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West Villages Elementary School Third Graders raise \$2,700 for Earthquake Victims in Haiti

Hyannis, MA, February 10, 2010- A group of third grade students of West Villages Elementary School in Marstons Mills raised \$2,700 to support the Red Cross Haiti Relief Efforts.

Just after the earthquake hit January 12th, the group of students saw the many children who now had lost everything and they decided to do something. The School Psychologist Kate Hefty is a volunteer with the local American Red Cross chapter and she recommended the donations be given to support the Red Cross.

The kids simply started asking everybody they knew for money and the end result is that they were able to collect \$2,700 in short order, which was presented to Hilary Greene, the American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter's Board Chair earlier this week. 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. For more information about the Red Cross Haiti relief efforts which are updated on a regular basis, go to www.redcross.org. If you are interested in organizing small fundraisers to support local, national or international disaster relief, 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.