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PRESS RELEASE

FOUNDATION AWARDS \$17,500 FOR TSUNAMI RELIEF

In the weeks following the devastating tsunami that killed, injured and displaced hundreds of thousands of people in South Asia, the Foundation began to receive calls asking how donors could support the relief effort. In response to these inquiries, the Jewish Community Foundation awarded grants of \$17,500 to meet the needs of victims and help build infrastructure.

Grants from unrestricted community funds and donor advised funds have been directed to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), which serves as the overseas arm of the North American Jewish Community and has a long history of providing relief to communities in distress. Giving to JDC allowed donors to provide support in the name of the Greater Hartford Jewish community.

“Since the Foundation distributes over \$2 million dollars each year to a broad range of charitable organizations, we can serve as a trusted resource about giving wisely,” stated Thomas M. Divine, Foundation Grants Committee Chair. “We are proud to play this role and to provide this critical support to the tsunami victims.”

For more information about how to partner with the Foundation in your giving, please call 860.523.7460 or visit the Foundation’s web site at www.jewishgivinginhartford.org.