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## All Hands To Celebrate National Volunteer Week With Soccer Field Rehabilitation Program

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**April 5, 2011** – Leogane, Haiti – This National Volunteer Week (April 11–15) All Hands is partnering with GOALS to launch Vini Jwe, or “come play.” All Hands will be constructing a soccer field for the community and celebrating its completion at the end of the week on April 16 with a tournament involving international aid organizations, Haitian league teams and the local community.

The event is being sponsored by Crocs, who will be donating 200 pairs of shoes and providing communication support for the event. One World Futbol manufactures and distributes the world’s most durable soccer ball and will be donating balls for our tournament. AOL, MSN, Lovefilm, Blinkbox and Naked Penguin Boy are kindly donating media support and advertising space to All Hands.

After the field is completed, GOALS, an organization that uses soccer to empower youth and advance long-term development, will provide a yearlong program promoting community involvement and environmental work.

Soccer is Haiti’s national game and has brought joy to the survivors of the earthquake, many who still live in the midst of the rubble and destruction. Leogane’s soccer stadium, the fourth largest in the country, is currently being used as an IDP camp, housing more than 6,000 people. Games that would normally be played there are held on patches of spare land around the city, which are often no more than an uneven field with makeshift goals at either end. It’s been more than a year since All Hands came to Haiti to help Leogane recover after the 2010 earthquake. All Hands has worked closely with the community to address their needs directly, and have been welcomed with kindness and generosity, enabling significant progress. Vini Jwe is a thank you to the city of Leogane and to all their volunteers and partners.

“It’s a great thing being able to provide a space that people can be proud of in the community,” said Jeremy Horan, director of Project Leogane. “But more than that, it’s what GOALS is going to be doing that makes it really special. We aren’t just another NGO building a soccer pitch. There’s going to be sustained community involvement and in year’s time, you’ll still be able to see a well-maintained pitch being used by local children.”

**About All Hands Volunteers** – All Hands Volunteers is a US-based, 501(c)3 non-profit organization, that provides hands-on assistance to survivors of natural disasters around the world, with maximum impact and minimum bureaucracy. By supporting volunteers with housing, meals, tools, and organized work at no charge we are able to provide free and effective response services to communities in need. Our programs are directed by the needs of each community in which we work, ensuring a timely, relevant, and culturally sensitive response. For more information including a list of past and present projects, go to <http://www.hands.org>.

**About GOALS** – GOALS is a non-profit organization that uses soccer to empower youth, engage communities, and advance long-term development work in Haiti. For more information, go to <http://goalshaiti.org>.

**About Crocs** – Crocs is a world leader in innovative casual footwear for men, women and children. They are sponsoring Vini Jwe and donating shoes for the children of the community and those taking part in the GOALS program. For more information, go to <http://www.crocs.com>.

**About One World Futbol** – One World Futbol manufactures and distributes the world's most durable soccer ball, the One World Futbol. The futbol never deflates, never needs a pump or needle, never gets waterlogged, and goes on playing even if punctured numerous times. One World Futbol is donating balls for our tournament and the GOALS program. For more information, go to <http://www.oneworldfutbol.com>.