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FAMILY REUNIFICATION SERVICES AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR AMERICAN SAMOA RELIEF EFFORT

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The following information is in response to the requests FEMA has received for information on family reunification services and charitable donations for the relief effort in American Samoa. We encourage you to share this information with others.

Reuniting Families. To facilitate the reunification of families separated due to American Samoa tsunami the Red Cross has activated their “Safe and Well” program, which assists families with locating missing loved ones. Families can register on the Red Cross Safe and Well Website at <https://disastersafe.redcross.org/> or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to register their loved ones.

Charitable Donations. FEMA has received many inquiries asking how to help support the response and recovery efforts. Please tell your members and constituents that monetary donations to nonprofit organizations responding to disaster is the best option for helping those affected. Financial donations will allow voluntary agencies to purchase essential items locally that are most needed by disaster survivors. Any items that are donated will have to be physically shipped to the island, which takes a substantial amount of time and requires addition funding for transportation. Below are some examples of organizations that your constituents could assist:

- **The American Red Cross** has deployed volunteers on the ground in American Samoa and are working to meet the mass care needs of the affected population by providing food and supplies in the area. Your financial support will help the American Red Cross respond quickly to disasters like the Pacific Islands Tsunami in American Samoa and Samoa. You can donate by calling 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or (1-800-257-7575 (Spanish)), or visiting www.redcross.org, to donate to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.
- **The National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD)** Member organizations are actively involved in relief efforts in American Samoa and preparing for Typhoon Melor in the Northern Marianas Islands. For a list of National VOAD members and links to their websites please go to this website <http://www.nvoad.org/>

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