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Dear Friends,

A major earthquake of 7.9 magnitude rocked several areas about 90 kilometers northwest of Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province on May 12th. The quake caused massive and sever damage to the area. Buildings, schools and homes were collapsed. More than 10,000 people estimated died and scores of people injured. International aid workers juggled efforts to assess damage and relief agencies were awaiting word from Chinese authorities on what, if any , aid was desired. Aid groups said China has significant means to tackle disasters and could provide a good amount of relief on its own. President Bush issued a statement offering his condolences and pledging, “The United States stands ready to help in any way possible.” But no request for help from Chinese government had been received so far.

Meanwhile, CACC is also standing by to offer help in the means of donation through International Relief Agencies if needed. CACC will keep the community posted with the updates via our website: www.caccdelaware.org.

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