

EAST ORANGE GENERAL HOSPITAL

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EAST ORANGE GENERAL HOSPITAL PHYSICIANS PLANNING MERCY MISSION TO HAITI AS HOSPITAL CONTINUES RALLYING SUPPORT AND COUNSELING SERVICES

East Orange, N.J., February 3, 2010 – Following the catastrophic earthquake and most recent aftershocks, East Orange General Hospital continues to provide its staff and area residents with relief and outreach efforts, including an established information and counseling hotline, 1-973-414-6700. In addition, a hospital physician, Dr. Odler Robert Jeanlouie plans on leading a group of doctors on a mercy mission to Haiti in the near future.

Dr. Jeanlouie, a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad, met with other EOGH physicians to set the groundwork for a trip that would relieve doctors already working the front lines in caring for the thousands of disaster victims.

“As a hospital that serves a community with strong ties back to Haiti, we’re ramping up efforts to provide on-site and community-based grief and emotional counseling for anyone seeking that kind of support during these difficult times,” said East Orange General President and CEO Kevin Slavin.

For the past few weeks, Hospital officials have been providing vital information and counseling to greater Essex County communities through the 973-414-6700 hotline. In addition, to meet the needs of hospital staff and the public, EOGH is currently offering on-site counseling.

Also, hospital staff has already begun working with local churches to provide and coordinate counseling sessions. Anyone interested in having a hospital representative visit their church should call 973-266-4476.

The Hospital has played an important role in helping local Haitians who have been affected by the catastrophe. “As a community resource committed to healing and human well-being, we need to all do what we are capable of to bring aid and comfort back to those affected by this tragedy, both far away in Haiti and here at home,” stated Slavin.

For more information regarding counseling sessions, please call our Crisis Intervention Unit at (973) 266-4480.

About East Orange General Hospital

East Orange General Hospital is the largest private employer in East Orange, and remains as the only independent, fully accredited, acute-care hospital in Essex County. The hospital is the leader in Behavioral Health Services and provides a comprehensive array of primary care and specialty services including Same Day Surgery, Physical Rehabilitation Services, Family Health, Emergency Medicine, Outpatient Hemodialysis, Hyperbaric/Wound Management, Vascular and Medical/Surgical

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Services. Serving the community for over a century, the hospital recently expanded its services and is continually adding new equipment and programs to provide the highest level of quality and compassionate patient care. For more information on East Orange General Hospital, please visit: <http://www.evh.org>.

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