

# Scouts Helping Scouts Rebuilding the Scout Programs around the Bay of Bengal



For ten years, the International Committee of the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council has encouraged Scouts and Scout leaders from around the United States to support the World Friendship Fund by offering a recognition patch of their support.

The 2003/2004 patch in fact targeted Sri Lanka as one of the countries to be aided. The funds from that drive were in the process of being distributed when the earthquake and tsunami devastated that country and others surrounding the Bay of Bengal. Like the whole world, we watched in horror as that nightmare unfolded before our eyes.

It was immediately obvious that our small WFF donation would not go far in face of this catastrophe. Much more would be needed and the World Organization of the Scouting Movement quickly established a web page where donations to be used for this undertaking could be made. Information on this is available at [http://www.scout.org/tsunami/0412tsunamidonate\\_e.shtml](http://www.scout.org/tsunami/0412tsunamidonate_e.shtml))

In support of this effort of rebuilding the Scouting program in the countries most affected by the earthquake and tsunami of December 26th, Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council International Committee has commissioned this special patch, similar to the one we used following the earthquake in El Salvador in 2001. Individuals who donate a minimum of \$20 to the S.E. Asia Tsunami relief program through our council will receive this patch recognizing their contribution. Full information on this special fund raising effort and an order form to submit your donations can be found by visiting our web site at [www.mdsc-ic.org](http://www.mdsc-ic.org) and clicking on the Tsunami Relief link.

