



DEAR FRIENDS:

As relief efforts continue through our headquarters in L'Aquila, the Italian Academy Foundation's team on the ground in the province continues to assist victims by offering our facilities, residence, supplies and resources to those who have been devastated by this sad, sad event.

We have undertaken a focused relief effort to be able to get funds for the provision of clothing, blankets and other basics of living to those who have been made homeless by the earthquake. We are providing transportation and lodging. The population of Abruzzo, particularly in the small towns outside L'Aquila--- such as Bisegna where we have our base--- is elderly and many individuals there live without many of the conveniences we enjoy. We are therefore preparing to focus assistance as well in some of the towns outside of L'Aquila that were affected by the earthquake, as well as in the City itself.

We ask you to contribute to this effort --any amount--- and we pledge to you that these monies will find their way into **direct** help; every dollar will be used directly to help people recover from this devastation.

Thank you for your prayers, your care, and your thoughtfulness.

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