

# ***THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION***

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## **The Middleby Corporation Donates to Haiti Relief Efforts**

Elgin, Ill. (Jan 29, 2010) – The Middleby Corporation is donating commercial cooking equipment to the Red Cross and other organizations for use in Haiti.

"Sending cooking equipment for the Haitian relief effort is a priority throughout all of our divisions," said Middleby Corporation Chairman and Chief Executive Selim A. Bassoul. "Middleby as a company and all of our divisions are committed to giving back locally and globally in any way we can, including providing hot meals on site after a natural disaster."

An earthquake caused great devastation in Haiti on January 12, and Blodgett, a Middleby division, and the Red Cross were in communication immediately following the natural disaster to offer cooking equipment and assistance.

Dozens of Middleby brand ovens will be en route to Haiti in the coming weeks. Blodgett and the Middleby Corporation are proud to be a part of this global relief effort.

The Middleby Corporation is a global leader in the foodservice equipment industry. The company develops, manufactures, markets and services a broad line of equipment used for commercial food cooking, preparation and processing. The company's leading equipment brands serving the commercial foodservice industry include Anets®, Blodgett®, Blodgett Combi®, Blodgett Range®, Bloomfield®, Carter Hoffmann®, CookTek®, CTX®, Doyon®, frifri®, Giga®, Holman®, Houno®, Jade®, Lang®, MagiKitch'n®, Middleby Marshall®, Nu-Vu®, Pitco Frialator®, Southbend®, Star®, Toastmaster®, TurboChef® and Wells®. The company's leading equipment brands serving the food processing industry include Alkar®, MP Equipment®, and RapidPak®. The Middleby Corporation was recognized by Business Week as one of the Top 100 Hot Growth Companies of 2007, 2008 and 2009 and by Forbes as one of the Best Small Companies in 2007, 2008 and 2009. For more information about The Middleby Corporation and the company brands, please visit [www.middleby.com](http://www.middleby.com).

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