

# Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

## March 20, 2011

**Dear Residents,**

Several residents of Sugarmill Woods have asked how they can help the earthquake victims in Japan. With the help of one of our former Civic Association Board members, we found the **Consulate General of Japan in Miami** has identified and suggested the following two options on their web site for those that wish to help those in great need. Please note that Charitable Giving is a personal choice that only you can decide what is or is not appropriate. It is your decision only. Their web site is listed as follows: [www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/earthquakerelief.html](http://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/earthquakerelief.html). I have copied the information from the web site for your reference.

### **Consulate-General of Japan in Miami**

#### **Earthquake Donations:**

*The Consulate General of Japan in Miami would like to thank to express our deep gratitude for all the communications from various sectors we have received expressing concern, sympathy, and offers of help and assistance in the wake of the recent Tohoku Pacific Earthquake. The Japanese Government, along with the peoples of the affected areas and the entire nation, is doing its utmost to provide rapid emergency response and to help recovery in the region affected by the disaster. For all those interested in donating to help the victims of the earthquakes and tsunamis, please see the below information. Once again, we want to express our deepest thanks and gratitude for everyone's warm support during this time.*

*At this time we are only able to accept monetary donations. We greatly appreciate the consideration shown by those who have asked about sending items such as food and clothing, but there is currently no system set up in Japan to accept and distribute such goods.*

#### **[Sending a Personal Check to the Consulate General of Japan in Miami](#)**

*The Consulate General of Japan in Miami has opened a special bank account for donations for the Tohoku Pacific Earthquake relief fund. Donations sent to this fund will be forwarded to the Japan Red Cross Society.*

Payable To:            Consulate General of Japan

For:                    "Japan Earthquake Relief Fund"

Send To:              Attn: Japan Earthquake Relief Fund  
                             c/o: Consulate General of Japan  
                             80 SW 8th St. Suite 3200  
                             Miami, FL 33130

- ✱ *Please write "Japan Earthquake Relief Fund" on both the Memo line (bottom left hand corner of the check) as well as on the envelope*
- ✱ *Both individuals and businesses can submit donations to this fund and will receive an acknowledgement of the donation*

✿ *Cash donations will NOT be accepted, only checks*

**[Donating to the American Red Cross Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami Relief Fund](#)**

*Direct link to donate to fund:*

**[https://american.redcross.org/site/Donation2?idb=0&5052.donation=form1&df\\_id=5052](https://american.redcross.org/site/Donation2?idb=0&5052.donation=form1&df_id=5052)**

*If you do send a donation to the American Red Cross, please email [culture@cgimia.org](mailto:culture@cgimia.org) to let us know. We would like to acknowledge and thank you for your kind consideration and generosity.*

I want to emphasize again that any Charitable Giving is a personal choice that only you can decide what is or is not appropriate. It is your decision only.

For any charitable giving, please do your homework to make sure you fully understand who you are giving to, what the funds will be used for, and how much of your gift actually goes to help those in need.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker, President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA