



# News Release

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## **LAUSD PRESENTS CHECK TO RELIEF AGENICIES FOR TSUNAMI VICTIMS**

A check totaling \$254,470.86 was presented today to five relief agencies by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to aid tsunami victims in Southeast Asia. The money was raised by students, teachers, school administrators, other LAUSD employees and parents who generously donated money to a District-sponsored relief campaign in response to the December 26, 2004 tragedy.

The money will be disbursed among five relief agencies identified by the LAUSD and designated to provide aid to children of the disaster. The five agencies are Habitat for Humanity, Operation U.S.A., Relief International, Save The Children, and UNICEF. A separate payment of \$2,560 was made directly to the American Red Cross.

Los Angeles School Superintendent Roy Romer presented individual checks to representatives from four of the five relief agencies. Joining in the check presentation ceremony are Los Angeles Board of Education members Marlene Canter, Marguerite LaMotte, Mike Lansing, Jon Lauritzen and David Tokofsky.

"I would like to thank everyone in this district and within our school community for their generous contributions, which will go a long way in providing badly needed assistance to victims of this unfortunate disaster," said School Superintendent Roy Romer. "Each one of these charities selected by the LAUSD committee works diligently to provide support to children in need."

Top fund-raising schools for each local district are:

- Local District 1: Castlebay Lane Elementary School -- \$2,056
- Local District 2: Canterbury Avenue Elementary School -- \$3,192
- Local District 3: Ralph Waldo Emerson Middle School --\$4,586
- Local District 4: Alexandra Avenue Elementary School -- \$2,626
- Local District 5: El Sereno Middle School -- \$2,207
- Local District 6: Middleton Street Elementary School -- \$3,484

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- Local District 7: Miramonte Elementary School --\$2,024
  - Local District 8: Wilmington Park Elementary School -- \$1,933
- Adult Education: South Gate CAS -- \$2,498
- Early Childhood Management Team -- \$1,015

Representatives in attendance for the relief organizations are: Mark Supper, Chief Development Director, Habitat for Humanity; Richard & Rosanne Walden, President and CEO, Operation U.S.A.; Meryn Perryman, Resources Manager, Relief International; and Dr. Rhoda Makoff, Chair of the Board of Director for the Southern California Chapter of the U.S. Fund, UNICEF.

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