

Many of us in Port Townsend and all over the Northwest have strong ties to the people of Japan. Through student exchanges, Sister City exchanges and those doing business in Japan we have been the recipients of the Japanese people's generosity and hospitality.

During the recent tragic earthquake and tsunami many of people are looking for ways to help. The best way we can help for the moment is to donate money to reputable organizations that already have the capability of delivering aid quickly and efficiently to Japan. Here is a link to a website that has been established by the Japanese American and Japanese cultural organizations in Seattle to facilitate donations.

<http://seattlejapanrelief.com>

You may donate through this website or go directly to Peace Winds

<http://peacewindsamerica.org/> or the American Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org/>

Please call Catherine McNabb at 379-5089 for more information.