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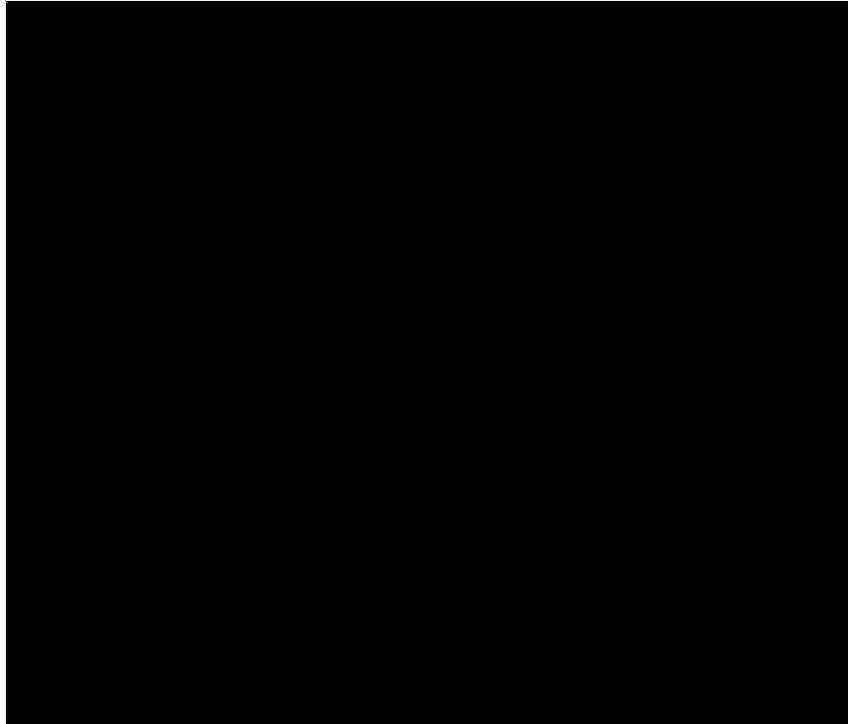
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## Carson Division Operator Organizes 'Help for Haiti' Clothing Drive

By Rich Morallo

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(Feb. 23, 2010) During a break between driving assignments at Carson Division 18 last month operator Charles Jackson ran into a fellow operator who shared a concern.

"I could already see he had a heavy heart over his thoughts and then my friend asked if something could be done to help Haiti," remarked Jackson.

An ordained minister and 27-year Metro employee, Jackson knew exactly what to do. "I decided to launch a clothing drive to help the Haitian people, especially the children, who were suffering since the January 12 earthquake there," said Jackson.

"I saw the need of the Haitians and I knew I could ask fellow staff to donate clothes in their closets...clean clothes that weren't being used," Jackson added.

Working on his personal time and enlisting the help of others, Jackson set up a barrel with a sign for the clothing drive in the transportation building and passed the word to other Division 18 staff. The barrel soon

filled up again and again. " I would pick up the clothes and deliver them to the Tabernacle of Faith Baptist Church, which will forward the clothes to the Haitian Embassy," said Jackson.

"The response has been just great," said Jackson as he said that 15 large bundles of clothes and 20 boxes of shoes have already been collected.

"The children in Haiti have been affected and their plight has touched our hearts," said Jackson.

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