

The Banorte Foundation donates 100,000 dollars to S.E. Asian Children Relief Effort

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Mexico D. F. January 13, 2005.- This Thursday, Grupo Financiero Banorte, through Fundación Banorte, announced the donation of 100,000 dollars to the Southeast Asian children's relief effort. This donation will be sent to the over one million six hundred thousand homeless children, with the help of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) in Mexico.

In addition to the contribution mentioned above, Fundación Banorte invites all the Mexican people who wish to help the children who lost everything in the disaster in Southeast Asia to contribute. Among all the many needs of the tsunami victims, Fundación Banorte has decided to focus on the children, who not only lost their homes but their families as well. We must help them recover their future, said Graciela Padilla, the Fundación Banorte CEO.

Therefore, as of today, account number 0178 - 0901 64 is available in all of Banorte's branches across the country for those who wish to make a contribution to assist the children of Asia.

The donations received in this account will be sent to Southeast Asia on a regular basis through UNICEF Mexico.