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Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund Sends \$130,000 to Japan

With another \$200,000 scheduled to be sent in the next couple days.

March 18, 2011 (San Francisco, CA) – The Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund established by the Japanese Cultural and Community of Northern California (JCCCNC) has announced that over \$130,000 has made its way to Japan to provide vital food, water, clothing, blankets and shelter supplies for victims of the devastating earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis.

“It was crucial that we deliver as much funding to Japan as soon as possible. There are over 500,000 people that are homeless and in shelters. Many more still without adequate water and food” says Paul Osaki, JCCCNC Executive Director.

The outpour of support from the local and international community to our fundraising efforts has been incredible. Just on our Causes campaign there is over 7000 members and has raised over \$150,000. Another \$250,000 of donated and pledged donations has come directly to the JCCCNC. The Center plans to wire transfer another \$200,000 in the next day or two.

Most of the donations are coming in from ordinary citizens wanting to express their support and care of the victims of the horrific disaster. But the Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund has received notable support and contributions from many individuals and organizations.

Asian American Bar Association, Bushi-Tei Restaurant, Chibi Chan Preschool, Clarendon JBBP Elementary School, Eth-Noh-Tec, Causes.com, Florin JACL, Hyphen Magazine, Japantown Merchants Association, Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC), Japantown Task Force, Kimochi, Kokoro Senior Assisted Living, Kristi Yamaguchi Always Dream Foundation, Marysville JACL, Minami Tamaki LLP, Miya Yung, NBC (KNTV), NEW PEOPLE, Nichi Bei Foundation/Nichi Bei Weekly, Nihonmachi Little Friends, Nihonmachi Street Fair, Nikkei Student Union (NSU) @ SDSU, Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival, Pika Pika, Rosa Parks Elementary School JBBP, San Francisco Giants, San Francisco Giants Community Fund, San Francisco JACL, San Francisco Japantown Foundation, Santa Cruz Japanese Cultural Fair, Stuart Hall High School, The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation, The San Francisco Foundation, Union Bank, National Association of Asian American Professionals, Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL



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100% of all funds received by JCCCNC will go directly to the citizens in the Tohoku region of northern Japan most affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami that occurred on March 11. Donations will be made available for citizen-to-citizen relief efforts through the National YMCAs of Japan and other Non-Governmental Organizations that have a long history with JCCCNC as a result of joint relief efforts after the Great Hanshin Earthquake. All agencies have agreed that no administrative fees will be taken so that donations can benefit those who need it most.

In 1995, the JCCCNC raised over \$600,000 towards citizen relief efforts for the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake that killed over 6,000 people and left over 300,000 people homeless. The donations received helped organize volunteer efforts to get food and water directly to the victims, citizen search efforts, clothing for those who lost their homes, essential supplies for women, children, especially seniors, and helped to feed and rebuild orphanages in Kobe. The JCCCNC has continued to visit and donate to the orphanage every year since 1995.

The Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund is part of a larger coordinated earthquake and tsunami relief response from the Japanese American community throughout the entire Bay Area. It is a three-fold plan over the next several months that cover relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts.

- **Relief** (Meeting immediate life saving and survival needs)
- **Recovery** (Sustainability, temporary shelters, post traumatic stress counseling, supplies for children, families and seniors).
- **Rebuilding** (Community and neighborhood capital and improvement projects and programs)

Online donations can be made at www.jcccnc.org where updates will also be posted. Checks are also being accepted and can be made payable to the Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund and sent to JCCCNC at 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115. JCCCNC is a 501(c)(3) so donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

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About the JCCCNC

Envisioned by the Japanese American community, JCCCNC will be an everlasting foundation of our Japanese American ancestry, cultural heritage, histories and traditions. The JCCCNC strives to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community through programs, affordable services and facility usage. The JCCCNC is a non-profit community center based in San Francisco.