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Livingston HealthCare is helping with Nepal relief efforts by sending medical supplies to the country devastated by an earthquake.

On Monday, LHC employees helped package two large boxes of medical supplies to areas in Nepal needing assistance.

LHC decides to help

LHC Marketing and Communications Manager Rebekah Stoner said the hospital was happy to help in the quake effort, especially because medical supplies would be delivered directly to those in need.

“This was a good opportunity because we knew of specific people who were going over,” Stoner said, “and who were going to take the supplies and take them to the communities who needed them the most.”

From LHC to Bozeman

LHC got connected with Montana earthquake relief efforts by Sabrina Lee, wife of LHC general surgeon Christopher Lee. Lee contacted LHC after her friend and neighbor Jennifer Read asked her for help.

“(She) was reaching out to different organizations for help,” Sabrina Lee said in a phone interview Wednesday morning. “So, I’ve known Livingston HealthCare and Rebekah for a long time, and I knew they would be willing to help.”

Read lived in Nepal for 12 years and operates her clothing business, Tibetan Trader, in Nepal’s capital of Kathmandu. Her personal connection to the area gave her motivation to help.

“I feel as though it’s the least I can do,” Read said of her involvement. “It’s frustrating, having spent so much time in Nepal — I have a tremendous respect for the people there.”

Read received the LHC shipment from Lee Monday. She repackaged it, adding 189 tarps for shelter materials.

“Sometimes the baggage handling between here and Nepal is fairly rough,” Read said. “So I repackaged and padded them.”