

# REAL. LIFE. Contest: Bring Hope to Haiti

*"I'm only one person, but I can make a difference!"*



You really *can* make a difference. Enter this contest, and win an "I Can Make a Difference" donation certificate that will bring hope to someone in Haiti.

## The Contest Question:

Imagine that you are a donor and want to give \$100,000 to Medical Teams International to help Haiti recover from the recent earthquake. How would you want Medical Teams International to use your money? What would be your plan?

## The Contest Guidelines:

1. Write a letter to President Bas Vanderzalm, and tell him how you would like Medical Teams International to use your "donation" of \$100,000—and why.
  2. In the first paragraph, tell him about the impact the REAL. LIFE. Exhibit had on you.
  3. In the remaining paragraphs, address these questions:
    - How would you want Medical Teams International to use your donation? (Take into consideration the medical and health focus of Medical Teams International.)
    - What need would you want to address? Why?
    - What specific help will you provide? How much will you spend for each part of your response?
    - How many people will you help?
    - Who will provide help? Where will you get the supplies you need?
    - What difference will your response make to the people of Haiti?
- Note:** You may enter this contest as an individual or a group. Sometimes two (or five) heads are better than one. If you submit a group project, include the personal information requested in #8 below for each group member. However, if a group project wins the contest, only one donation certificate will be awarded.
4. Type all entries in 12 pt. font.
  5. All entries must be submitted electronically—either as a Microsoft Word attachment or pasted into an e-mail.
  6. E-mail entries to: [exhibit@medicalteams.org](mailto:exhibit@medicalteams.org), and type "Writing contest" in the subject line.
  7. Use letter format and your best grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
  8. All entries must include
    - Your full name and age
    - Your teacher's or group leader's name
    - Your school (or group) and grade
    - Your e-mail address and phone number
  9. The contest is open to students in middle school, high school, and college. Judges will consider age of the entrant(s) when selecting winners. You may enter as an individual or as a group.
  10. Send in entries anytime, but **entries must be submitted by Friday, May 21.** Winners will be announced June 4.

## Prizes:

1. First prize: A \$50 "I Can Make a Difference" donation certificate, which you can use to make a difference in the lives of people in Haiti. Second prize: A \$25 "I Can Make a Difference" donation certificate.
2. A Medical Teams International T-shirt.
3. Your winning entry will be posted on the REAL. LIFE. Exhibit Web pages.

