



## Riverhead Charter School

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### **Riverhead Charter School Teachers Going To Haiti!** *Helping Kids from One School to Another!"*

Calverton, NY, February 5, 2010 – In the aftermath of the worst earthquake to hit the country of Haiti, teachers from the Riverhead Charter School (RCS) will sleep in tents during their February break and bring clothing, medical supplies, and food to the people of Haiti

Jaclyn Walsh, a 5th grade teacher, and Thomas Graf, a 6th grade teacher are traveling to Milot, Haiti to help with the emergency efforts. The teachers are volunteering through the “Life and Hope Haiti” organization. “Our students, faculty and school community are dedicated individuals who not only help the families of our own students but also are actively involved in helping others globally when in need, said Dorothy Porteus, Riverhead Charter School Principal.

Mrs Porteus said that RCS K-6 grade students are busy collecting supplies for the teachers to bring with them to give to the children and school in Haiti. The RCS Student Government is organizing “Pennies for Haiti”. The slogan is EVERY PENNY COUNTS!

ESL students in grade 5 and 6 are creating a “Hearts for Haiti” display. The display will showcase RCS students’ hopes and wishes for the people of Haiti. These students will also be developing projects to contribute to Haiti relief efforts.

The Riverhead Charter School is a K-6<sup>th</sup> tuition free public school of parent choice serving families on eastern Long Island, since 2001. They offer a smaller school environment for students from 16 different school districts who enroll in the spring to attend the school.

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