

DWAINE R. CARAWAY



MAYOR

March 11, 2011

The Honorable Emiko Okuyama
Mayor
City of Sendai
3-7-1, Kokubuncho, Aoba-ku
Sendai, 980-8671
JAPAN

Dear Mayor Okuyama:

On behalf of the City of Dallas and my colleagues on the Dallas City Council, I am sending our deepest condolences to the people of Sendai and Japan in the aftermath of today's devastating earthquake and tsunami.

Everyone in our city is watching the events unfold in your country with great sadness at the destruction, but we are praying for hope and strength for your city and for your nation in the days ahead.

As you know, for more than a decade Dallas has shared a special bond with Sendai as a Friendship City. In fact, in 2001 my wife, Councilmember Barbara Mallory Caraway attended the Sendai International Marathon on behalf of Dallas. Due to our years of people-to-people exchanges like these, the tragedy that you have experienced has struck close to our city's heart.

While we are confident that your country will make a strong and speedy recovery, we hope that you will call on us should we be able to provide any support throughout this process.

Please know that the thoughts, prayers, love and support of the entire City of Dallas are with Sendai and Japan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwaine R. Caraway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Dwaine Caraway
Mayor of Dallas