

Carmel Village's Urbana Cityspa & Teabar to send Valentine gift to Haiti

Urbana Cityspa & Teabar, 7510 Pineville-Matthews Road, currently is fundraising for Haiti earthquake victims by hosting Hearts & Hands Helping Haiti. Throughout February, Urbana will take 10 percent off the purchase amount of any gift card of \$50 or more with the mention of Hearts & Hands Helping Haiti. Urbana also will donate 5 percent of sales to Partners in Health, which will allocate the money for Haitian relief efforts.

The philanthropic initiative aims to contribute to Haitian relief efforts in the aftermath of January's devastating earthquake. The promotion will run all month and culminate in a March donation to Partners in Health.

Since the late 1980s, Partners in Health has operated clinics, alleviated disease, monitored health conditions, taken mobile health care to residents in the poorest areas of Haiti and created programs to provide housing, food and clean water. The group has long-standing affiliations with Harvard Medical School, and its efforts now extend to 12 countries. Staff members in Boston and Haiti currently are working to coordinate relief efforts in Haiti with the help of doctors, nurses and community health workers.

"Valentine's month is a special time at Urbana," said owner Nancy Goodwin. "We would like to give a portion of our gift card sales – a Valentine – to this group, which has a 20-year track record of helping Haitians. Our staff has been touched by the recent news and wants to give something back to people who so desperately need every bit of assistance that can be provided."

For more information or to purchase gift cards, good for massages or premium teas, call Urbana Cityspa & Teabar at 704-710-8000.

To learn more about Partners in Health or to donate directly to the organization, visit www.pih.org. □