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Corporate donations sought for quake victims

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An international grant-making charity based in National City has teamed with the Mexican Red Cross in Mexicali to seek in-kind corporate donations of camping equipment, blankets and other good for the thousands of Baja [California](#) residents left homeless by Sunday's earthquake.

The International Community Foundation, which directs funds for charitable causes to [Latin America](#), primarily Baja California, hopes to acquire tents, camping cots, flashlights, electric generators, kitchen utensils, blankets and radios from corporate donors.

President and CEO Richard Kiy said the foundation is working directly with the



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Cruz Roja Mexicana, or Mexican Red Cross, in Mexicali and that these are the specific items that have been requested.

The damage done by Sunday's earthquake in outer regions of Mexicali forced families from their homes, leaving them without water and electricity.

The 7.2-magnitude earthquake, centered about 38 miles to the south of Mexicali, killed two people and left an estimated 25,000 people in northern Baja California without shelter.

Kiy said while the foundation's facilities are not set up to store large quantities of equipment from individual donors, individuals wishing to help may contribute make tax deductible contributions to the International Community Foundation's Baja California Disaster Relief Fund at 2505 N Ave., National City, CA 91950.

Contributions may be made online at http://www.icf-xchange.org/graphics/plugin_campaign_display&w=bajadisasterrelief.

More information is available at (619) 336-2250.

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hasn't it always been this way? Capitalist countries saving socialist ones?

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let me get this straight.... the very same people that claim the "greedy corporate profits" are bad are now asking for some of those same greedy profits to help them? What if those greedy corporate profiteers didn't make greedy profit? Where would the money come from then? No, governments don't make money, they can only confiscate it..... think about it..... greedy profits are what drives our standard of living. If we didn't have those greedy corporations to work for, the donations to help these people would not be available.

just thinkin....

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Let's see how much those great benefactor corporations chip in vs ordinary people. Place your bets....In the meantime, SD, would you happen to know for, say 2005, what total corporate profits were in the US? How about what total corporate charitable giving was? How about how much private citizens donated? I can.... and I can tell you they don't support your general premise. Is your ignorance showing... again??? Just thinkin isn't enough- you gotta dig for actual facts or one can come up with silly thoughts like "the trees make the wind blow when they move".
LOL!!!

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do you know how much millionaires like obama gave as a percentage? it's laughable. Biden is greedy too, very little giving. Corporations pay employees and taxes and give . Look at countries with no corporations like N. Korea. how much have they ever given anybody? their GDP is like 40 billion LOL!! yes without corporations we'd all be back in the stone age.

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Nice try at changing the question- it won't work. Answer what I asked and maybe you have some cred.

BTW your last assertion is idiotic- the first corporation was the Benedictine order of the Catholic Church, founded 529 AD. The first business corporation was founded in 1288, the first US corporation (as we now know them) was founded in 1813 (somehow we went a lot of years without them) and the first modern business corporation (can you name it? of course you can't) in the US was founded 1906. So, the world made it a heckuva long ways past the stone age.

All bluster and no facts- your approval is falling.

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Ahhhhh Senor Carlos Slim Helu!!!!

Bring it on!

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sdgman 04/08/2010 06:43 PM

I gave... these folks are our friends and family.

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Why don't all these peeps driving 60Grand SUVs with BAJA plates put some cash in? Also, take all the drug money and us it to rebuild this drug town.

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What a joke... The richest man in the world lives in Mexico. Let him cough up some Pesos to help out his fellow citizens....

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