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Help for Haiti Challenge Now Totals \$65,000

The Help for Haiti Challenge Fund now totals \$65,000--\$50,000 from the Norman C. Skalicky Foundation, \$10,000 from the Central Minnesota Community Foundation, and \$5,000 from the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation. The Fund will match dollar for dollar gifts from individuals and businesses in response to the devastating earthquake last week in Haiti. In addition, two more organizations with local connections have now been designated to receive money from the Fund.

Kids Against Hunger of Central Minnesota (KAHCM) has a goal to package and ship nearly a million meals to Haiti. This group sent a total of 1.7 million meals to the areas devastated by the Tsunami in 2004. KAHCM is locally based and works in partnership with other Kids Against Hunger organizations to provide food relief to people in crisis.

Friends of the Orphans has partnered with Sartell-based nonprofit 200 Orphanages Worldwide to raise funds for the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") network of orphanages in Haiti. The Haiti group runs St. Helene orphanage and St. Damien children's hospital, the only free pediatric hospital in Haiti. The organization's facilities were damaged and two international volunteers serving the orphans died in the earthquake.

Donors may now designate one of the five options: Project Haiti, American Red Cross-Haiti Relief, Partners in Health, Kids Against Hunger, and Friends of the Orphans. Undesignated funds will be divided evenly among the five.

As of Wednesday morning, over \$40,000 has been received by the Foundation for the Help for Haiti Fund.

Checks should be made out to CMCF/Help for Haiti and can be mailed to or dropped off at the Central Minnesota Community Foundation office at 101 South 7th Ave. #100, St. Cloud, MN 56301. Credit card donations can be made online at www.communitygiving.org. If donors want to designate one of the options above, that should be added to the check or online form.