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## Media Alert

### **LARGEST SHIPMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM BAY AREA TO DATE HEADS OUT TO SRI LANKA TOMORROW – 1/20/05**

*Local Non-Profit Peace Builders Coordinates Hospitals Donating 1,000 Boxes of Medical Supplies & Clean Bedding with Federal Express Shipping Goods*

Video

Photo Opp: Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 a.m.

What: Loading of Medical Supplies Headed to Sri Lanka

Where: Sutter Health Distribution Center  
1635 Rollins Rd.  
Burlingame, CA 94010

Approximately 1,000 boxes of Medical Supplies -- the largest shipment to date from the Bay Area -- leaves Sutter Health's Burlingame Distribution Center for Sri Lanka via Federal Express, which is providing shipping services free of charge.

Sutter Health affiliates California Pacific Medical Center and Mills Peninsula Health Services are donating \$40,000 worth of medical supplies including antibiotics, ointments and bandages, along with employee donations of clean bedding and towels. Additionally, Sutter Health has previously donated \$200,000 in cash to Tsunami victims.

Coordination of this donation drive was initiated and managed by Peace Builders, a local non-profit organization helping impoverished children around the world, including Southeast Asia. When the Tsunami hit, Peace Builders Director Diane Eskenazi was contacted by Sri Lankan children's aid organizations in the beach communities surrounding Colombo asking for urgent help. Eskenazi contacted California Pacific Medical Center, who quickly organized the supplies to be sent. The shipment is being overseen by Sri Lankan Consul General Gamini Pemasiri to The Director General of Health Services in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Representatives from California Pacific Medical Center, Mills Peninsula Health Service, Peace Builders and Federal Express will be available for interviews.

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