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Tisbury Middle School Students Raise \$4,730 Through 'Jump for Japan' to Support Red Cross Japan Relief Efforts

May 4, 2011, Hyannis, MA - Fourth graders of Tisbury Middle Schoolers and their teacher Pam Herman presented the American Red Cross with \$4,730 to support the Japan Relief Efforts after the earthquake and tsunami disaster last March.

The children organized an event called "Jump for Japan" over the past few weeks, in which they jumped rope and negotiated the amount for each jump, sometimes a dollar, sometimes more. They told their friends and family what they were doing and asked them for money.

American Red Cross Zone Leader for Martha's Vineyard, James Thomas, Health Class Instructor and volunteer Robert Porter and Mental Health volunteer Deborah Medders attended the presentation. Jim said: *"It's impressive what these children did. They already feel that they belong to a larger world community. It's inspiring and very promising"*.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. Note that the American Red Cross honors donor intent and the funds do not stay with the local chapter, but are forwarded to the American Red Cross to support the Japan Relief Efforts.

To find out more about supporting the American Red Cross locally, to sign up for life saving classes or for more information about volunteering for the Red Cross, for disaster preparedness information, please contact the American Red Cross, Cape Cod Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 or visit www.cciredcross.org

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