



Fundraisers relieve Fallujah

By Peter Lazenby

TENS of thousands of pounds of medical and other aid is on its way to refugee camps outside Iraq's battered city of Fallujah – thanks to fundraisers in West Yorkshire.

West Yorkshire-based charity Human Relief Foundation has sent two container-loads of medicines, tents, mattresses, food, and water pumps to help the thousands of people driven out of the city as American-led forces invaded in an attempt to dislodge insurgents.

Power and water supplies have been disrupted by bombing and shelling and thousands of civilians have fled.

The Human Relief Foundation was formed in Bradford in 1991 and has delivered aid to 40 countries.

Last year it won a consultative status award from the United Nations in recognition of its expertise in aid delivery around the world.

Last week a charity dinner at the Aakash restaurant in Cleckheaton raised £15,000.

An appeal on Asian digital TV channel Ary raised a further £15,000.

Delivery co-ordinator Yousaf Razaq said the aid items and equipment would be used to aid the destitute of Fallujah.

He added: "The current humanitarian situation in Iraq has not improved.

"The people of Iraq are continuing to suffer from the collapse of its infrastructure, demolished homes, hospitals and schools.

"Lawlessness has created anarchy and mayhem."

Offers of help can be sent to Mr Razaq by e-mail at yrazaq@hrf.co.uk

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