

Tsunami Relief Bulletin

How Trumbull High students can help



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The THS Silver and Gold Challenge: In the spirit of giving, pride is the prize

We've just returned from our winter break having celebrated holidays and spending time eating and laughing with our loved ones. But so many in the world are not so lucky. Hundreds of thousands in Asia are lost, mourning, and in need after the deadly tsunamis devastated their shores right before the new year began.

The Key Club and the newspaper invite you to do your part to help the surviving victims. For the next few weeks, bring your nickels, dimes, quarters, cash and checks to a table on the A-House side of the Commons or to specified collectors who will be available during lunch shifts. All checks should be made payable to The United States Fund for UNICEF. Grades nine through twelve and the faculty and the staff will compete in the Challenge to see who can raise the most money. The prize is self-satisfaction, the chance to know you have helped. Think about your families and homes, and remember that although you are separated by miles you share a common humanity with the people who need your help. Even loose change adds up. Ask your parents if they're going to give money. Remind them that all donations made in January 2005 are deductible on your 2004 tax returns.

Ms. Kluspes, PE teacher and Key Club advisor, gives her reason for wanting to help and motivates students to join her, "My heart goes out to the people that have suffered and continue to suffer...especially the children. I started thinking how wonderful it would be for the THS community to come together and take part in this effort."

This is real. This is about saving lives. Let's make it happen.



WHAT YOUR MONEY CAN BUY:

- \$5 can provide an emergency health kit for one person for three months, with medical supplies and drugs to cover basic health needs.
- \$87 can provide a basic family water kit for ten households, with detergents, soap, wash basin, towels, bucket and water purification tablets.
- \$188 can provide one "school-in-a-box" kit containing basic education supplies for 80 children during times of crisis.

Deadly tsunamis rack South Asia's shores, killing 150,000 and leaving survivors in dire straits



International relief efforts moved into high gear in the week following the deadly earthquake and tsunami that moved through the Indian Ocean and killed people from Indonesia to Africa.

According to *The New York Times*, the latest death toll stands at 150,000 people with many still missing.

The tsunami started when tectonic plates shifted, causing an earthquake and giant swells of water that cut a swath of destruction up to seven miles from the shore.

In *The Times*, Carol Bellamy, a spokesperson for UNICEF, said at least one third of the victims of the tsunami were children. President Bush appointed former presidents Bush and Clinton to spearhead the effort of donations in the U.S.

Students and teachers react with shock and sympathy

Mrs. Turtoro
—Math Teacher

"This was a huge international tragedy... we'll see what people of the world are made of in terms of compassion... I am hoping we will see a lot of people coming to aid."

Elena Sperivakos
—Freshman

"I feel sad and sorry for the people everywhere that were affected by it. And though it happened far away, it still affects us here."

One student's story

Akash Muppidi '08 and his family went to Chennai, India over vacation to visit relatives. They were two miles away from the land affected by the tsunami but did not witness the mammoth waves or the havoc they wrought. His classmates worried for him though and eagerly awaited news that he had not been harmed. They are thrilled to see Akash safe and at home.

DONATE

Think about how much your family means to you. Let us join together and help those families who are suffering from the Tsunami disaster.



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