

Amazing Efforts for Haiti!

Just Us! employees have risen to the challenge and made huge contributions to a number of Haiti fundraising efforts. Staff have contributed by bringing in donations of medical supplies, clothes and water, and organizing community donations of blankets in the city. The Coffeehouses have raised a total of \$2273.60 primarily by donating their tips, but including contributions from customers. Spring Garden alone raised \$1226.67. All this money and the supplies were donated to the Salutory Angels in Halifax. Marie-Hélène at the Salutory Angels was absolutely thrilled. She said this was the largest single donation she has received for their current work in Haiti, or for that matter, throughout the past five years!



Employee contributions from Grand Pre employees totaled \$718.30. (Including a big bag of change from Jonas's piggybank [Austin's son]). These contributions will be sent to the Humanitarian Coalition (Oxfam). Just Us! is matching employee contributions through a donation to the Music for Haiti fundraiser taking place on Saturday. These funds can then be matched by the Canadian government. The total Just Us! contribution was \$2075.23. This money will ultimately go to UNICEF.

In addition, Jeff has scoured the country for the last remaining bag of Haitian green beans, which arrived on Wednesday. This coffee was roasted and will be served in the canteen at the Music for Haiti concert on Saturday (see poster →). Also bags of this special coffee will be sold at the event for a minimum donation of \$25/bag. I will let you know how we did with these coffee sales next week, as all the proceeds are also being donated. A very impressive effort from a caring and compassionate staff. It makes me proud to work at Just Us!

Organization	Amount
Salutory Angels	\$2273.60
The Humanitarian Coalition	\$ 718.30
Music for Haiti (UNICEF)	\$2075.23
TOTAL	\$5067.13

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For Immediate Release

DEEP ROOTS MUSIC COOPERATIVE RAISES OVER \$10,000 AT 'MUSIC FOR HAITI' IN SUPPORT OF UNICEF

February 1, 2010 – Wolfville, NS - Deep Roots Music Cooperative presented Music for Haiti on January 30th at Festival Theatre in Wolfville and fundraised over \$10,000 in support of UNICEF. With matching funds from the government this means more than \$20,000 that can be used to help in the aftermath of January's devastating earthquake.

The concert which included David Myles, Ian Janes, Finnan Haddie, The Keats, Sheva, Alice Stops Time, Eugene Cormier and Paula Rockwell was attended by over 300 people. Artist Holly Carr created a 4' x 8' silk painting live on stage which was later auctioned in the show along with tickets to this year's Deep Roots Festival, two annual passes to Evergreen Theatre and a pair of tickets to Two Planks and a Passion's Theatre Off the Grid helped to contribute over \$2,000.

Peter Mowat, Chair of the Deep Roots Music Cooperative says, *'We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the community when putting this fundraiser together. Our sponsors made it possible for us to give every dollar raised to UNICEF and we surpassed our own expectations. I would like to thank everyone who was involved as well as those that attended. The music was great and the outcome even better'.*

Just Us! Coffee Roasters' staff also helped to make a difference by giving their tips along with a matched donation to add to the final total. Acadia University supplied the venue and Long and McQuade provided the sound equipment.

John Humble, Atlantic Regional Director of UNICEF was at the concert to receive the cheque and said *'UNICEF's priorities are taking care of water supplies and sanitation along with protecting the children of Haiti from being abducted into other countries. This kind of support will help us to continue in our work to rebuild Haiti and ensure the safety of the children. I cannot believe how generous the people of Nova Scotia have been in this time of crises'.*

