



Kansas City Chinese Association

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KCCA Hope Fund 5.12 China Earthquake Relief efforts - Helping Our Kids Rebuild Their Schools and Shattered Lives

Dear members and friends,

KCCA would like to provide an update regarding the KCCA Hope fund efforts specifically for the Sichuan Earthquake. By May 23rd, the donation amount has reached \$20,000, among which a total amount of \$12432.40 was received by KCCA. We are so proud of you all and would like to commend all of you on this accomplishment. While we are continuously working on raising more funds (including encouraging our kids to get involved by raising funds in their schools and neighborhoods), KCCA has recently focused on getting the funds to the disaster-impacted area in the most efficient, effective and transparent way so that you can be assured that your money will be making a direct impact on the people, specifically our children's lives.

KCCA originally planned to send the first batch of donations to the Consulate-General of China in Chicago on Friday May 23. As KCCA stated in our announcement calling for donations, the donation will be used for rebuilding schools and other education-related matters. On May 22nd, the Consulate-General notified us that due to the overwhelming amount of earthquake donations and mail coming to their office daily, they would not be able to allocate KCCA donations to a specific school or education bureau. They will send all of the money to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which will then transfer the money back to The Ministry of Civil Affairs (民政部) for general disaster relief effort. This falls short of our KCCA Hope Fund's expectation in terms of transparency, education-focused, and the ability for us to track our donations.

After we sent out the initial notice related to the KCCA Hope Fund 5.12 China Earthquake Relief efforts, we have received numerous phone calls and emails requesting the possibility to directly transfer the funds to a local school in the earthquake impacted areas for reconstruction efforts. KCCA has been actively conducting research on the possibility of forming a partnership with other organizations in both US and China and has identified some potential partners. This plan is intended to possibly build up a "KC School" and/or other school facilities (i.e. computer lab, library, etc.), which will reflect the joint efforts from individuals, organizations and companies in the KC area. It is also expected to build a bridge between the people of KC and the people of the earthquake impacted areas.

This exciting and developing idea along with the change of circumstance with the Consulate encouraged us to present the following two choices for each donor to select from. Please send your response to kccaboardofdirectors@yahoo.com or contact the



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individuals within your company who help us conduct this survey. Please only pick one of the two choices. To make our job a bit easier, please also specify the dollar amount you contributed.

Option 1 – Send you donation immediately to the Consulate-General for the general earthquake relief effort.

Option 2 – Allow KCCA Hope Fund to hold your donation while we are preparing for a detailed plan on our school rebuild effort. By June 30 2008, KCCA will provide the public a realistic road map for rebuilding a school in the earthquake impacted area.

Please vote by the end of Friday May 30th. If we haven't heard from you by then, we will assume you allow KCCA to choose an option for you. We will publish the results by June 1st.

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