

## **AU community concert to help build house for tsunami victims**

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Alfred University students, faculty and community will present "A Concert to Build a House in Southeast Asia" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall on the AU campus. Organizers hope to raise enough money to build a house in Sri Lanka, one of the areas devastated by the Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami. "It is never too late to try to help these people rebuild their homes, rebuild their lives," said Dr. Luanne Crosby, associate professor of voice and chorus. "The incredible wave of aid that came pouring in right after the disaster will soon trickle out, yet many people are still struggling to regain their lives." The concert, a collage of many different kinds of music and dance, focuses on peace and will feature a children's choir, the AU Chamber Singers, duo pianists Savithri Amarakoon and Laurel Buckwalter, the Middle Eastern Dance Team, the Notables (male a cappella) and the Hooters (female a cappella), a children's Bhangra (Indian) dance team and more. Singers Chad Bruce, Simon Reid and Betsy Van Deusen will offer contemporary popular tunes, while Dr. Arun Varshneya and Dr. Alexis Clare, both professors of glass science, will join Dr. Crosby in singing some Hindi love songs. "This promises to be a wonderful evening of music and dance," said Crosby. A suggested donation of \$5 per person will be collected at the door to benefit Habitat for Humanity International. "It costs only \$1,600 to build a house in Sri Lanka," said Crosby. "Let's pull together and see if we can make a dream happen for one family!" Also on Sunday afternoon, University Carillonneur Laurel Buckwalter will be tolling the carillon one time for each 1,000 people who lost their lives in this disaster. Anyone interested in helping to toll the bells is asked to call Buckwalter at 607 871 2571 or e-mail her at [fbuckwal@alfred.edu](mailto:fbuckwal@alfred.edu)