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*Snohomish County reaches out
to victims of Asian tsunami*

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**Reardon, Snohomish County Council join to give employees way
to help survivors and rebuild communities**

Snohomish County employees who want to contribute to tsunami relief efforts in Southeast Asia will be given a special opportunity through the County's Charitable Campaign.

The decision was announced in a letter issued jointly by Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon and Snohomish County Council chairman Gary Nelson.

"We have heard from many employees who have asked us how they could contribute to tsunami relief," said Executive Reardon. "And the tragedy has become even more personal as we see the pictures of sailors from the USS Lincoln aiding survivors. We're stepping up."

Said County Council chairman Nelson, "There is an urgent need to get aid to millions of people who have been impacted by this disaster. Our response, at any level, will make a difference on many lives in this region."

In the joint letter, Executive Reardon and County Council chairman Nelson announced a one-time opportunity for employees to contribute to the South Asia Response Fund, established by United Way International and United Way of America to provide a quick, efficient way of facilitating long-term relief efforts.

The effort is being coordinated through the Snohomish County Employees Charitable Campaign.

More information on the South Asia Response Fund can be found on the Internet at <http://national.unitedway.org/tsunamiresponse>. A list of responding agencies accepting direct cash donations for immediate relief assistance can be found at www.interaction.org.

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