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*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

**Take a Chance on Elkdom**

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To All Members and Lodges of the Indiana Elks Association

Every month I have asked you to please remember those less fortunate and do what you can to help those in need. Well, the time has come for you and your Lodge to shine.

On behalf of the Indiana Elks Association, I am asking you to dig deep and donate what you can to help the people in Haiti. The death and devastation there is beyond belief, and now more than ever, we need to remember the words Elks live by – ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE!

It is very important that we all make sure that the funds we wish to donate, actually get to the people who we all wish to help, and not get buried in a bunch of red tape. This is where the Indiana Elks can help you.

I am asking our State Secretary Ed Dyer and our State Treasurer Roger Kraese to set up a Haiti Relief Fund to collect all donations. All monies will be sent to an organization of your choice....the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the joint effort of the Clinton-Bush relief fund, etc., in your name or your Lodge's name.

We will do the diligent research and make sure that the money donated will go to only 'top notch' efforts.

Do the best you can, and send funds collected to Roger Kraese. Indicate that this is for the Haiti Relief Fund. Also indicate any specific charity that you may wish your funds to be directed to.

I am also asking PSP Larry Shaver to put a link on our website for donations.

Scott Gates will also have this letter published in our "Under the Spreading Antlers" e-newsletter.

We want our Indiana Elks to do all they can to help those in need.

Some of you may have already given to the cause, and that is fine. If this is the case, and you feel as though you want to donate to the effort privately....please do so. But still let Ed Dyer or Roger Kraese know of this so we can document everything that Indiana Elks are doing.

We will then inform Grand Lodge of our efforts.

Thank you in advance for anything you can do to help.

Fraternally,

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