

## **Disaster Relief Fund for Sri Lanka**

The tsunamis that ravaged Southeast Asia over the past weekend had the greatest effect on the island nation of Sri Lanka. More than 23,000 dead, 250,000 homeless and 1 million displaced. And the worst is yet to come. Disease and more deaths are inevitable due to the contamination of clean water and food. The effects of a few horrendous tidal waves will be felt for years to come.

To help in the relief efforts, a fund has been established by the Florida Buddhist Vihara. UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy did not hesitate when asked what form of aid would be best for Americans to send. "I know people like to send cans of food or clothing, but the fact is money can get what people need quickest."

In this vein, any monetary contribution you can make is appreciated. Although the Florida Buddhist Vihara is a religious organization, please be assured that your contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund will be used ONLY for the sole purpose of providing the basic life necessities to those in Sri Lanka that have been gravely affected by the tsunamis.

All contributions will be diverted to immediate disaster relief work through Kande Vihara, one of the largest temples in the southeastern region of Sri Lanka. Kande Vihara has been established as a disaster shelter for the region. We also appreciate your efforts in publicizing this disaster relief fund among your acquaintances. If not this fund we encourage you to help with any other charity available to you.

You can donate by credit/debit card, check, cash, or money order. Since the Florida Buddhist Vihara, is an incorporated, non-profit, religious organization your donations are tax deductible. If you need a receipt for donations less than \$250, please request one and we will promptly send one to you. Per tax law, a written acknowledgement is needed for a contribution of \$250 or greater for that contribution to be claimed for a deduction. We will gladly provide this to you.

### **Online:**



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Please mail your donations to:

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