



June 21, 2010

Ms. Anne Frascarelli
Village Square Quilters
3 Second Street
Pelham, NY 10803

Dear Village Square Quilters,

I am writing on behalf of the Afya Foundation to express our deep appreciation for your generous donation of 10 Cuddle Quilts, 10 Friendship Quilts and 20 wheelchair bags, all of which have been sent to Haiti to make life a bit more comfortable for those who are suffering from the tragic earthquake.

Since its inception in late 2007, the Afya Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, has successfully gathered and sorted supplies and repaired equipment, resulting in the shipment of dozens of 40- and 20-foot containers filled with recovered supplies to Haiti, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, Ghana and Rwanda. Multiple duffel bags of supplies to support medical missions in Liberia, New Delhi, and Tanzania have also been packaged and sent.

When we heard the news of Haiti's earthquake, the Afya team connected with Partners in Health (PIH), with whom we have steadily collaborated for the past two years. Already on the ground as one of the largest non-governmental health care providers in Haiti, PIH conveyed their immediate need for Water Purification Tablets, Electrolyte Tablets, Water, Ensure (or any liquid food supplement), etc. We then reached out to donor organizations and hospitals for relief supplies. In just one day, we acquired 300 mattresses to be used in makeshift shelters on the island. Some of those were included in our first sea shipment, some were airlifted on Sunday, January 17th. Since the tragic earthquake in Haiti, Afya has shipped twenty-one 40-foot containers and has had five airlifts. In addition, we have been to Haiti three times, leading rehabilitation teams on the ground. To view a moving video about our work there, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DCgzYRA3TA>.

These efforts are only the beginning, and every single item in these shipments represents Afya's ongoing commitment to put all the would-be discarded materials gathered from the metro-NY healthcare market to their optimal use abroad.

We are incredibly grateful for your contributions to this global initiative. Your donation, together with our work, will improve health care for thousands of patients worldwide. If you have any questions about our organization, we invite you to visit our website at www.afyafoundation.org, or feel free to call us at 914.338.7034. We look forward to a continued collaboration. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Danielle Butin'.

Danielle Butin, MPH, OTR
Founder and Executive Director

"Pite Pite Na Rive" (Little by little we arrive)

Creole saying

PS If you'd like to join our mailing list, please e-mail ellen@afyafoundation.org