

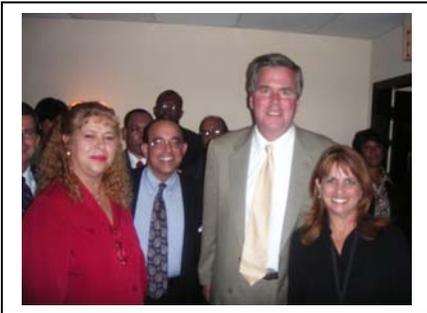
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NEWS REPORT

On September 23, 2004, in a meeting held at the Conference Center of the Americas in Coral Gables, Florida State Governor Jeb Bush congratulated **AmericasRelief Team** members for their efforts in helping Caribbean Basin countries which have experienced significant damage or devastation from Hurricane Ivan and Tropical Storm Jeanne.

Consul Generals and officers from the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, and Jamaica met with the governor, members of the **AmericasRelief Team**, and other Caribbean Leaders to give briefs of their country's conditions and needs, and to discuss logistics, transportation, and the coordination of collection & distribution of humanitarian aid.

Members and friends of **AmericasRelief Team** have conducted tremendous and well-coordinated efforts to provide fast and effective response to the Caribbean Basin countries.



Florida's Governor Jeb Bush with members of AmericasRelief Team



Eric William speaks to Hon. Phillip J. Allcock, Consul General of Jamaica



Marti Hernandez, AmericasRelief Team Logistics Coordinator with Hon. Allcock



Julieta N. Valls representing FACACA and AmericasRelief Team at the meeting

PRESS RELEASE

The following was the press release from the governor's office:

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Statement By:

GOVERNOR JEB BUSH

Regarding Meeting with Officials of Caribbean Countries Affected by Recent Storms

TALLAHASSEE - "I am deeply saddened to hear the news of the rising death toll in Haiti as a result of recent flooding associated with Tropical Storm Jeanne. The last several weeks have seen devastation throughout the Caribbean region as a result of the sometimes destructive forces of nature. Being hit this summer by three major hurricanes with a fourth possibly on the way, Floridians understand the tragedy that can come from these types of natural disasters. Our hearts go out to those who are suffering in Haiti and other parts of the Caribbean during these trying times.

"Yesterday, I met with the Consul Generals of the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, and Jamaica. These officials gave me a full briefing on the damage inflicted upon their respective countries by recent storms. Their suffering and needs are great, but friends are ready to help.

"My office has been working closely with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Department of State, and various non-governmental organizations, including the Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas, Inc. (FAVACA), and Americas Humanitarian Logistics Relief Team, a private sector relief effort bringing together more than 50 Florida-based companies, to address the issues of disaster response for our neighbors in the Caribbean.

"USAID has already mounted a major relief effort to assist Caribbean countries rebuild from recent storms - providing over \$2 million in humanitarian assistance to the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, and the Bahamas. And USAID has just announced that an additional \$2 million, as well as much needed emergency supplies, are being made available from the U.S. government for Haiti's disaster recovery efforts. We applaud this response and look forward to better days for our Caribbean friends and neighbors."

AmericasRelief Team

Is a Florida private sector collaboration of corporations and non profit organizations created to help our Latin America and Caribbean friends in times of crisis and disasters. **AmericasRelief Team** reacts to immediate crisis, provides ongoing logistics assistance, and conducts plans for future events in the region which will require effective coordination of humanitarian relief. Members include: FedEx Latin America, Carnival Corp., Pharmed Group, Seaboard Marine, G.O.A.L., Florida Stevedoring, and Lucent Technologies. NGO Collaborators include: FAVACA, PADF, Harvest International, and The Miami Herald.