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Donations Needed for Takko-Machi Disaster Relief

Gilroy's Sister City in Japan, Takko Machi, is located in the heart of the area devastated by the earthquake in Japan on March 11, 2011. Under the International Association of Sister Cities Program, the cities of Gilroy and Takko Machi have shared many cultural visits and exchanges since 1988.

In order to provide much needed assistance to our friends in Takko Machi, a fund has been set up to receive donations for disaster relief. Donations can be made payable to the City of Gilroy. Note in the memo for Takko-Machi Relief. Donations may be taken or mailed to the Finance Department at Gilroy City Hall, 7351 Rosanna Street. The donations will be deposited to the appropriate account. One hundred percent of all donations will be forwarded to Takko Machi.

In a recent letter from Takko Machi Mayor Yoshinori Matsuhashi, he thanked and congratulated the citizens of Gilroy for recent fund raising events, and expressed deep gratitude for these efforts. He indicated that funds received are going directly into Takko Machi's recovery plan, which includes the distribution of relief packages, warm clothes, tissues, flashlights, etc.

Gilroy Mayor Al Pinheiro said "the Citizens of Gilroy are renowned worldwide for their spirit of giving and volunteerism. In this time of need for our friends in Japan, I ask that you consider donating any amount you can, it will be put to great use. Thank you for your support!"

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