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“Tonga Relief Efforts Break \$260k in Monetary Donations in Five Days.”

In an unofficial report from the "Fesoasoani mo Toga" Humanitarian Relief Efforts, headquartered at the Su'igaula Beach, Utulei, American Samoa, by close of business on February 2nd, 2022, a total of over **\$260,000.00** was collected. In partnership with the Office of Samoan Affairs, the Office of the Governor has led this initiative. All departments, offices, and agencies support the effort by staffing out the call center and drop-off sites island-wide.

"We cannot place a monetary value on life or ask anyone to give more than they can, but this amount that we have been able to raise is a testament to our FaaSamoa and our Lotonuu. Our will to give to our neighboring islands during this catastrophic event is the true fabric that brings our society together," remarked Governor Lemanu. He continued, "Although this is a humble donation, we hope that our efforts will help Tonga rebuild and assist the families in need."

On day one, by close of business, donations had reached over \$50k; at the end of day two, the number was \$61k. On day three, the relief center broke \$115k, and day four closed with over \$160k.

The number of donors has reached over 900. Some of the premiere donors to date are Office of the Governor (\$15.6k), McDonald's Family Restaurant Tafuna (\$20k), Nana's Company (10k), Paramount Builders (\$10k), Manumalo Academy (\$5.5k), TMO Tautua mo Oe (\$3k), and JF Tank Services (\$2k).

Senate President, the Honorable Tuaolo M.E. Fruean, and Speaker of the House, the Honorable Savali Ale, visited the relief headquarters and presented the FONO Legislature's \$10,000.00. "On behalf of the FONO Legislature, we would like to thank the Lemanu-Talauaga Administration for this effort, and we will continue to pray for Tonga as they rebuild and recover."

Most donors are a mixture of private sector businesses, faith-based organizations, executive branch departments, the FONO legislature, non-government organizations, and individuals.

The "Fesoasoani mo Toga" Relief Headquarters has reported that collection efforts will continue until **Saturday, February 5th, 2022, from the hours of 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Followed by the announcement of total collections and a closing Prayer Service at 3pm, at the Afioga Tufele Liamatua Tufele Cultural Center, Suigaula Beach, Utulei.**

The drop-off sites open on Saturdays will accept clothes, cases of water, and non-perishable goods.

Online donations are accepted through PayPal at paypal@tr.as.gov or by visiting the relief webpage at www.americansamoa.gov.

Additional Drop off locations are as follows:

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| 1 | Kruse Store | Leone |
| 2 | US Mart | Futiga |
| 3 | ACE Hardware | Malaeimi |
| 4 | Manu'a Store | Malaeimi |
| 5 | KS Mart | Tafuna |
| 6 | Cost U Less | Tafuna |
| 7 | TSM Store | Tafuna |
| 8 | Manu'a Store | Tafuna |
| 9 | Forsgren-Laufou | Nuuuli |
| 10 | Lumana'i Bldg | Fagatogo |
| 11 | Main Market | Fagatogo |
| 12 | DYWA | Pago Pago |
| 13 | Tutuila Store | Leloaloe |
| 14 | Fagaitua High Sch. | Fagaitua |
| 15 | Fale Tele | Utulei |

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