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Dear Students at Portage West Middle School:

In the aftermath of a series of catastrophic earthquakes that struck Haiti on the afternoon of January 12, the American Red Cross mobilized immediately to provide our partner society with the necessary resources to respond. As the dust settles and the assessment and relief operation begins, we have already put your donation to work.

With your timely contribution of \$1,785.81 on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 we are helping to provide critical assistance to the untold number of people affected by the earthquake and its aftershocks. To meet the current and ongoing needs, the American Red Cross quickly pledged \$1,000,000 to support humanitarian relief activities. Our disaster response experts have joined our staff in Haiti where they are contributing to relief efforts.

In the early days of the relief operation, trained specialists will determine the full extent of the damage. As in most earthquakes, we expect to see immediate needs for food, water, temporary shelter, medical services and emotional support. To meet these needs, we have sent 5,000 family kits that include blankets, kitchen sets and water containers. We remain in close contact with the Haitian Red Cross and our other Red Cross and Red Crescent partners, receiving regular updates and monitoring their needs.

The American Red Cross stands ready to provide further assistance for those affected by this disaster in Haiti and we are grateful to have your support that brings hope and comfort to those affected by these devastating earthquakes. As the response evolves, please visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call (269) 353-6180 to learn more about your gift at work. Once again, thank you for your compassionate support of the American Red Cross.

Sincerely,

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