

OPRAH WINFREY'S ANGEL NETWORK PARTNERS WITH FREE THE CHILDREN ON THE TSUMANI RECOVERY INITIATIVE

Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network has generously donated one million dollars to help survivors of the tsunami in South Asia to rebuild their lives.

Ms. Winfrey has selected Free the Children, along with two other remarkable humanitarian organizations, to be her partners in using the donation for emergency relief and long-term reconstruction and development of devastated communities in eastern Sri Lanka.

The one million dollars will go a long way in helping survivors, particularly children and women, to meet their immediate needs, and importantly build their capacities to lead productive livelihoods.

Ms. Winfrey's remarkable generosity is well known around the world. Her Angel Network partnered with Free the Children in 2000 to build 100 primary schools in developing countries, proving hope and a brighter future for thousands of disadvantaged children, many of whom had previously never attended school.

Free the Children, through its Adopt A Village Program, is working to rebuild communities in the tsunami affected countries across South Asia. In the first two weeks of the disaster, Free the Children collected one million dollars worth of medical supplies to save lives. The organization is continuing to work in the region, rebuilding communities in the areas of education, health care, water and sanitation, and income generating programs for women and their families.