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Man Delivers Grocery Bag Containing \$20,000 Cash Donation to World Concern

September 19, 2011 (SEATTLE) – A soft-spoken man walked into World Concern’s headquarters in Seattle last week with a plastic grocery bag containing \$20,000 cash. He told World Concern staff that he wanted to donate the money.

“There’s a lot of need. Use it where it’s needed,” he said, handing over the bag.

Staff members were surprised to see the large amount of cash, and immediately deposited it in the bank.

The cash was in stacks of \$100 bills stamped with the date 2005.

This same man brought in \$10,000 cash in April 2010. At that time, he said he felt led to give the money away.

The most recent donation comes at a critical time, as World Concern is responding to the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. Famine in the Horn of Africa is now affecting 13.3 million people. Last week, the U.N. implored aid groups to step up their response, as 750,000 people are at risk of dying by the end of the year without further assistance.

World Concern is providing food, water, medical care and emergency supplies to drought-affected communities on both sides of the Kenya-Somalia border. It costs approximately \$60 to feed a family for a month with rations of rice, beans, oil, sugar and salt.

To give perspective of the impact of the man’s generous gift, \$20,000 is enough to feed 1,665 starving people for an entire month, or to dig a couple of water wells.

“We are so grateful for the generosity of this man, and others like him, who have given selflessly to help save lives,” said World Concern President David Eller. “We simply could not reach those in desperate need without the support of our donors. When someone’s heart is touched in this way to give, and they respond, it makes a huge impact on the work we’re able to do.”

For more information, or to arrange interviews, please contact Derek Sciba at (206) 713-5564. You can also visit www.worldconcern.org/crisis.

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