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## **ALAMEDA COUNTY ACTIVATES DISASTER RELIEF FUND IN RESPONSE TO TYPHOON HAIYAN IN THE PHILIPPINES**

Alameda County has reactivated its Disaster Relief Fund to enable its approximately 9,000 employees and people in the community to voluntarily donate funds to benefit the victims of the devastating typhoon that struck the Philippines last Friday. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors activated the fund on Wednesday in the wake of continued reports of deaths, injuries and devastation across the Philippines caused by Typhoon Haiyan, which is believed to be one of the strongest storms ever to make landfall.

The Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund was initially established in response to the September 11, 2001 tragedy in the United States and has been reactivated for the South Asia Tsunami/Earthquake in 2004, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, earthquakes in Haiti and Chile in 2010, and the Northern Japan Earthquake/Tsunami in 2011. The Disaster Relief Fund enables Alameda County employees and people in the community to contribute cash donations to help with the recovery effort in the Philippines. County employees may also have the option to donate up to 5 days of their accrued vacation time, compensatory time and/or holiday in-lieu time.

“Just as communities in Alameda County and throughout the Bay Area have been aided in their recovery from natural disasters due to the generosity of others, we are answering the call to assist the people of the Philippines who urgently need our help,” said Keith Carson, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Alameda County intends for all contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund to go directly to victims of the typhoon in the Philippines.

“In the past Alameda County employees and the residents of this community have been extremely generous in supporting others in times of crisis,” said Susan S. Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator. “That’s why we are hopeful this local effort to help the people of the Philippines will make a positive difference for those affected by this devastating typhoon.”

Cash donations may be contributed by sending a personal check payable to the Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund, c/o the Auditor-Controller Agency, 1221 Oak Street, Room 238, Oakland CA 94612. Donation instructions and additional information are available at [www.acgov.org](http://www.acgov.org).