

Airdrie company helps with Japan relief efforts

Double T Equipment designs gasifier unit

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Double T Equipment is doing its part to help the people affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, but not by raising money.

The Airdrie-based company has designed a gasifier unit – an energy-efficient product that burns wood and converts it into usable energy.

The company sent their design to Niigata, Japan, where it is manufactured. The gasifier is now being used to help people affected by the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan in March.

Thomas Thomas, president of Double T Equipment, said the company has had a partnership with Japan for many years, and they designed this product specifically to be manufactured there.

"They are in Niigata, which is an area not affected by the earthquake and tsunami, and they have set up portable gasifiers in baths and shower units, and they've gone out to the affected areas to give people baths and showers," he said.

The Japanese manufacturer sets up the baths and showers in tents in damaged areas, and uses the gasifier to heat the water. Adults can take showers, and the company set up a hot tub for kids to bathe in.

"When you don't have a house or a place to live, a hot bath is a real nice luxury," Thomas said. "They're doing a great job out there."

The product has been transported to a number of different areas, and, as of mid-April, had been used by more than 500 people.

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