

## **Two Years After the Haiti Earthquake: Providing Long-term Solutions by Creating “Jobs For Life”.**

Vancouver, Washington (January 10, 2012). Vancouver-based Forward Edge International (FEI), in partnership with non-governmental, Haitian leaders, has launched its “Jobs for Life” program. This program creates jobs for hundreds of families displaced by the January 12, 2010 earthquake that killed 230,000 people and left 1.5 million homeless.

Forward Edge is partnering with the largest chicken-breeding company in the English-speaking Caribbean to launch individual and commercial chicken-farming businesses for aspiring Haitian entrepreneurs. Forward Edge also plans to launch plastic-recycling businesses later this year. Both business ventures are part of the “Jobs for Life” program, and are designed to be self-sustaining, lifting Haitian families out of poverty permanently.

Since the earthquake, Forward Edge International has sent more than 850 short-term volunteers to Haiti, most from the Portland/Vancouver area. These volunteers have constructed 82 homes for Haitian families, distributed 316,000 pounds of food, removed 9,151 tons of rubble, and delivered 27,720 shoes. Over 300 medical professionals have also been sent to care for the sick and injured. An additional 400 short-term volunteers are projected for 2012.

Tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., FEI Founder and President, Joe Anfuso, will update members of the media on the details related to the “Jobs For Life” projects.

**What:** Helping Haitians Create “Jobs for Life” Two Years After the Quake  
**Who:** FEI Founder and President, Joe Anfuso  
**When:** January 12, 2012 at 10:00 am  
**Where:** Forward Edge International Headquarters, 15121-A NE 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Vancouver, WA 98686.

### **About Forward Edge International:**

FEI alleviates suffering through disaster-response work, health-care projects and programs for vulnerable children by mobilizing hundreds of volunteers each year. Since 1983, more than 14,000 volunteers have served with Forward Edge, worldwide.

For 29 years, FEI has specialized in sending ordinary people throughout the world to assist in times of disaster, including wars, terrorist attacks, earthquakes, tsunamis, and hurricanes. Forward Edge has sent more than 3,000 to serve in the Gulf Coast since Hurricane Katrina, helping hundreds return to their homes, churches and schools.

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