

News Release

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Cascade Designs, Inc. Donates Equipment to Haiti Earthquake Relief Efforts through Operation USA

SEATTLE, U.S.A. – Cascade Designs, the Seattle-based industry leader in the design and manufacture of premier outdoor equipment, has donated over \$100,000 USD retail value worth of Therm-a-Rest® mattresses, MSR® group shelters and Platypus® collapsible water reservoirs to Operation USA in support of their aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti.

The donated supplies are part of numerous shipments to Haiti from the Operation USA warehouse in Wilmington, CA. Quickly after the earthquake, United Airlines committed to helping the people of Haiti with a series of donated air shipments to Port-au-Prince. The shipments included Operation USA donated medical supplies, mattresses, shelter and water storage. An additional delivery is currently being arranged for shipment in the coming weeks.



Operation USA works closely with partners on the ground in Haiti to get through the challenging conditions to get supplies where they are needed most. These partners include L’Athletique d’Hait, Hands and Feet Project, International Medical Corps, Partners in Health and St. Damien’s Pediatric Hospital/St. Luke’s Schools.

“The situation in Haiti is tragic, and we feel compelled to help, knowing the products we make can make a huge difference to people trying to survive in such devastation,” said Joe Mc Swiney, President of Cascade Designs. “We have great confidence in the effectiveness and ability of Operation USA to get these supplies to where they are needed most.”

In the past Cascade Designs has worked with Operation USA to support relief efforts for the Southeast Asian Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, the Pakistan Earthquake, California Wildfires and most recently the flooding in the Philippines, Indonesia and Samoa.

HOW TO HELP:

Donate online at www.opusa.org, by phone at 1.800.678.7255 or, by check made out to Operation USA,

3617 Hayden Ave, Suite A, Culver City, CA 90232. Text "AID" to 50555 and donate \$10 to OpUSA's Haiti relief efforts.

Air miles can also be donated to Operation USA through United Airlines Charity Miles program at www.united.com. Corporate donations of bulk quantities of disaster-appropriate supplies are also being requested.

About Cascade Designs, Inc.

For over thirty-five years, Seattle-based Cascade Designs, Inc., has led the outdoor industry in designing innovative, useful and long-lasting equipment, manufacturing the majority of products in their Seattle, U.S.A. and Cork, Ireland facilities. From the original self-inflating Therm-a-Rest® camping mattress to the first multi-fuel stove, Cascade Designs has developed products that explorers, adventurers, outdoor enthusiasts and weekend campers can rely on to deliver optimum performance in the outdoors through exceptional engineering and quality.

Cascade Designs's premium outdoor brands include: Therm-a-Rest®, the global leader in premium outdoor comfort; MSR®, the ultimate in high performance outdoor gear; Platypus®, specialist in modular hydration solutions for optimum performance; SealLine®, the outdoor leader in all-purpose, portable gear protection; and Tracks®, lightweight walking staffs and trekking poles. Visit www.cascadedesigns.com or call 1-800-531-9531 for more information.

About Operation USA

Operation USA is an international relief agency that helps communities at home and abroad overcome the effects of disasters, disease and endemic poverty by providing privately-funded relief, reconstruction and development aid. Since 1979, the Los Angeles-based Operation USA has worked in over 99 countries, delivering over \$350 million for relief and development projects.

Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, has given Operation USA its highest 4-star rating for six consecutive years. And in 2008, named OpUSA the "#1 Exclusively Privately Funded Charity".

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