Friends and colleagues,

As you know, Nepal has been struck by a devastating earthquake; thousands have died, and many, many more are threatened by the real possibility of epidemic disease and a lack of food, water and shelter. Medical services in Nepal have been overwhelmed, and many people will die from injuries that could be easily treated if supplies and expertise were provided. Relief is coming, but the infrastructure of the country has been damaged so severely that it has become a monumental effort to get it to people not just in Kathmandu, but also in more remote villages. We are just now learning the scope of the damage from these places, and what we are learning is not good.

I think many of you know I have a deeply personal relationship with Nepal and its people who I have come to love and respect. And now UC Merced has a relationship with Kathmandu University, which I hope will grow over time. I have heard from most of my friends, and they have survived. But there are others, many from KU, for whom we have no word of whatsoever.

The people of Nepal need our help. They are strong and tough, but they are extended well beyond their capacity to respond. Below, you will find a list of charities and aid organizations where you can direct much needed financial support. We will continue to keep you apprised of other opportunities as they become available.

Thanks.

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- **Educate the Children**, an NGO based in Ithaca, NY, working in rural areas of Nepal that have been very hard hit
- **One Heart World-Wide**, a maternal-child health NGO first in Tibet and now in Nepal, working in two of the hardest-hit rural districts outside of Kathmandu, Dhading and Sindhupalchok
- **American Nepal Medical Foundation**, on the ground in Nepal since 1997, run by Nepali doctors in conjunction with US doctors
- **Mercy Corps**, which works throughout Nepal
- **Waves for Water**, water-related relief, which is desperately needed
- **The Red Cross**
• Here is another list of vetted charities
• DirectRelief