



March 3, 2010

Dear friends,

As you all know, Chile was hit on the morning of Saturday, February 27th by one of the most powerful and devastating earthquakes to have ever been recorded.

As Chilean nationals living in Minnesota we have been touched by the outpouring of concern from our relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers. All of us have received innumerable phone calls and emails with requests for information about how to help with the relief effort. Several fund-raising events will be taking place both in Chile and around the world, *Teletón* being one of the most prominent ones. Our local organization—*Club Chileno de Minnesota*—elected to conduct our own local fund-raising campaign and has received the support of the Chilean Consulate in Chicago. *Club Chileno* is a non-profit organization.

The task at hand is truly daunting, and the list of needs is long: food, water, clothing, housing, school supplies, medical aid, infrastructure repair, security....

After considering these various areas of need, and being aware that winter is fast approaching in the southern hemisphere, we have decided to place our focus on the rebuilding of houses for the thousands of families who find themselves without a roof over their heads. We plan to do this via internationally-recognized aid organizations.

**Please contribute—lives hang in the balance!** To receive donations, an account has been set up at Wells Fargo. The account number is **8251299486** and a deposit can be made at any branch in the United States. (Use Routing Number **121000248** for domestic transactions or **WFBIUS6S** for international transactions).

In addition to direct contributions, we will be informing you of other fund-raising activities in the Twin Cities area in the near future. For more information, please visit our web site at—[www.chilenosenminnesota.com](http://www.chilenosenminnesota.com)—where can also make your donation via *PayPal*. Also, join us on *Facebook* at *Chilenos En Minnesota* for up-to-date information about activities and events.

In order to spread the word, we encourage you to share this letter with anyone you think might be interested.

Thank you for your willingness to join us in rebuilding our beloved country.

Sincerely,

Club Chileno de Minnesota