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PRESS RELEASE

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NSGEU donates \$10,000 to Oxfam to assist efforts for improved water and sanitation for the people of Haiti.

Halifax — NSGEU is donating \$10,000 on behalf of its 28,000 members to Oxfam to assist their efforts to improve water and sanitation conditions for the people of Haiti who have been devastated by the January 12 earthquake.

“The Board of Directors are anxious to help support aid efforts in Haiti,” says Joan Jessome, President of the NSGEU. “The Board decided to donate to Oxfam because of the work they do improving access to clean water and sanitation. They wanted to donate to an organization that has long-term objectives for infrastructure renewal.”

**The cheque will be presented to Oxfam today.
Thursday, February 11 at 2:30pm at the Oxfam Office, 2099 Gottingen St.**

**There will be an opportunity for photographs.
NSGEU President Joan Jessome and Program Officer for Oxfam Maritimes, Brian O’Neill will be available for an interview.**

The donation was unanimously approved by the 32 member NSGEU Board of Directors on Friday, February 1.

The NSGEU Board of Directors are comprised of a Provincial Executive and regional and occupational representatives from across Nova Scotia.

The NSGEU supports communities in Nova Scotia and around the world by supporting the important work of many provincial and international non-profit organizations. In 2005, the NSGEU donated \$10,000 to Oxfam on behalf of its membership to aid in Oxfam’s tsunami relief efforts in East and South Asia.

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The Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union represents over 28,000 women and men who provide quality public services Nova Scotians count on everyday.

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