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Press Release

Caring For Haiti

Local Charter School Collects Money on Behalf of Haiti

Gilbert, Arizona, Thursday, February 4, 2010: First grader, Ian Fletcher, watched in horror along with the rest of us as the effects of a 7.0 MMS earthquake in Haiti unfolded in the news. With an estimated 200,000 fatalities and billions of dollars in property damage, Ian told his family he wanted to help. "I saw what happened in Haiti on TV. People lost their houses and some of them died. I knew we just needed to help. We needed to just do it." Ian's parents suggested that he bring his idea to his teacher at San Tan Learning Center.

San Tan Learning Center, a local Pre-Kindergarten Montessori, and Kindergarten through 5th Grade Public Charter School responded to Ian's suggestion by collecting money to be donated to the Red Cross on behalf of Haiti Relief. The school was able to secure an anonymous donor who was willing to match the money collected for Haiti, dollar for dollar. Energized by this opportunity, the 150 students and staff at San Tan Learning Center raised over \$800 for Haiti Relief. This put a real-world spin on international news for the students and also enabled them to know they had helped people in need half-way around the world.

The school then used the earthquake to teach students about geology, geography and natural disasters and also to emphasize an important character trait (as student Ian Fletcher so wonderfully exemplified): Caring. San Tan Learning Center firmly believes in promoting character traits in order to teach ethical behavior. Josephson Institute calls them The Six Pillars of Character, and they form the basis of all programs at San Tan Learning Center. In addition to Caring, the pillars are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, and Citizenship.

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