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The Honorable Susumu Saito
Secretary General
Japanese Chamber of Commerce and
Industry of Chicago
401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3145
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Dear Secretary General Saito:

Extraordinary is the only word to describe the \$44,500 gift from your corporate members to the American Red Cross. As directed these funds will be allocated to the victims of the Asian Tsunami. Gifts like yours have brought immediate and long-term help to millions of people displaced and devastated by this - one of the most profound natural disasters in human existence.

The American Red Cross in collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies has rushed people, supplies and equipment to the 14 affected countries. Through the Federation we have delivered food, water, medical supplies, sanitary packs, blankets, tents, tarps, utensils and other vital relief supplies and we have more en route. The Federation and its partners are already caring for the mental health needs of disaster victims. Our support, both material and emotional, will continue for as long as the need exists.

The generous gifts of JCCC Foundation constitute a significant portion of the \$10 million raised so far by Chicago area individuals, corporations and foundations for tsunami relief. This is an unprecedented fundraising effort for distraught families half a world away. Consider that on January 5th, the Chicago Red Cross held its first ever telethon. In the space of 18 hours 17,435 individuals from around the country called in to express support and contribute \$2,139,139. This is a vote of confidence that we will never forget.

As requested, the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago will issue thank you letters to all of your members that collectively gave the \$44,500. Additionally, I will keep you up-to-date on our upcoming golf outing. We are very pleased that you and your colleagues want to stay connected with our good work. The Red Cross has a major impact on people in need throughout the region. I hope that you and your team will help us deepen that impact.

It is an honor to have earned your trust and very generous financial support. If I or anyone on my team can be of further assistance, please call me at (312) 729-6103.

Sincerely,

Guillermo Becerra
Chief Financial Officer

Together, we can save a life

Serving the seven counties
of northeastern Illinois

