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**SAN DIEGO ROTARY DONATES \$25,000
TO HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND**

***Rotary International Flying in Medical Equipment, Supplies;
Donations to Help Long-Term Recovery Projects***

SAN DIEGO – The Rotary Club of San Diego has donated \$25,000 to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, according to Richard Troncone, president.

The relief fund is a donor advised fund within The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, which is accepting individual contributions through its Web site: www.rotary.org/haiti. The funds will be used in the relief effort and for projects providing longer-term support and development, Troncone said. This includes working with local Rotary clubs and districts and emergency relief agencies to meet the most pressing needs in affected areas.

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing resources to deliver urgently needed relief to the millions affected by Haiti's devastating earthquake. District 7020, which includes Haiti, has flown in 55 planes filled with more than 50,000 pounds of medical equipment and supplies into the cities of Pignon and Port-de-Paix to bypass logistical problems in the hard-hit capital of Port-au-Prince, according to Rotary International. Within the next two weeks, a barge will be hired to transport 20 to 30 tons of clothes, blankets, folding beds, and other items to Haiti from Nassau, Bahamas, as part of the Rotary relief effort. For more information: www.rotary.org.

About the Rotary Club of San Diego and Rotary International:

The Rotary Club of San Diego, Club 33, was founded in 1911. It is the fifth largest club in the world, and has a membership of more than 550 of San Diego's business and community leaders. The club contributes upwards of \$200,000 annually to local, national and international charitable missions. Its foundation contributed an additional \$75,000 in the past year to the global battle to eradicate polio. Members of its 60 committees provide in excess of 9,000 hours of community service each year and support some 8,000 individuals in need, from local military veterans and high school students to disadvantaged women and children in other countries. For more information visit: www.rotary33.org. Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide.

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