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Community Support Accelerates BAPS Care International's Tsunami Relief Efforts

With the effects of the tsunami tragedy still taking its toll in Southern Asia, BAPS Care International continues to raise awareness and appeal for funds throughout its 40 centers in North America.

"The response to our appeal has been truly overwhelming", explained BAPS Care International President Nilkanth Patel, "offers of help have been pouring into all our local centers from their respective communities."

The relief efforts of BAPS Care International have also been widely appreciated and aided by various organizations, foundations and political leaders. A bipartisan delegation including many community leaders has recently visited the tsunami hit areas of South Asia. They have been helping raise the community awareness in the United States after witnessing the relief activities in the affected areas.

Donations have come in from organizations and individuals, including the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA), Indo Caribbean Council, American Association of Physicians from India, Mr. Amit and Kalpana Doshi, Indian American Cultural association of Westchester, Mr. Kiran Dave, the Hindu Organization of Albany and Passaic Senior Citizen Association of Clifton. Individuals from all over the United States are also extending their help to BAPS Care International's relief efforts.

BAPS Care International launched its tsunami relief efforts within hours of the disaster. It dispatched search and rescue teams, and also set up a relief kitchen to provide hot meals to the affected people. Its efforts have also included a medical camp and the supply of medical equipment and everyday household items to various regions in Tamilnadu, Pondicherry and Andaman-Nicobar islands of India.

In recognition for its sustained tsunami relief campaign, BAPS Care International was presented with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, for "Its Outstanding Tsunami Relief Efforts" in Houston on January 22, 2005 by U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Al Green, 9th District, Texas.

HOW TO HELP

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