

PROJECT HOPE SENDS \$1M AID TO PHILIPPINES

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WINCHESTER — Millwood-based Project HOPE will deliver \$1 million in emergency aid to the typhoon-ravaged Philippines in the coming days.

On Nov. 8, typhoon Haiyan swept through the country with winds as high as 147 mph.

The Philippines, which is made up of 7,000 islands, is a densely populated nation with 96 million people. It is believed the death toll could reach 10,000, and more than 200,000 pregnant women are without care.

During a Thursday press conference at Project HOPE's Winchester distribution center at 402 Bufflick Road, President and Chief Executive Officer John P. Howe III announced that a five-ton shipment of emergency supplies would be on the ground within the next couple of days.

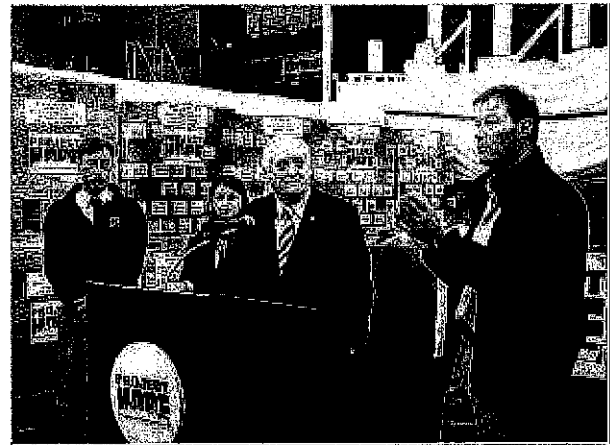
"These are the kinds of medicines and medical supplies that meet the early response," said Howe, adding that it is only the first of multiple shipments.

It includes 25 pallets of donated medicines including antibiotics and anti-inflammatories, and items such as generators, surgical masks and gloves.

Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere) is a global health and humanitarian assistance organization that donates goods to areas in need after natural disasters. The donation to the Philippines is the standard size for initial responses.

Once on the ground, Scott Crawford, director of humanitarian assistance, will conduct an assessment to determine what other needs the nation has and how to get the items to survivors.

"We don't want to send so much stuff it becomes unbearable," Crawford said.



Project HOPE distribution manager Chuck Clark (from left), director of gifts-in-kind Pat Bacuros and President and CEO John Howe III listen as director of logistics and gifts-in-kind Scott Crawford talks about Project HOPE's aid to the Philippines. (Photo by Scott Mason/The Winchester Star)

The companies that donated supplies were GlaxoSmithKline; 3M; AbbVie Pharmaceuticals; Covidien; Allergan; Becton, Dickinson and Company; Meda Pharmaceuticals; Shire; and Siemens.

Currently, Project HOPE is serving 30 countries.

To help with donations for Project HOPE's efforts in the Philippines, go to projecthope.org.

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