

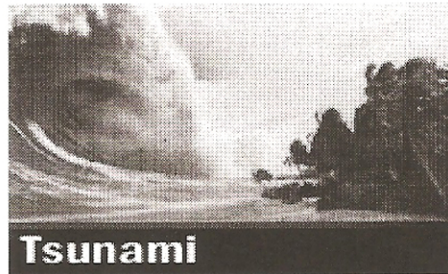


## Children Speak: Tsunami

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It's been more than two years since a devastating Tsunami came ashore in Southeast Asia killing hundreds of thousands of people.

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Now the voices of some of the children who survived, are being heard and seen in the Brazos Valley.

The Children Speak: Tsunami exhibit at the George Bush Presidential Library showcases the artwork of the children who lived through the ordeal.

"It's the most devastating Tsunami in recorded history, and the pictures are very poignant because there from a child's point of view," said Warren Finch, Director of the George Bush Presidential Library. "They show from a child's point of view the devastation the Tsunami caused."

The pictures offer a glimpse into the emotions the young children experienced the moment the huge waves hit. Desperation and fear can be seen in each colored picture with some captions in the dialogue texts reading "help", "allah", and yells for their "mom".

"These pictures are from three different areas, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Thailand. The Tsunami affected each one of those places in a different way," said Finch. "The Tsunami was more severe the closer you were to the epicenter so that is kind of the way the photographs show that."

Finch said, some of the pictures were collected first hand by former Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton during their visit to the devastated areas.

"While they were there they were presented with some pictures drawn by the children about how the Tsunami affected them," said Finch.

The exhibit is also comprised of pictures from the Children Speak : Tsunami organization.

The hand drawings depict a terrifying day in the life of the children who were in three of the impacted areas.

"I have three children, and you try to imagine your own children going through something like this," said Finch. "And you just hope that it never has to happen."