



Quest Diagnostics Gives \$250,000 to American Red Cross to Aid Tsunami Relief Effort

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TETERBORO, N.J., Jan. 7 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (NYSE: DGX), the nation's leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services, announced that it has given \$250,000 to the American Red Cross International Response Fund to help in its effort to aid victims in the aftermath of the tsunami affecting much of South Asia and Eastern Africa.

"As the tragedy continues to unfold, its impact is unfathomable," said Surya N. Mohapatra, Ph.D., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Although we do not have operations or employees in the affected region, we want to provide whatever assistance we can to the relief effort."

The American Red Cross, in partnership with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, is rushing to provide specialized relief and financial assistance to Asian and African countries suffering the devastation from last week's tsunami. On December 31, the American Red Cross announced an initial \$30 million in aid was on its way to the affected areas. Of this, \$25 million will help pay for relief food supplies and the other \$5 million will be used for nonfood relief items like hygiene kits and tents. Thirteen American Red Cross workers are currently in or en-route to affected areas such as Sri Lanka, Maldives and Indonesia, with expertise to support relief efforts in three primary areas: water sanitation services, family linking and reunification, and relief supply distribution.

How You Can Help

You can help those affected by this crisis by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, which will provide immediate and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance, and other support to those in need.

Call 1-800-HELP NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Donations can also be mailed to your local Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make secure online credit card donations by visiting <http://www.redcross.org>.

About Quest Diagnostics

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated is the nation's leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services, providing insights that enable healthcare professionals to make decisions that improve health. The company offers the broadest access to diagnostic testing services through its national network of laboratories and patient service centers, and provides interpretive consultation through its extensive medical and scientific staff. Quest Diagnostics is the leading provider of esoteric testing, including gene-based medical testing, and provides advanced information technology solutions to improve patient care. Additional company information is available at: <http://www.questdiagnostics.com>.

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