



August Wilson  
Center for  
African American  
Culture

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MEDIA ADVISORY

## August Wilson Center Reacts to Devastation in Haiti

***Center becomes donation site; Visitors especially encouraged to bring donations during Center’s FREE Day this Monday, January 18, 2009***

**WHO:** The August Wilson Center for African American Culture is now accepting certain donated items in its response to the devastation and human tragedy caused by the massive earthquake in Haiti. The August Wilson Center is working with various relief organizations, including Brother’s Brother Foundation, to ensure the ***brand new*** donated items reach Haiti quickly.

The Center is having a free day of activities for the entire family on January 18 from 11 am to 4 pm. Visitors planning to spend Martin Luther King Day at the Center are strongly encouraged to bring donations. Donations will be accepted during the Center’s hours of operation. The Center will be a donation site for as long as help is needed.

**WHAT:** The August Wilson Center is guiding those who want to donate brand new items to support this relief effort to bring **ONLY** the following:

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| <b>Baby wipes or wet wipes</b> | <b>Buckets</b>           |
| <b>Non-liquid soap</b>         | <b>Wash cloths</b>       |
| <b>Toothpaste/toothbrushes</b> | <b>Combs and Brushes</b> |
| <b>Canned food</b>             |                          |

**WHEN:** **August Wilson Center Normal Operation Hours**  
**Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays - 11 am to 7 pm**  
**Saturdays - 10 am to 5 pm**  
**Sundays - Noon to 5 pm**  
**Mondays and Tuesdays - Closed**  
**Additional Hours on Performance Days**

For more information, call 412.258.2700 or visit [AugustWilsonCenter.org](http://AugustWilsonCenter.org).

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## **About the August Wilson Center for African American Culture**

Named for Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning playwright and Hill District native August Wilson, the August Wilson Center for African American Culture engages regional and national audiences in its mission of preserving, presenting, interpreting, celebrating and shaping the art, culture and history of African Americans in Western Pennsylvania and people of African descent throughout the world.

Located in Downtown Pittsburgh's Cultural District, the multidisciplinary August Wilson Center is reflective of all aspects of African American Culture. The Center's striking, two-story, green building houses seven exhibition galleries, a 486-seat theater for performances in all disciplines, an education center, a café and gift shop, and multipurpose spaces for community programs and events. The Center is among a select few African American cultural institutions presenting visual and performing arts, the humanities and educational programs in a state-of-the-art venue.

More information on the Center's activities and its membership program is available on the Web site at [AugustWilsonCenter.org](http://AugustWilsonCenter.org) and by calling 412.258.2700.