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(left to right, back: Denise Bertrand, Casey Lutz, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, front, Jacqueline Grabowski and Grace McLaughlin)

### **Two Eight-Year-Old Girls Raise over \$1,000 for Earthquake Victims in China**

Sandwich, MA, July 12, 2008- Two second grade girls from Forestdale Elementary School managed to raise over \$1,000 with their campaign "Change for China".

Just after the earthquake hit, the two second grade girls, Jacqueline Grabowski and Grace McLaughlin, both from Sandwich, were deeply touched by a photograph of an emergency worker reaching out for the hand of a 10-year-old in China. Soon after, the girls decided they wanted to take action and help the victims who were clearly in need after the earthquake's devastation.

Jacqueline and Grace collected change from their classmates, school employees and other people from the community. They also created fliers creating awareness of their campaign on red paper donated by Staples. They then distributed ziplock bags with a flier attached and gave one to each teacher at Forestdale Elementary School.

To further their campaign Jacqueline and Grace had a lemonade stand at the Holly Ridge Club in Sandwich for which Stop and Shop donated cookies for them to sell. The girls were able to make \$111 in one day for their campaign! They also received a generous donation from one Bourne resident of \$300 in change.

These community's acts of kindness helped them raise over \$1,000 for the victims in China. The girls have proven to the community that at any age, you can make a difference in the world.

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, the American Red Cross presented the young heroes with special certificates as a thank you for their dedication in raising such a large sum of money for the victims in China. The Cape Cod and Islands Chapter accepted their gift on behalf of the American Red Cross International Response Fund designated for China Earthquake support.

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 or if you are interested in organizing small fundraisers to support local or 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 or go online to the website, [www.capecodandislandsredcross.org](http://www.capecodandislandsredcross.org).

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