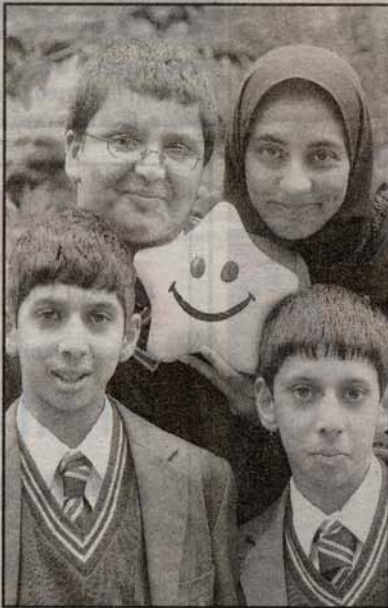


EMERGENCY WORKERS FLY OUT FROM BRADFORD

Relief squad on their way

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Shaw House School, Wilmer Road, raised more than £1,000 for the appeal, with pupils handing over the savings from their money boxes. Among them were Ataa-ur-Rehman, 13, and brothers Hamza, 13, and Abdullah Ali, pictured with teacher Shaheen Yasin.

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

by **SUNITA BHATTI**
 T&A Reporter

A team of emergency workers from a Bradford-based charity was to fly to Islamabad today to help earthquake victims.

The Human Relief Foundation has pledged \$100,000 (£56,780) to help the disaster-hit areas of Muzaffarabad, Manshera, Rawalakot and Islamabad.

The team of five includes project co-ordinator Yousaf Razaq and volunteer Nafees Nazir.

Mr Razaq, who is making his first trip abroad on a mercy mission, said: "I'm really looking forward to it. People have warned me to just be prepared because I'll see things that I won't have seen before."

The team will be in Muzaffarabad to help set up a camp for around 4,000 homeless victims of the earthquake.

The Foundation has been working with Muslim Hands, which has strong links in the affected areas, and together the two charities have made huge progress by distributing tents, blankets, medicines and food.

The team will set up a campsite for 500 families with tents, gas cylinders, crockery sets, blankets, ground mats, school tents and books, medicines and food, a children's play tent, generators and sanitation facilities.

Two water tanks have also been arranged which will be linked to a spring to provide clean water for the campsite.

Project co-ordinator Yousaf Razaq said that the campsite will be maintained for a few months while a better solution to the housing crisis in the region is reached.

Mr Nazir, a community associate at Bradford University, has previously worked in Iraq and Palestine handing out aid. The father of three said the first couple of days would be spent doing all that was necessary to get the campsite operational.

"We will be helping to put the tents up and assisting the people who are most in need of shelter."

Once the camp is up and run-



SUPPLIES: Yousaf Razaq and Shaziya Younas, of the Claremont Community Trust, with items for earthquake victims

ning the team will look at what relief and assistance is needed in the medium and long term.

Mr Nazir said his colleagues working in the region have said that the winter weather is coming and he fears that this may harm relief efforts.

"The weather is a hindrance but we are being realistic about what we can do," he said.

The foundation has also arranged for the free transportation of food, water, clothes and blankets to be flown by Pakistan International Airlines to Islamabad.

Anyone wanting to drop off supplies for the airlift can leave them at the Claremont Community Trust at 13-15 Claremont, Great Horton. A whole floor has been allocated for storing these items.

For more information call the trust on (01274) 746666

Anyone wanting to donate should make cheques payable to the Human Relief Foundation and send them to: HRF, Freepost BD3125, PO Box 194, Bradford, BD7 1BR, UK or visit www.hrf.co.uk. You can donate to the Human Relief Foundation at

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Grange Interlink Community Centre, on Summerville Road, Horton Grange, is also collecting blankets, tents and food.

The centre has been inundated with goods and is now urgently collecting vegetarian tinned food and energy drinks or water.

Manager Imran Khan said they were particularly looking for packet food, such as biscuits, or other dried food, like cereals. He said that they were now focusing their efforts on food and medical supplies.

The centre is open seven days a week from 10am until 10pm, but is closed for one hour between 6pm and 7pm.

Mr Khan said the centre was in need of volunteers from Monday to help pack the supplies which will be taken to Manchester Airport on Wednesday.

They would also be grateful if anyone with spare cardboard boxes or cartons could drop them off at the centre.

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