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**Broward County Employees Donate to Natural Disaster Victims  
*County Commissioners Approve Plan Allowing Employees to Donate  
To Tsunami Victims, Haitian Flood Victims and Other Relief Efforts***

At their January 11 meeting, Broward County Commissioners approved a plan to allow County employees to make a cash donation to aid victims of natural disasters, such as the tsunami that struck Southeast Asia on December 26 and flooding in Haiti caused by last year's busy hurricane season.

The plan makes it easy for County employees to make a donation by deducting the donation directly from their paychecks. Employees can either make a cash donation or convert vacation time into cash to make a donation. All donations will be sent to the American Red Cross to benefit the natural disaster victims.

"Broward County employees are historically extremely generous and have always sought ways to help others," said Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs. "Broward County Administration created this plan to allow workers an opportunity to donate money or annual leave hours that could otherwise be used as time off. It's a convenient way for our employees to show that they care and that they want to help."

Last year, Broward County Commissioners approved a similar program called the Broward Relief Effort Fund to assist Florida hurricane victims. More than \$66,000 was collected from Broward County employees and the public.

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