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Fundraiser for Japan

LONG ISLAND CITY – LaGuardia Community College is holding the last day of their three fundraisers for relief efforts in Japan on April 7.

Student volunteers along with staff and faculty will be stationed throughout several locations on campus to collect contributions. The club also plans on organizing several charity events over the next few months. The college will be offering guidance and support to its over 100 Japanese students.

“The immediate campus-wide, compassionate response to this tragedy by members of the counseling department, student life, student affairs, the Japan Club and our Student Government leaders, to marshal human and financial resources to help the victims in Japan, and their friends and loved ones suffering here, is truly uplifting,” said Dr. Gail O. Mellow, President of LaGuardia Community College. “For me, it is yet another point of pride to work at an institution with such a big heart.”

Danny Gong, a graduate of LaGuardia’s American Sign Language-English Interpretation Program currently living in Japan, co-created a YouTube service announcement in Japanese Sign Language (JSL) and American Sign Language (ASL) for deaf JSL and ASL users living in Japan. The announcements are captioned in Japanese and English. Both services can be found by visiting www.lagcc.cuny.edu.