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Haiti, CAU and You

In the wake of the disaster in Haiti, CAU president Dr. Carlton Brown and a number of staff and student officials are urging students to do their part.

The CAU community held a town hall meeting to discuss what all they can do in an effort to bring relief to this tragedy.

President Brown is strongly encouraging the student body to partner with their brother and sister schools as well as any other institutions in an effort to bring community service back into the forefront.

"You are not isolated from each other. Everything impacts everything," Brown said.

He reminded students that bringing relief to Haiti would be an ongoing commitment. "Our immediate help and their struggle is a long-term matter and it's not going to happen and be over in one day," he said.

CAU created a Haitian Relief Advisory Committee, chaired by Dr. Charles Moses, to coordinate and intense relief efforts.

All money collected will go to UNICEF and The Red Cross. Cash and checks can be donated in all of the offices of the university deans. Credit card donations will only be accepted in the Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance located in Haven-Warren Hall.

There are boxes in the Student Center, Thayer Hall and Heritage Commons where students can donate non-perishable food items, blankets, baby supplies, medical supplies and water.

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Publix Closes, CAU Students, Community React

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While many students were back home enjoying family and eggnog, Publix employees of the West End store were swallowing the reality of their store closing permanently.

This particular location, which closed on Dec. 24, has been at the center of campus life since its inception, because for many students without cars, it was the only place where they could walk to get quality necessities.

Besides impacting the lives of employees, many students feel that their lives were impacted with the closing of this store—especially freshmen.

"I think that was very inconsiderate because most of the college students [here]

use the Publix," said freshman accounting major Jessica Burnham.

Burnham also said she really does not have many options if ever she wants to buy groceries. "I hope that someone [would] say they [are] going to the store or Wal-Mart and [ask] do I want to go," she said.

Kasey Dawson, a freshman psychology major, shared the same sentiments. "I'm really angry," she said. "It's where you [could] get produce and everything." Dawson said that she is now forced to eat only cafeteria food and that the only thing that makes her situation better is that she has family here.

Freshman business administration/marketing major Diamond Cornelison said that she "hates" that Publix closed and is hoping that another grocery store will replace it.

"When I needed something quick, that was the place to run to," she said. "But since it's closed now and they most likely won't open it back up, I'm hop-

ing they put another grocery store there."

Two entrepreneurial CAU seniors are a ray of hope for these inconvenienced freshmen.

Christopher James, an accounting major, and Edmund Evans, a business management major are providing a shuttle service to the Wal-Mart on Howell Mill Road. For only \$10 students will get an hour to satisfy all of their shopping needs. If their friends want to tag along, up to three more can fit and it will

be an additional \$5 per person.

James said that they started this service because they were once in the shoes of the freshmen and know how Publix was an integral part of campus life. "That was the only spot [where] we could get things conveniently," he said.

"Freshmen aren't allowed

to have vehicles on our campus so they're basically in a rough situation. So we decided to start up this shuttle bus thing going to Wal-Mart, mainly targeting the Freshmen Class," James said.

Students can call (845) 536- 3241 or (845) 825-3980 for more information.

Evans said that besides the complications that this store closing will have for this campus, it will also complicate the lives of the residents of the surrounding community. "I think the community is going to be outraged because this is an urban area and a lot of people probably don't have transportation to make it back and forth to Wal-Mart or Target or another Publix in another area," he said.

"A lot of people need Publix here," he added.

The community indeed became heated when they learned of Publix's closing. The Atlanta Coalition for the Preservation of the Westside Village held rallies and meetings to try to rectify the situation.

Community activist and organizer Byron Amos



Photo by Anastasia Semien

Publix, the only grocery store convenient to AUC campuses, closed on Christmas Eve.

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