

## Leominster Credit Union Donates to Haiti Relief Effort

Leominster Credit Union recently contributed financial assistance to victims of the devastating earthquake that occurred in Haiti in January.

The \$500 donation was accepted by Emery Gaudet, a Leominster resident and long-time supporter of humanitarian efforts in Haiti.

The donation represents \$250 contributed by LCU members and employees, and a matching amount from LCU.

The funds will help support the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady's mission in Aquin. While Aquin is 75 miles from Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, and 65 miles from the epicenter of the magnitude 7 quake, the mission is struggling to deal with the after effects.

Haitians in the country's capital city who survived the earthquake have left for rural areas, such as Aquin, where they have family and can get medical attention, food and shelter.

"The devastation in Haiti is heart breaking," said Gordon R. Edmonds, Leominster Credit Union President and CEO. "Our contribution will, in a small part, assist people who are in dire need."

The Aquin mission provides many services to some of Haiti's poorest of poor. It operates an Inpatient Nutrition Center, treating children who are severely malnourished, and a Healthcare Clinic, treating a wide variety of diseases.

