Virginia State Employee Tsunami Collection Drive

At first it seemed a terrible disaster, a terrible tragedy. But I think as the days have gone on, people have recognized it as a global catastrophe.” - British Prime Minister Tony Blair

Governor Warner has called for a Virginia State Employee Tsunami Collection Drive in response to employee requests to help the victims of this global tragedy. Money raised will support a variety of needs through one donation. Eighteen international charities have been selected to receive contributions from the fund. All donations will be divided equally between the eighteen charities. By giving through this fund, the countries devastated by the tsunami will benefit by receiving:

Medical equipment and supplies; Doctors; Water; Water storage; Water purification; Temporary shelters; Trauma counseling; Fishing boats; Job-skills training; Sanitation; Hygiene kits; Antibiotics; Anti-parasitics; Food; Construction of latrines; Notebooks and uniforms for children; Resettlement provisions; Clean-up; Infrastructure construction; Rebuild clinics and hospitals; Vaccinate against diseases; Protecting displaced children; Generators; Rice; and so much more.

The 18 charities listed below were selected based upon the following criteria: that they were a CVC Participating Charity; recommended on USAID site; rated as a top charity by the American Institute of Philanthropy; and listed on the Network for Good site.

- American Friends Service Committee
- American Jewish World Service
- American Red Cross
- AmeriCares
- CARE
- Catholic Relief Services
- Christian Children's Fund
- Church World Service
- Direct Relief International
- International Rescue Committee
- Lutheran World Relief
- MAP International
- Mercy Corps
- Oxfam America
- Project HOPE
- Samaritan’s Purse
- Save the Children
- World Vision

- This cash/check campaign will be conducted until February 4 through the CVC.
- 100% of donations will go to the charities listed above and will be earmarked for Tsunami Relief.
- Checks should be written to “Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign, Tsunami Relief.”
- Donations made by check before January 31 will be deductible on 2004 tax returns.
- Checks should be given to the agency CVC Coordinator or mailed to CVC, 101 North 14th Street, 12th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219.