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NEPAL EARTHQUAKE: Humanity First Disaster Relief Efforts



On Saturday, April 25th, 2015, a 7.8 magnitude quake ravaged Nepal, its epicentre triangulated several kilometres from the capital city of Kathmandu. The disaster is classified as Nepal's worst in over 80 years, due to the sheer magnitude of the devastation it has caused to infrastructure, property and life. Over 6204 fatalities have been recorded, with 1400 injured, 2.8 million displaced, over 130 000 houses completely destroyed, and an estimated 8 million people have been affected in general. Additionally, more than 3.5 million people are in dire need of food assistance.

In response, Humanity First teams have been deployed to the worst hit areas, specifically the Lamjung and Gorkha districts. The teams consist of doctors, nurses and paramedics who are equipped with water filters and family survival kits. In cooperation with the UN and local authorities, Humanity First teams will continue to assist in the Gorkha district.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION | Celebrating the Gems of our Community

On May, 9th, 2015, Honourable Julian Fantino, Associate Minister of Defence for Canada, and M.P. for Vaughan joined Humanity First volunteers at the Humanity First office in Concord, Ontario, to commend their efforts from the past year. As part of the event, he presented appreciation awards to outstanding volunteers to recognize them for their humanitarian work and selfless commitment.

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The event has become a staple for the organization, as volunteers with excellent records of service are recognized and appreciated annually. Unlike past years, volunteers from the student-led branches of Humanity First from McMaster and York University were among the many recipients. The awards ceremony was followed by a breakfast for all attendees. Humanity First Canada would also like to extend their genuine appreciation for all volunteers, recognized and unrecognized, for their service and efforts in effecting meaningful change in our communities.



Inter-University Conference | Building for Tomorrow



The 2nd annual Inter-University Conference was held at the Humanity First Canada Head Office in Concord, Ontario on June 14th, 2015. The conference was an opportunity for students from various universities across Ontario, including McMaster, York, Toronto, Western and Ottawa, to recap and reflect on their respective achievements from the year, while networking amongst one another to standardize structure and protocol for greater efficiency in the future.

In addition to this, students engaged in a wide array of interactive activities throughout the day, primarily centered around key aspects of running a university club, including brainstorming for events, holding mock tabling sessions for event promotions, group dynamics, and other miscellaneous club requirements. The conference further served as a way for the university clubs to integrate and welcome new executive team members.

Finally, students were able to benefit from a talk followed by a Q&A session with Humanity First Chairman, Dr. Aslam Daud, and various other HF dignitaries. The conference has become a staple for the university clubs to expand their operations, and the hope is that other universities across Canada will also get involved in the future, providing greater opportunities for project collaborations.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE | **Dr. Aslam Daud**

Prime Minister's Volunteer Award | **Humanitarian Service**



In honour of 20 years of humanitarian service, Dr. Aslam Daud was awarded the Prime Minister's Volunteer Community Leader Award on March 18th, 2015. The award is intended to recognize individuals with enormous voluntary contributions within the community, innovative ideas, a philanthropic vision, and a revolutionary approach to effecting social change.

We are truly proud of our Chairman for his long-standing dedication and commitment to service, particularly through Humanity First Canada.. Congratulations Dr. Daud!

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