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SunCorp Volunteer and Staff Demonstrate Service Culture to Help Haiti

Denver, CO – SunCorp employees adhere to the credit union philosophy of *People Helping People* and demonstrate a service culture both on and off the job. In February, SunCorp employees helped raise over \$1,000 for emergency dental care for a small village in Haiti following their massive earthquake on January 12th. The effort was coordinated by Executive Assistant Bonnie Ginther, who learned that SunCorp Board member Don Killeen was planning to travel to Haiti in February on a dental mission with a group of dentists and dental students from the University of Nebraska Dental School. Included in the group were two of Don's sons, one a dentist and the other a dental student. Their goal at the Kobonal mission located near Hinche, Haiti, was to provide emergency dental care, similar to a mission the group performed in 2009.



Members of the volunteer dental team work on a patient while a translator comforts her.

However, this year the devastation from the earthquake left the village inundated with refugees who left Port-au-Prince due to scarce food and water. When the earthquake hit, Don's group donated their existing antibiotics and pain relievers in storage at the village to the local hospital. The dental mission provided emergency treatment to over 700 patients, including the extraction of approximately 1,500 teeth during the week.

Bonnie is part of SunCorp's Activity Committee, whose members are chartered with planning fun and low cost events for

employees. The committee developed the idea of *Coins for Hope/Dollars for Jeans*, encouraging SunCorp employees to donate their spare coins and paying \$1.00 per day during the month of February in exchange for the opportunity to wear jeans to work. SunCorp employees donated over \$800 to Don's mission. The money went towards replenishing supplies that were donated to the earthquake relief effort and for soccer balls for the children of the village. Staff from a visiting vendor asked Bonnie why all the employees were wearing jeans and donating money. After learning of the fundraising effort, they not only contributed to SunCorp's fund, but also took the idea back to their office and raised more than \$250 in donations.



Local children react to the dental staff demonstrating how to play soccer with the new balls.

Don has served on SunCorp's Board of Directors since 2003 in addition to his position as Chairman of Peoples Choice FCU in Lincoln, Nebraska. His role on the mission was to assist with the logistics and organization of the mission. "Seeing the smiling faces of the children after being treated makes me believe that we have received far more from this trip than what we contributed," said Don at the end of the trip.

"The effects of that earthquake were felt around the world. The Activity Committee wanted to immediately help. We have a great staff who cares about others. Knowing Don was personally going there inspired us to give even more." said Bonnie Ginther.

"I am very proud our staff contributed so much money from their own pockets for this important cause, especially considering the uncertainty that they personally face in the current environment" said Tom Graham, SunCorp's President & CEO, "It is also an honor to know and work with someone like Don, who not only gives voluntarily in his own Credit Union for his

own community, and for the benefit of other Credit Unions on SunCorp's Board, but also to the people of Haiti even before the recent disaster occurred."

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