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To our Haitian community near and abroad:

On Saturday, August 14th, 2021, we watched the news in horror to learn that Haiti had suffered yet another devastating earthquake. How many more tragedies do we need to go through? It seems that we can never get a break. HCC is confident that our resilient Haitian people will get through this and demonstrate once again to the world that we are survivors. We will rise with dignity and grace with our strong sense of survival. After all, Haiti was the first free Caribbean country to acquire its independence and we know how to deal with adversity. However, it is time for us to start seeing a glimpse of light and positivity in our future after having suffered so much. We are enduring our president being assassinated, COVID-19 related deaths, hurricanes and more. I pray to God that recovery and healing will finally begin. We are at the bottom of our despair and the only place to go now is up.

HCC has been providing supportive services to Haitians living in New York and Haiti for 4 decades. Today, the services we provide to the Haitian community are more necessary than ever before, particularly as we face another crisis of human suffering.

To assist individuals in coping with the uncertainties that the future holds, HCC's BeWell Clinic offers grief and trauma counseling. These services are instrumental in helping our community cope with this devastating crisis. Our clinic is staffed with professional therapists who are fluent in French and Haitian Creole and understand the cultural ramifications that these unfortunate events will have on our community.

HCC is readily available to assist those who are seeking additional support. If you need assistance, please call HCC at 718.940.2200 and ask to be connected to the BeWell Clinic.

We will continue to remain connected with other organizations and people vested in this fight to provide necessary support to our Haitian brothers and sisters as we move together to a better tomorrow.

Despite these tragic events, HCC remains optimistic about Haiti's future. Let us work together to uplift the heart and soul of our beloved nation.

Sincerely,

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