

September 13, 2011

Group of Japanese Mothers



Dear Red Cross Friends,

On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Group of Japanese Mothers and a special mention to the Church of the Redeemer for your generous donation of \$13,394.70 in support of the Japan Appeal.

To date the Canadian Red Cross has received \$37 million in donations to our Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Appeal, with \$12 million already transferred to the Japanese Red Cross (JRC). I can assure you that all funds transferred by the Canadian Red Cross will be used to assist the people affected by this terrible tragedy. We have a signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Japanese Red Cross stipulating that funds from the Canadian Red Cross will be dedicated to efforts undertaken by the Japanese Red Cross Society in post earthquake and tsunami emergency relief and recovery. These activities include:

- The Japanese Red Cross is mandated in the national relief plan to provide emergency health services and has mobilized 45 National Disaster Assistance Teams – with over 2,000 staff – who are assisting in assessments, first aid, medical/health services and psycho-social support.
- There are 2,000,000 registered volunteers in Japan, over 878 medical relief team have treated more than 29,000 people
- Field clinics have been established, as well as mobile clinic services for remote locations and a total of 3,000 health and disaster professionals have been mobilized
- Distribution of relief items is ongoing, including over 222,000 blankets, to date and 5,000 tents have been distributed while an additional 20,000 are on standby, 183,500 pieces of clothing and six 10 ton trucks plus one trailer with equipment and tools needed for clearing debris
- In addition to psychosocial activities conducted by medical teams, six special psychosocial teams have been deployed to assist those coping with the trauma of this tragedy and over 280,000 are receiving humanitarian assistance

While relief activities continue and long-term needs are assessed, the focus of the JRC is shifting to early recovery. In some places, the construction of pre-fabricated shelters has started. The JRC is providing 110,000 household appliance sets such as refrigerators, washing machines, rice cookers, televisions, electric water pots and microwave ovens for those families who are moving into shelters. Additional recovery efforts will be determined as needs are identified.

If you have questions or need any further assistance please contact me directly at (416) 480-0195 ext. 2255 or at stephanie.etkin@redcross.ca. Thank you for entrusting the Canadian Red Cross with your generous donation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Etkin".

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