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Washington Irving Raises Funds for Haiti Relief

February 2, 2010, Clarksburg, WV – The Washington Irving Middle School (WIMS) in Clarksburg held an all-school collection campaign over the past two weeks to raise funds for Haiti Relief. WIMS Student Council Advisor, Mr. James Pritchard explained, “The students immediately knew something had to be done. They wanted to help and decided that the quickest, most beneficial contribution they could make in a short amount



Washington Irving Middle School Student Council:
Denise Adkins, Historian; Stacie Welling, President;
Jacinda Evans, Treasurer; Tori Pittman, Secretary;
Ashley Bassel, Vice-President and Mr. James Pritchard,
WIMS Student Council Advisor.

of time was to collect and make a cash gift. They hoped the gift would have the maximum effect and that’s why they chose the Red Cross.” Mr. Pritchard continued, “Our student council is a very active group. They have had several projects this past school year, mostly with a local community focus including collecting for the Open Door, the Baptist Food Pantry, and the Clarksburg Mission. For this fund drive, parents, teachers, and students were all encouraged to give what they could. WIMS is located in downtown Clarksburg and includes 6th through 8th graders.

WIMS Student Council held a brief ceremony today, with Rob Johnson, Development Director of the North Central West Virginia Chapter of the American Red Cross. Officers in attendance were: Stacie Welling, President; Ashley Bassel, Vice-

President; Denise Adkins, Historian; Jacinda Evans, Treasurer; and Tori Pittman, Secretary. The total amount raised for Haiti earthquake relief was \$803.42. Johnson said, “I had the privilege of meeting these young leaders this morning at the school and took the opportunity to encourage them for recommending the immediate response to their student body. It’s the immediate response that makes the American Red Cross unique in responding to urgent needs and it’s their immediate response that makes an impact.” Thank you Washington Irving Middle School for your generous gift to help the Red Cross help the people of Haiti.

If your business or organization would like to host a fundraising event, please contact Rob Johnson, Development Director of the North Central West Virginia Chapter for more information by E-mail: JohnsonRobP@usa.redcross.org or phone (304) 624-7689.

The North Central West Virginia Chapter serves in Barbour, Doddridge, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Randolph and Upshur counties. In addition to being able to text “HAITI” to 90999 for a \$10 donation by cell phone, on-line donations can be made at www.redcross.org. Checks can be made out to American Red Cross and sent to the Fairmont office, 405 First Street, Fairmont, WV 26554 or call for more information at (304) 366-2060. Checks can also be sent to the Clarksburg office, 718 W Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Check out the website for more information: www.AmericanRedCrossNCWV.org.

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