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MEDIA ADVISORY

Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach helps Guatemalan rescue workers breathe easier

As the Fuego volcano erupted and reaped catastrophic results in the lives of Guatemalan residents, Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach responded to requests for protective N95-respiratory masks. These masks will protect responders from smoke and ash in the air as they search for survivors in the days following this disaster.

This week, almost 700 boxes of respiratory masks donated by Mission Outreach will leave Springfield, IL. Food for the Poor, Inc. will air-lift the materials to ground support in Guatemala. The one-hundred thousand masks, with a total weight of more than 3,400 pounds, are valued at \$93,000. Mission Outreach works with hospitals across IL, WI, KS, MO and IN to collect medical supplies and equipment for low resource countries. “We are pleased that these masks will protect rescuers saving lives in Guatemala. Mission Outreach is so grateful for the life-saving donations of the hospitals, corporations and individuals that support our work.” says Georgia Winson, Executive Director for Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach.

As a local international organization, Mission Outreach encourages our community to assist Guatemalan residents. Monetary and blood bank donations through the Red Cross and CruzRojaGT, the Guatemalan arm of the organization, will help those in Guatemala breathe easier.

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ABOUT HOSPITAL SISTERS MISSION OUTREACH

Since 2002, Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach has responded to the sick, poor and needy of the world through a medical surplus recovery and redistribution program. This life-saving work, accomplished by matching surplus medical supplies and equipment from organizations in the United States with the needs of healthcare providers in the developing world, has affected individuals in more than 89 countries. Mission Outreach strives to be effective environmental stewards while being a healing presence for the life of the world. Mission Outreach is a ministry of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis.

ABOUT FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.

Food For The Poor, one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the nation, does much more than feed millions of the hungry poor primarily in 17 countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. This interdenominational Christian ministry provides emergency relief assistance, clean water, medicines, educational materials, homes, support for orphans and the aged, skills training and micro-enterprise development assistance. For more information, please visit www.FoodForThePoor.org.