



**Duran Duran
Donate Tsunami Relief Funds
to GlobalGiving and the Freeplay Foundation**

March 28, 2005...In an inventive approach to charitable giving, Duran Duran are donating \$4,000 raised at auction for a soccer ball signed by more than two dozen celebrities. The band is donating the proceeds to the Freeplay Foundation via the GlobalGiving charity fundraising network. As a member of GlobalGiving's 2005 Tsunami Relief Fund, the Freeplay Foundation is working to assist tsunami survivors in the Aceh province of Indonesia.

Founding band member Nick Rhodes led the Duran Duran Celebrity Soccer Ball drive to get signatures from an impressive cross-section of musicians, actors, and other celebrities from both sides of the Atlantic. The band placed the ball on eBay's auction site on March 7.

The Freeplay Foundation provides wind-up, solar-powered *Lifeline* radios to people in the poorest, most isolated regions of the world. The radios will provide thousands of displaced tsunami survivors living in temporary camps with vital news and information that will help them access aid services, reconnect with their loved ones, and recover from the trauma as they re-build their lives and communities.

GlobalGiving allows individuals to locate and donate directly to locally-run social and environmental projects worldwide. The tsunami relief fund was created as a means of directly supporting grassroots relief efforts in the devastated region of Southeast Asia.

The Duran Duran Celebrity Soccer Ball has been signed by:

Duran Duran (all members)	Joss Stone
Alex Kapranos (Franz Ferdinand)	Kanye West
Alicia Keys	Lamar
Anastasia	Maroon 5
Andre 3000 (Outkast)	MCA (Beastie Boys)
Apl.de.Ap (Black Eyed Peas)	Naomi Campbell
Cate Blanchett	Pharrell and Chad (NERD)
Colin Farrell	Ozzy Osbourne
Dennis Hopper	Rachel Feinstein (sculptor)
Destiny's Child (all members)	Robert DeNiro
Donald Trump	Robert Smith (The Cure)
Fat Joe	Robin Williams
Gwen Stefani (No Doubt)	Sharon Osbourne
Jamelia	Swift (D12)
John Currin	Tracey Emin

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