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(From left to right Cape and Islands Board Member Steven Lowell, a group of the children from all grades and 3rd grade teacher Maryanne Lally)

Henry T. Wing School Students Raise over \$6,000 to support Red Cross Haiti Relief Efforts

Hyannis, MA, May 14th, 2010- A group of K through 8 grade students of the Henry T. Wing School organized a Read-a-thon and raised more than \$6,000 to support the Red Cross Haiti Relief.

Virtually all of the 900 students in all grades participated in the "Helping Haiti Read-a-thon". receiving sponsorships for every ten minutes they read.



The teachers chose what time of day the Read-a-thon was held and for how long they read in their classrooms. Children brought in their own money and checks coming from all over the country, as they had asked aunts, uncles and grandparents to sponsor them. One eighth grade Latin class donated entirely from their own money. The children really were so motivated and excited about the amount they were raising, thinking about what each dollar could buy. The families of the Henry T Wing school were, as you can see, amazingly supportive of this fundraiser and helped their children see how they could make a difference.

3rd grade Teacher Maryanne Lally said: *"Every day, children from my class would go to an assigned room and collect the money. They would then add and record all money and checks which were sent to the main office and counted by our head secretary, Mary Fran McCarron"*.

The \$6,614.60 check to was presented to Red Cross Board member Steven Lowell of Cape Cod Cooperative Bank in Hyannis. The funds do not stay with the local chapter, but are forwarded to the Red Cross International Relief Efforts to support the Haiti Earthquake victims.

All disaster relief services are free to those who need it but the American Red Cross receives no government funding for its disaster relief activities. If you are interested in organizing small fundraisers to support local, national or international disaster relief efforts, please call the American Red Cross Cape Cod and Islands Chapter at (508) 775-1540, write to 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, email info@cciredcross.org or go online to the website, www.cciredcross.org.