

Press Release

Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association Contributing to the Tsunami Relief Efforts of Project HOPE

CFEBA Donated \$25,000 to Project Hope for the Purchase of Critical Kerosene Powered Refrigeration Units to Support The Medical Cold Chain

(June 20, 2005) WASHINGTON, DC – The Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association, the charitable arm of the Energy Bar Association, donated \$25,000 to Project HOPE for the purchase of 19 kerosene/electric powered refrigeration units which were used in the distribution of Project HOPE's donated medicines and medical supplies to the hospitals, health posts, and health camps in Indonesia.

On December 30, 2004, in response to the December 26, 2004 earthquake and tsunami that swept a deadly path through Southeast Asia, a disaster that claimed more than two hundred thousand lives, left hundreds of thousands of people without access to basic medical care and medical supplies, and destroyed much of the region's infrastructure, CFEBA contacted Project HOPE inquiring how best the CFEBA would contribute to the tsunami relief efforts. Energy Bar Association members made donations to CFEBA to fund the tsunami relief effort.

After Project HOPE's team of logisticians assessed the needs in Indonesia, Project HOPE and the CFEBA agreed that the purchase of kerosene/electric refrigeration units would best address the critical need to ensure the cold chain of the medical supplies. This effort combined one of CFEBA's objectives of contributing to the energy needs of the region and Project HOPE's need to protect the medical supplies. The CFEBA's contribution included not only the purchase of the kerosene/electric refrigeration units, but also the shipping, handling and insurance associated with transporting the units from the vendor to Jakarta, Indonesia via airfreight.

The kerosene/electric refrigeration units were delivered to Jakarta, Indonesia in April 2004 and successfully used by Project HOPE to distribute donated medicines and medical supplies to the hospitals, health posts, and health camps throughout Indonesia.

Project HOPE indicates it will continue to focus on the long-term rehabilitation of selected health care facilities and training of health care service providers. As a result, the CFEBA will assess opportunities to contribute to Project HOPE's overall effort to resupply, rebuild, and restore services in the upcoming months.

CFEBA

The Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association is a non-profit organization formed in 2002 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The CFEBA's mission is to engage in a wide variety of energy-related and general charitable activities such as funding energy internships, providing, educational grants and scholarships, participating in volunteer community service projects and providing financial support to needy individuals and non-profit organizations for payment of utility bills and other purposes. The CFEBA relies upon tax-deductible contributions from Energy Bar Association members and businesses for its funds and the active participation of EBA members for its service projects.

PROJECT HOPE

Founded in 1958, Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere) is dedicated to providing lasting solutions to health problems, with the mission of helping people to help themselves. Identifiable to many by the SS HOPE, the world's first peacetime hospital ship, Project HOPE now conducts land-based medical training and health education programs in 35 countries across five continents. For more information, please visit www.projecthope.org.