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### **DISASTER IN JAPAN: SAFE WAYS TO HELP**

On Friday, March 11, a series of major earthquakes off the coast of Japan – one measuring 8.9 on the Richter scale – triggered widespread devastation throughout the country. The ensuing tsunami washed away thousands of homes and businesses, and more than 10,000 lives may have been lost. Many of our local companies are Japanese-owned or have strong ties to the country.

As businesses and individuals in our community seek ways in which they can help support relief efforts in Japan, caution is advised. The Federal Trade Commission warns of fraudulent emails, websites and social networks. Our local branches of the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army are working on behalf of those affected by the disaster in Japan. If you would like to donate, please visit these reliable local charitable organizations online; each has a special section for donations to relief efforts:

<http://gso.redcross.org/about-us/quake>

<http://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/commands/greensboro>

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