

Music For Relief

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In response to the massive appeal for aid in the earthquake and tsunami stricken areas of Southeast Asia, Warner Bros. Records recording artist Linkin Park has formed "Music For Relief," an effort by concerned musicians and fans to provide emergency relief for quake and tsunami victims. "Music For Relief" will benefit the American Red Cross in its relief efforts. All donations will help the American Red Cross provide immediate relief and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance, and other support to those in need. Linkin Park has made an initial contribution of \$100,000 and is calling on other musicians, as well as fans, to contribute.

As most rap fans and those who are aware of whats going on in hip hop, Linkin park has just done "*Collision Course*" which has the rhymes and beats Of Jay-Z among the grinding guitars, explosive choruses and anguished lyrics of the nu-metal band.

Linkin Park's Brad Delson says of the band's efforts, "We are fortunate to be in a position to help, but this needs to be a broader effort -- both by our fans and by other musicians. If one of our fans can donate \$10, then that's going to help." Delson adds, "We are also going to appeal to our musical peers by asking them to donate as well. The bottom line is the more we can do, and the quicker we can do it, the more lives we can save."

Earlier this year, Linkin Park performed to sold-out stadium crowds in Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia. The shows were heralded as the largest rock concerts in those countries in the past 10 years. Delson says of the experience, "The outpouring of emotion from our fans there was overwhelming -- it really affected us. We opened "Music For Relief" so that our fellow musicians and fans can give in this time of need to the families of the over 70,000 people who have perished. This money will also be used to aid the millions left homeless by this natural disaster, it's our way of giving back to the people who so desperately need it."

The United Nations has indicated that the cost of the tsunami disaster is without precedent. Donations to "Music For Relief" can be made at www.musicforrelief.org.

You can help those affected by the earthquake and tsunami emergency in Southern Asia and Eastern Africa and countless other crises around the world each year by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, which will provide immediate and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance, and other support to those in need. Call 1-800-HELP NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Donations can also be mailed to your local Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make secure online credit card donations by visiting www.redcross.org.

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Linkin Park has donated \$500,000 to various charities since the beginning of 2004. Most recently, the band gave \$5.00 from every Projekt Revolution concert ticket sold in Tampa, FL, to aid victims of hurricane Charley this past summer.