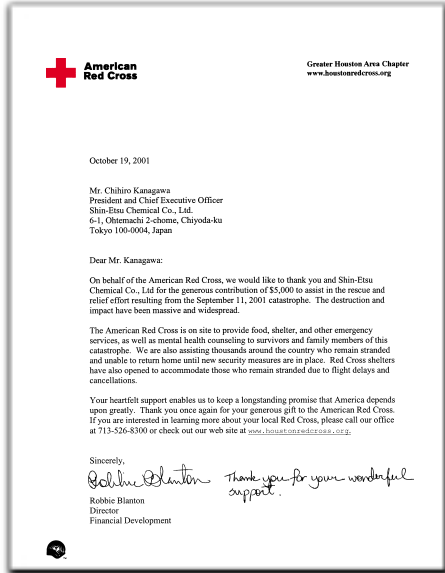


# COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES IN 2001



Shin-Etsu has several Group companies in the United States, beginning with Shintech. Making this donation to assist the rescue and relief efforts is evidence of the readiness of these Group companies to fulfill their roles and responsibilities as good corporate citizens in the United States. Shin-Etsu will continue to supply products that contribute to the betterment of society in the United States.

## Shin-Etsu Group Company Helps Local Student Products in Australia

Simcoa Operations Pty Ltd., a Shin-Etsu Group company in Western Australia, contributes A\$500 annually to individual local schools wishing to participate in the Western Power Solar Model Car Challenge. Simcoa's participation in such community activities reflects the company's keen interest in promoting the education of children in areas related to alternative energy sources. Moreover, Simcoa is particularly pleased to be participating in the solar model car challenge because the solar panels used on participating cars are made from one of the company's main products, silicon.



## Shintech Participates in Habitat for Humanity Project

As a member of The Vinyl Institute, Shintech, a Shin-Etsu subsidiary in Freeport, Texas, has participated in the Habitat for Humanity project for the past several years. Volunteering their free time on holidays and weekends, participants in Habitat for Humanity build homes for economically disadvantaged citizens. Through their involvement in Habitat for Humanity, participants are making a small but important contribution to the betterment of society.

## Contributing to the Betterment of Society

As a leading company and responsible corporate citizen, Shin-Etsu strives to contribute to the betterment of society on a number of fronts. A prime example of this commitment is Shin-Etsu's promotion of cleanup activities, carried out as part of plant beautification activities around the Company's production plants. Also, to encourage greater interaction and enhance communication with local residents, Shin-Etsu's plants host various community events and festivals.

## Shin-Etsu Responds the September 11 Tragedy in the United States

The catastrophic terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001 left thousands of dead, injured, and missing. Immediately after the attacks, Shin-Etsu quickly implemented crisis management to confirm the safety of the staff and families of the various Shin-Etsu companies in the United States. At the same time, \$36,000 donated by Shin-Etsu and its U.S.-based Group companies was presented to the American Red Cross along with a letter of support from Shin-Etsu's President Kanagawa.

