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## NEWS RELEASE

### Abbotsford Firefighters step up for Haiti Relief

Abbotsford, BC. February 5, 2010 – Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service members delivered sixty-one pails of donated food and over \$2000 in cash to Heart to Heart Ministries yesterday as part of their ongoing drive to provide aid to victims of the Haiti earthquake.

While many Auxiliary firefighters went door to door collecting donations, other members dug deep into their own pockets to purchase non-perishable, high protein food for shipment to the devastated country. This effort follows close on the heels of a previous fundraising drive at Seven Oaks Mall which saw Fire, Police and Ambulance services collaborating to raise almost \$30,000 in one day.

Abbotsford Fire Chief Don Beer stated “ Emergency service workers feel a particularly close connection to victims of disasters. We need to help in whatever way will have the greatest positive impact. The most immediate need in Haiti is for food and funds so we have directed our energy towards providing those”.

Although Abbotsford’s Police and Fire services enjoy a good-natured rivalry, they also work closely together in many situations and this combined effort shows their commitment to making the world a better place.

Police officers were also unloading food yesterday and the combined row of pails stretched the entire length of a fire truck. Representatives from Heart to Heart and the Abbotsford Vineyard Church were delighted with the sizeable donation which will be added to food collected by other community groups and shipped overseas within the coming days.