

Women's Lacrosse Clinic Raises More than \$3,500 for Haiti



Assistant Coach Jillian Byers; Senior Captain Claire Eliasberg; Coach Brigid Strain; Diane Castrovinci of the American Red Cross; Joel E. Smilow, Class of 1954 Head Coach of Women's Lacrosse Anne Phillips; Senior Jess Sturgill at the Yale Women's Lacrosse Clinic Haiti Fundraiser Jan. 24, 2010

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - After the recent earthquake in Haiti, the Yale women's lacrosse team made a last-minute change to the free lacrosse clinic they had scheduled for Jan. 24: it would also serve as a fundraiser. With less than a week to get the word out, the team still had a remarkable response. They wound up raising \$3,502 for the American Red Cross' relief efforts while also helping teach the game to the local youth lacrosse community.

The clinic, which was held at SONO Field House in Norwalk, Conn., was open to all ages and featured the Yale coaching staff and team. Approximately 75 young lacrosse players wound up attending.

The Bulldogs will have their first official practice this Sunday, Jan. 31 -- "Midnight Madness", with practice scheduled to run until 2 a.m. indoors. Yale opens the regular season Feb. 27 vs. Holy Cross at Reese Stadium.

The Yale Athletic Department is planning a major fundraising effort for Haiti. Check yalebulldogs.com for details.