

## **SPECIAL UPDATE**

### **School District of Palm Beach County Supports Earthquake Relief Efforts in Chile**

Chile was struck by an 8.8 magnitude earthquake on Saturday, February, 27, 2010 in a region about 200 miles south of Santiago. The full extent of the damage is not known at this time. However, authorities are focusing relief efforts on the hardest-hit southern regions of the country, where an estimated 500,000 persons are homeless.

There are 113 students from Chile in the Palm Beach County public schools, including Suncoast High, Boca High, Palm Beach Gardens High, Park Vista High and others.

“Our hearts go out to the people of Chile. The School District will assist the students and families affected by this tragedy in any way we can,” says Superintendent Art Johnson.

Schools, departments and individuals who would like to collect items to send to Chile may contact any of the partner institutions below to determine a location to drop off their items. Please send the information to the Department of Public Affairs to develop a press release.

### **How you can help**

Anyone wishing to donate to the Chile Earthquake Relief may contact any of the following institutions.

#### ***American Red Cross***

Worldwide movement that offers neutral humanitarian care to the victims of war, the American Red Cross distinguishes itself by aiding victims of devastating natural disasters.

To make a donation, please call 1-800 HELP NOW or 1-1800-257-7575 (Spanish), visit their website [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or text "Chile" to 90999 to send \$10 to the American Red Cross

#### ***Habitat for Humanity***

The mission of Habitat's Disaster Response is to develop innovative housing and shelter assistance models that generate sustainable interventions for people vulnerable to or affected by disasters or conflicts.

To make a donation, please visit their website [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org) or text "Chile" to 25383 to

make a \$10 on behalf of the Habitat for Humanity

### ***United Way***

United Way provides long-term recovery and rebuilding support focused on education, income and health.

To make a donation, please call 1-866-404-5826, visit their website [www.unitedway.org/disasterfund](http://www.unitedway.org/disasterfund) or text "CHILE" to 864833 to donate \$10 on behalf of United Way.

### ***Salvation Army***

Since 1880, The Salvation Army has been providing social and spiritual services to communities throughout the United States and the world.

To make a donation, please visit their website [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org) or text "Chile" to 52000 to donate \$10 on behalf of the Salvation Army.

### ***World Vision***

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian charity organization dedicated to provide aid to vulnerable children and families who are clinging to survival in the wake of natural and man-made disasters.

To make a donation, please call 1-888-511-6593, visit their website [www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org) or text "CHILE" to 20222 to donate \$10 on behalf of World Vision.

### ***Save the Children U.S.***

Save the Children U.S. is committed to creating lasting, positive change in the lives of children in need in the U.S. and around the world.

To make a donation, please call 1-800-728-3843, visit their website [www.safethechildren.org](http://www.safethechildren.org) or text "SAVE" to 20222 to donate \$10 on behalf of Save the Children Federation, Inc.

### ***International Medical Corps***

International Medical Corps is a global, humanitarian, nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives and relieving suffering through health care training and relief and development programs.

To make a donation, please call 1-800-481-4462, visit their website [www.imcworldwide.org](http://www.imcworldwide.org) or text "CHILE" to 85944 to donate \$10 on behalf of International Medical Corp.

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