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**TouroCOM Students to Travel to Haiti for Medical Aid Mission
in Partnership with Project Medishare for Haiti, Inc.**

New York, N.Y., January 5, 2012 - Twelve students from the [Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine](http://www.touro.edu/osteopathic) (TouroCOM) will travel to Haiti from January 8-14, 2012, in a pioneering trip in partnership with the medical relief organization Project Medishare for Haiti, Inc.

The group of first and second year medical students will conduct primary care field clinics in the town of Thomonde, located in central Haiti, and at the public hospital in Port-Au-Prince.

Additionally, the students, along with local hospital and clinic staff, will learn how to use sophisticated ultrasound machines donated in advance of the visit that allow physicians to view the structure of blood vessels to identify blockages and restrictions to blood flow. The high-tech equipment will help medical personnel prevent lethal blood clots and occlusions that can occur following surgery and trauma situations such as those common in post-earthquake Haiti.

“This initiative, led by our students, rings true to the mission of our medical school, which is to tackle health care disparities affecting all people,” said Robert Goldberg, DO, dean of TouroCOM. “This mission is the first in what we hope will be a long-term partnership with Project Medishare, and represents the organization’s first collaboration with an osteopathic medical school.”

TouroCOM advances the osteopathic profession and serves its students and society by providing a firm educational foundation that encourages research and scholarly activity and participation in community service.

TouroCOM students Haley Poland and Matt Cummock, representing the school’s International Medicine Club, organized the trip and spearheaded the collaboration with Project Medishare. In Haiti they will work under the supervision of Bruce Mintz, DO, a vascular specialist and adjunct assistant professor at TouroCOM who arranged for the donation of the ultrasound equipment; Barbara Girz, DO, an obstetrician and gynecologist who practices in N.J. and Arthur Fournier, M.D., co-founder of Project Medishare for Haiti, Inc. Other students participating are Kaitlyn Piatt, Cassandre Marseille, Gillian Hopgood, Joo Lee, Natalie Bonomo Beckett, Michelle Kang, Claudine Compas, Angie Elliott, Stacen Buchholz and John Farag.

Project Medishare for Haiti, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit registered in the State of Florida, was founded in 1994 by Dr. 's Barth Green and Arthur Fournier from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. It is an organization dedicated to sharing its human and technical resources with its Haitian partners in the quest to achieve quality healthcare and development services for all.

Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was established in 1971 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. More than 18,000 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has branch campuses, locations and instructional sites in the New York area, as well as branch campuses and programs in Berlin, Jerusalem, Moscow, Paris, and Florida. Touro University California and its Nevada branch campus, as well as Touro College Los Angeles, are separately accredited institutions governed in common by the same Board of Trustees as Touro College. For further information on Touro College, please go to: <http://www.touro.edu/media/>

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