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CFGV sends \$7,292.02 to Haiti

Community to Community and People to People – that’s how the Gunnison Valley thinks. And that’s what the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley is all about. Traditionally, community foundations serve their primary geographic communities. When crisis comes, however, our local foundation reaches beyond its own boundaries to help in ways that reflect the community. That’s what happened when the earthquake struck Haiti. The Foundation phone rang immediately, and people wanted to help.

The communities in the Gunnison Valley are very clear and very hands on when it comes to how they want to help. In that spirit, the Foundation quickly established a relationship with a clinic in Haiti – and the gifts given to the Foundation for immediate relief reflect the nature of our community. The \$7,292.02 sent to the Visitation Hospital and its satellite operations was designated for the purchase of supplies necessary for immediate medical care resulting from the earthquake. Many Haitians, initially treated in the first hours of the emergency, developed infections and require additional treatment. Others require longer term care following amputations. The money given through the Foundation went directly from you, the citizens of the Gunnison Valley, to the people of Haiti for medical care without incurring any administrative costs.

Executive Director of the Foundation, Pam Montgomery said, “Many, many thanks to all of you who contributed – several in many ways. Your gifts give definition to the character of the Valley and your caring extends now to the people of Haiti.”

A second fund was established at the Foundation and remains open for longer-term rebuilding purposes. The intent of the Foundation is to send that money also to the Visitation Hospital for the repairs necessary to the structure of the building. While still basically sound, the building itself did incur some damage. The fund will close at the end of April and the money will be sent to Haiti. If you are interested in the longer-term infrastructure needs, your gifts may still be sent to CFGV at Box 7057, Gunnison, CO 81230, with the designation – Haiti-long term.

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