office of the Director General - Du bureau du directeur général
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Dear Students, Colleagues, and Friends of Champlain,

It is without a doubt that all of us have been touched by the disaster in Haiti!

Haiti is a country that has experienced several lifetimes of devastation and the earthquake of January 12th, 2010, is yet another unbelievable challenge. From personal experience, I can tell you that everyone who has had the joy of knowing the Haitian people has been touched by their kind and generous spirit that manages to carry on despite all the poverty that they have endured for generations.

Our help is not only needed today and in the months ahead, it will be needed for years to rebuild the buildings, infrastructure, health and education systems that make-up each local community, and more importantly to rebuild the spirit of a nation.

Therefore, on behalf of our Board of Governors and the leadership of the College, I am asking you to consider how you can help make a difference both today and in the years ahead. This is our opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to the value of “caring through compassion, courtesy, and friendliness¹”. Individually we can make a difference, but together we can do so much more! Therefore, I wish to encourage you to support the organizations that are on the ground helping the Haitian people today and for the long-term. I wish to challenge our students, faculty, and staff to find ways to work together to support these organizations.

I am sure that you join me in saying that Haiti remains in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. K. Robertson'.

J. Kenneth Robertson
Director General

For more information on what you can do, please follow the links below:

- Unicef: <http://www.unicef.ca/portal/SmartDefault.aspx>
- Canadian Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.ca/article.asp?id=5&tid=003>
- Doctors Without Borders: <http://www.msf.ca/>
- World Vision Canada: <http://www.worldvision.ca/Pages/Home.aspx>

Please note, by donating to one of these organizations prior to February 12th, 2010, your effort will be doubled by matching funds from the Government of Canada!

¹ Excerpt from the Champlain Regional College Mission, Vision, and Values.