

**OFFERING OUR SUPPORT
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In support of our fellow Americans in need at a time like this, we all share in the desire to take constructive action. The SGI-USA has already made a \$10,000 donation to the American Red Cross to help with its ongoing relief efforts. While the current crisis imposes limits on what we can do, there are three specific areas in which we are encouraging SGI-USA members to lend their support during this national tragedy.

1) Financial donations to relief agencies like the American Red Cross are of great assistance in their good work. Donations can be made either directly to such agencies or through the SGI-USA. Any such donations collected by the SGI-USA will be forwarded to the American Red Cross. Below is the American Red Cross address and the addresses of SGI-USA offices to which financial donations for this purpose can be sent. Please clearly indicate that such donations are for the "SEPTEMBER 11 RELIEF."

2) The American Red Cross has indicated that blood donors will be needed in the days and weeks ahead. Please call your local Red Cross or hospital to find out how to donate. In some cities, reservations and scheduling systems for blood donations are being set up.

3) We can reach out to people. We can begin with getting in touch with our fellow members—especially those who we may not see often. This is an opportunity to reconnect at a crucial moment. As we talk with members, friends and neighbors, we can build a network of hope. Now is the time to bring forth our courage and compassion to open a new future.

Finally, as members of SGI-USA, let's remain confident that our prayers permeate the universe and form the foundation for a culture of peace, which is so desperately needed throughout the world.

American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund
P.O. Box 37243
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or 800-HELP-NOW for donations and 800-GIVE-LIFE to give blood

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