

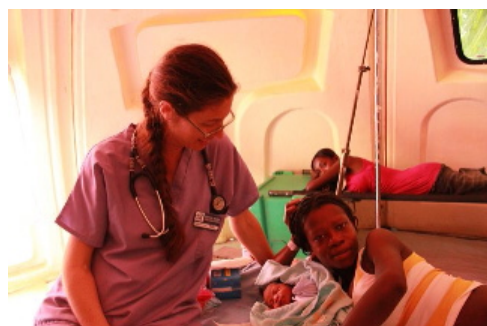
# CAN-DO.org LAUNCHES HAITI DOMES PROJECT

## Opening of Factory Brings Jobs and Shelters to Devastated Communities

**Port-au-Prince, Haiti, January 25, 2011** – CAN-DO.org (Compassion into Action Network - Direct Outcome Organization) has officially launched the Haiti Domes Project with the opening of a manufacturing plant and the placement of its first fiberglass domes in Port-Au-Prince and the surrounding areas. The structures, which have a life expectancy of more than 25 years and are resistant to fire, rain and winds up to 130 miles per hour, are manufactured in Haiti by Composites Karayib, using local labor to produce, transport and erect the domes on-site.

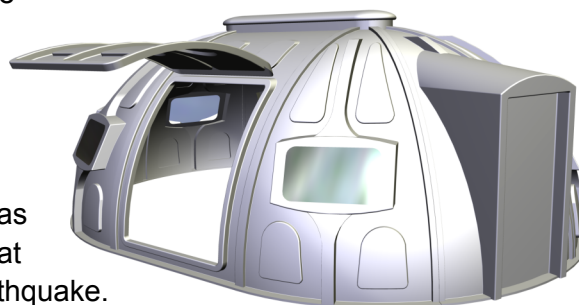


Says Eric Klein, founder of CAN-DO.org, "It's been a year since the earthquake and there has been very little meaningful improvement in quality of life related to schools, medical facilities and shelter. Through the Haiti Domes Project, we're offering strong and safe structures, creating jobs, and coordinating with others to enhance sustainability. Most importantly, we're doing it without the red tape – by getting out on the ground, talking to the people, and making things happen that have a measurable and positive impact at the community level."



In September 2010, J/P Haitian Relief Organization, founded by Sean Penn, received a standard Simplex dome from CAN-DO.org for use as a five bed labor and delivery unit. Currently, an average of 15 babies are being born per week in the birthing clinic and it is also used as part of a 16-class labor and delivery training program for Haitian nurses. Shortly after placement, former President Bill Clinton toured the dome to assess its suitability for similar projects planned by the Clinton Global Initiative.

The Simplex dome measures 18 by 25 feet and can be built in under a half-hour by two semi-skilled workers. Through the Haiti Domes Project, CAN-DO.org offers a solution that is affordable enough to qualify as transitional yet durable and comfortable enough to serve long-term needs in Haiti. Ideal for use as medical clinics, schools, dormitories, administrative offices and more, Composites Karayib's fiberglass domes are easily expandable and transportable, and can also can be disassembled and repurposed for use elsewhere should permanent structures or more suitable locations become available. Only groups with a reputable track record and a commitment to long-term recovery in Haiti will be considered eligible to receive a structure.



On the recent January 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the earthquake, WE ADVANCE received a dome from CAN-DO.org for use as a Women's Wellness Center. The last bolts were tightened at 4:54 pm, marking the exact one-year anniversary of the earthquake. A brief memorial ceremony at the event included a Remembrance Prayer and other acknowledgments. WE ADVANCE was founded by actress Maria Bello, Barbara Guillaume, Alison Thompson and humanitarian Aleda Frishman.

The women's clinic represents the first in a series of collaborative community centers planned by the Haiti Domes Project in the coming weeks and months, designed to provide shelters, services and supplies for medical, educational, and other community oriented purposes. Shortly before the New Year, CAN-DO began contacting Haitian mayors to determine their interest in similar community centers for their cities, and based on initial positive feedback, hopes to confirm participation by The National Leadership Conference of Haitian Mayors (NLCHM) in the near future.

According to Joseph G. "Billy" Louis, Executive Director of GALATA, "We look forward to the implementation of this program, which creates a win-win situation for all parties concerned. Finally, local governments, the private sector, NGOs, and donors can come together with a viable, scalable project. We locals will determine the highest priorities. The beauty of this true collaboration is that no one NGO dictates the approach or outcome, but many participate in creating a better, more effective, and sustainable solution."

For more information, to make a donation, or to schedule an interview with Eric Klein, please call Carolyn Neff at 1-877 CAN-DO97 or visit [www.CAN-DO.org](http://www.CAN-DO.org)

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**ABOUT CAN-DO.org** - Founded by Eric Klein, CAN-DO.org (Compassion into Action Network - Direct Outcome Organization) has set a new standard for humanitarianism and is changing the face of philanthropy. It quickly has become an organization people can trust and depend upon to "get it done" fast and effectively. CAN-DO does not get involved in the politics or bureaucratic "red tape" that delays and often prevents large agencies from delivering critical aid. CAN-DO is a 501c3, relief organization dedicated to working on the local level to provide lasting solutions, with full accountability, efficiency, and results.

**ABOUT THE HAITI DOMES PROJECT** - Initiated by CAN-DO.org (Compassion into Action Network – Direct Outcome Organization) with a donation from the Boehm Gladen Foundation, the Haiti Domes Project is a collaborative effort between manufacturers, foundations, educators and service providers who share a common vision: to raise dignity, improve quality of life and create sustainable communities for the people of Haiti by providing cost-effective, innovative solutions. Guiding principles of the project include flexible and turnkey design that addresses community needs, commitment to local manufacturing and job creation, the use of renewable energy and materials, and maximization of resources in an accountable manner.

**GALATA** coordinates all leadership development events and activities for the Haitian Mayors and elected officials.

**NLCHM:** The mission of the National Leadership Conference of Haitian Mayors is to help each city achieve self-sufficiency through the use of mentoring opportunities, coordination of resources, and collaboration.