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Dear Service-Learning Colleagues,

Thank you to all of you who have sent donations to help support the American Samoa Community College Tsunami victims, to date we have raised \$1,000.00. The money will be sent to the ASCC service learning program to provide assistance to those in need. The money is being administered by the Maricopa Community College Foundation, so you will receive a tax deduction letter.

I am writing to give you a little update and to let you know your **donations are still desperately needed as the need will be there for months if not years to come. If you want to make a donation, please send a check to:**

**CCNCCE/Maricopa Community College Foundation
1025 N. Country Club #320
Mesa, AZ 85201**

The following is update news from Elisapeta Faalafi-Jones, Service Learning Coordinator and English Language Institute Chairperson ...

Our Tsunami Campus Committee has been working very hard to accommodate our students who were affected by the disaster. We have split the students into two groups - Upper Level students and English Language Institute(ELI) students. I am in charge of the ELI because that is my department, and Dean Irene Helsham and others will try to get textbooks for the upper level. Service Learning instructors are reaching out to students in their own departments with food and clothes, but our committee is responsible for the academic part.

The latest report from my side is - CCNCCE and HI/Pacific Campus Compact is sending me bags, and my husband and I have purchased supplies for my 50 students. However, these students still need textbooks, so I asked the CFO if I can get these books half price and my Service Learning Office will try to find ways to pay that account. He finally approves my request today, and the total costs for textbooks is \$942.00. So I am humbly asking if there is still people in our Service Learning Family who wish to contribute to the students' textbooks. Anything is appreciated at this point.

In addition, I have given the Dean whatever is in our S-L Office to help the other students, and when I get the bags from you, I will make sure all the victims will receive one. I am also responsible for the list of staff, faculty, and administrators who lost loved ones or homes. We are taking up monetary donations for our colleagues. Other than that, the spirit is great and everyone is trying to help out.

What I do on our campus is the reflection of our Service Learning Family and our message of Reaching Out to those who are in need. Seeing people with the eyes of our hearts create effective actions and great satisfaction. Thank you again for your support.

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