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Great Kenmare Walk for Charity, March 18th

Take Part in this Stunning Challenge and Help Raise Funds for Haven's work in Haiti

February 23rd 2012 - This St. Patrick's Weekend why not put on the trotters and take part in the Great Kenmare Walk in aid of charity? The route follows the Old Kenmare Road in Killarney from Kenmare to Torc Waterfall, a distance of approximately 15k featuring some of the most beautiful scenery in the area.

Participants are requested to raise sponsorship of a minimum €30, which will go towards the bus transfer to and from Killarney (at either end of the walk), and the remainder which will fund Haven's work in Haiti. Haven is building sustainable communities, providing emergency relief and implementing community development programmes, in Haiti.

Special accommodation rates have also been organised for the weekend in Killarney. Participants in the walk are also invited to take part the previous day (March 17th) in the Killarney St. Patrick's Day Festival on the Haven Float.

Whether you opt for the walk alone or to make a weekend out of it in one of the country's party and beauty capitals Killarney, it promises to be a good one!

Walkers are asked to meet at 10am in the Outlet Centre Car Park, Killarney and ensure they have good footwear, water and a packed lunch.

For more information on this unique event see www.havenpartnership.com or contact the event organiser Simon O'Shea on simon.oshea@havenpartnership.com or 086 1685 972.

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Notes for the Editor:

Event organiser Simon O'Shea, a Munster native from Kerry who has travelled to Haiti on numerous occasions, is available for interview.

About Haven

Haven was set up by Irish businessman, Leslie Buckley and his wife, Carmel Buckley, in January 2009. The NGO is working solely in Haiti, building houses and sustainable communities, while providing

emergency relief in the wake of the earthquake which struck last January 2010, killing 230,000 people and leaving 1.5 million people homeless.

Examples of work to date:

- Haven has to date built, repaired and upgraded over 2,000 homes in Haiti.
- Over 1,300 latrines, 308 showers and 20 community shelters have been provided in IDP camps.
- Over 3,000 local people have been trained in hygiene promotion, conflict resolution and vocational training to empower communities to pursue their livelihoods.
- Haven has employed 600 local people in their projects.
- More than 10,000 children in schools have been provided with clean water, sanitation facilities and hygiene training.
- Over 1,000 volunteers have travelled with Haven to Haiti to assist on house building projects.
- Haven is currently recruiting 45 volunteers to travel to Haiti in May for one week.
- For more information see www.havenpartnership.com