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INTERFAITH WORKS AND BHUTANESE COMMUNITY OF SYRACUSE PARTNER TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR NEPAL EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Syracuse, NY– InterFaith Works of CNY and the Bhutanese Community of Syracuse are partnering to raise donations to benefit victims of the April 24, 2015, earthquake that struck Nepal. The worst earthquake to strike the area in more than 80 years, it had a magnitude of 7.8. The devastation left more than 4,600 people dead and has claimed homes and livelihoods.

InterFaith Works has settled many Bhutanese refugees in Syracuse. Due to persecution in their native Bhutan, many refugees fled to Nepal and lived in refugee camps before being resettled in the United States. Many Syracuse Bhutanese still have family and friends in Nepal.

Those wishing to donate, may drop off cash or send a check (with "Nepal earthquake donation" in the memo line) to InterFaith Works, 1010 James St., Syracuse, NY 13203. InterFaith Works will send all donations collected to be used for current critical relief efforts and for rebuilding hospitals and schools.

InterFaith Works of CNY, through education, service and dialogue, affirms the dignity of each person and every faith community and works to create relationships and understanding. Founded in 1976, InterFaith Works addresses deeply embedded social divisions leading to community action and policy change. Empowering people in need, including refugees, the elderly and institutionalized, InterFaith Works' service and educational programs include the Center for New Americans, Ahmad and Elizabeth El-Hindi Center for Dialogue, as well as Senior Services and Spiritual Care Programs.