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Onorato & Ravenstahl Announce Haiti Relief Concert on Feb. 14

Valentine's Day event at Soldiers & Sailors will benefit American Red Cross efforts in Haiti

PITTSBURGH (February 4, 2010) – Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato and Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl today announced a Valentine's Day concert featuring the Clarks, Bill Deasy, the Freedom Band and Good Brother Earl to benefit American Red Cross relief efforts in Haiti. The event will take place on Sun., Feb. 14, at Soldiers & Sailors Hall in Oakland. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for a silent auction that will include autographed sports memorabilia, gift certificates and other items. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at the following locations:

- Dave's Music Mine, 1210 E. Carson Street, Pittsburgh, 412-488-8800;
- William Pitt Union Ticket Office, 3959 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, 412-648-7814;
- County Executive's Office, 101 Courthouse, 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh; and
- Online at www.clarkstickets.musictoday.com.

All proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction will benefit the American Red Cross Haiti Relief & Development Fund.

"It has been more than three weeks since Haiti was ravaged by a devastating earthquake, and the country continues to struggle," said Onorato. "The people of Allegheny County and Southwestern Pennsylvania have provided a tremendous outpouring of compassion, time and donations to help Haiti. This special Valentine's Day concert will provide another opportunity for residents to show the Haitian people how much they care by supporting the critical work being done by the American Red Cross in Haiti."

The American Red Cross is providing the Haitian people with essential needs, such as food, clothing and water. In fact, the Red Cross and its partner organizations are currently distributing more than one million liters of water per day to the victims of the earthquake.

"One of the biggest reasons our City is so livable, is that our people are known for their kindness and generosity," said Ravenstahl. "I encourage Pittsburghers to make this Valentine's Day their most memorable yet, by attending this benefit concert that will give support to the men and women who are working so hard to help the people of Haiti recover. If you take a minute to think about how many loved ones have lost the chance to reunite, and how many loved-ones have reunited, but are amidst the long and sobering process of recovery, this is the least we all can do. The concert will be fun, it will be energetic, and it will help Haiti."

“By setting up this concert, Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, Soldiers & Sailors and all of the performers involved are showing a remarkable dedication to helping the American Red Cross help the people of Haiti,” said local Red Cross CEO Patricia Waldinger. “This is an outstanding way that people throughout the region can help the earthquake victims and have a great time.

Due to logistics, the local Red Cross is unable to accept the donation of physical goods. Instead, it asks that financial donations be made in whatever amount is deemed appropriate. The following is a list of ways people can help with Haiti relief efforts:

- Text the word “Haiti” to 90999 to send a \$10 donation to the Haiti Relief & Development Fund. The charge will appear on your next cell phone bill;
- Call the American Red Cross Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter at 412-263-3100;
- Visit www.redcross.org and click on “Donate Now;”
- Mail a check to the American Red Cross, 225 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. The donation should be marked “Haiti” if the donor wishes the funds to be earmarked for this particular disaster;
- Purchase a Haiti relief cutout at area SHOP ’n SAVE locations; or
- Donate at any of the 76 Eat’n Park restaurants in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia

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For additional information, please visit the American Red Cross Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter’s web site at www.swpa.redcross.org or call 412-263-3100.

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