As we reflect back on the last quarter, we are incredibly thankful for the support that you have continued to show us, enabling us to adapt, evolve and strengthen against the challenges that COVID-19 and increasingly frequent and intense disasters pose. While the COVID-19 vaccines bring welcome hope, we recognize that the pandemic still grips many parts of the world, and many communities are facing another unpredictable hurricane season. We remain humbly committed to serving those impacted, and we hope you will continue to help us do so through donating, volunteering, sharing stories and continuing to believe in our mission.

Since our last quarterly newsletter, we are proud to share news of some monumental endings:

- In March, we said goodbye to communities that had become part of the All Hands and Hearts family, as we completed our Texas Hurricane Harvey Relief Program. Our teams impacted over 4,000 people in the affected communities in Houston and Coastal Bend, from the immediate days after Hurricane Harvey until March 2021 - a 3+ year commitment and an excellent demonstration of our “Arrive Early and Stay Late” model. We invite you to take a look at the full story in our final report.

- As our longest running program at just over 6 years, Nepal occupies a special place in the hearts of the All Hands and Hearts community. We were delighted to complete our latest Nepal Earthquake Relief Program at the end of April, in which we built two resilient school campuses, Thakureshwor and Janakalyan in the Marin municipality! Take a look at our final report to see the beautiful new schools!

- In April, we wrapped up our Florida Hurricane Michael Relief Program having cultivated a powerful impact in Florida since 2018. With a total of 596 volunteers, we helped 846 people, carrying out a range of response activities, as well as high-quality, critical home repairs to serve their long-term needs.
ACTIVE PROGRAM UPDATES

THE BAHAMAS HURRICANE RELIEF
Work continues apace at our two Bahamian programs, Marsh Harbour and Dundas Town, as we enter the final few months of our two year commitment to the people of the Bahamas. Every Child Counts School is nearing completion, and construction at Little Darlings Academy is well underway. Since starting our Resilient Roof Repair & Rebuild Program we’ve completed over 35 roofs, and our Program Development Team has developed and implemented a new home selection process to help us prioritize those with the greatest needs.

LOS ANGELES COVID-19 RELIEF
Our team in Los Angeles continues to support our key partners Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and CORE with food distribution, COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. To date, we’ve helped feed over 750,000 people, facilitated over 100,000 COVID-19 vaccines and 350,000 COVID-19 tests. We’re also pleased to be partnering with Kedren Community Health Center, which is focused on addressing racial inequities in vaccine distribution.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF
After two successful volunteer sawyer training cohorts, we transitioned this program to our DM12 volunteer model at the end of April to continue our wildfire mitigation project. The team is creating a fuel break around the town of Paradise, as well as removing hazardous trees on private residential properties. We’re also in the process of finalizing our scope of recovery work, which will include interior home repair in Paradise.

MEXICO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF
Our second cohort of DM12 volunteers arrived in Oaxaca in mid-April and are continuing to work on rebuilding Paulo Freire Secondary School and Insurgente Vicente Guerrero Primary School. Progress is going well, and we passed a huge milestone recently when we poured the new concrete roofs.

Photos: (left) Construction site at Little Darlings Academy, Dundas Town, Bahamas, (right) Food distribution with LA Regional Food Bank

Photos: (left) Sawyer training in Paradise, California, (right) Volunteers preparing the concrete for the school roofs in Tonameca, Mexico
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

In Tonameca, Mexico, our team has been finding creative ways to engage with the local community whilst adhering to COVID-19 safety measures. One of these exciting new initiatives is the pen pal program, “Buscando Un Amigo.” Students are matched with an All Hands and Hearts team member to write letters to each other. The letters are posted in a special mailbox at the school entrance and provide a great opportunity for the students to practice what they’ve learned in their English classes, and for volunteers to practice their Spanish.

The team also adapted our Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) training program into a podcast so that the local community could safely participate. Each of the six episodes received over 140 listeners, and upon completion, the team decided to run a contest for the students.

“Heroes of Prevention” involved sending questions about the DRR training to the WhatsApp radio group over the course of one week. The student that got the most correct answers was Amairany from Vicente Guerrero Primary School (pictured bottom right). Amairany was delighted to be crowned the winner, and instead of a trophy, she appropriately won a customized construction helmet!

Photos: (left) A student from Vicente Guerrero Primary School with a drawing of what he wants to be when he grows up - a builder!; Our Program Director, Maria, briefing the local masons; Amairany, our Hero of Prevention!

LOUISIANA HURRICANE RELIEF

Our team is responding to the recent severe flooding in Southwest Louisiana while continuing to assist families impacted by Hurricanes Laura and Delta with both response and recovery activities. Since starting the Resilient Roof Repair Program in December 2020, we’ve completed a total of 15 roofs, and have recently expanded our scope of work to include building ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant ramps for homeowners with disabilities.

GUATEMALA HURRICANE RELIEF

Our newest international relief program officially launched on May 29 with the arrival of our first DM12 volunteer cohort. The focus of this program is the ground-up construction of a community center and WaSH facilities in Sesajal, as well as rainwater catchment and storage stations in the nearby community of Seraxqen.

Photos: (left) AHAH team presenting our project to the local Sesajal community; (right) A volunteer repairing a roof, Louisiana.
OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Double Your Impact in Guatemala!
All donations up to $100,000 for our Guatemala Hurricane Relief Program will be matched dollar for dollar.

DAF Direct
Support our work by transferring funds from your donor-advised fund directly to All Hands and Hearts with no administration or transaction fees.

Become a Builder
The Builders are a passionate group of givers who have committed to financially supporting our work every month. By becoming a Builder, you are helping to bring hope and assistance to disaster-affected communities in need by ensuring we can arrive early and stay late. If you’re interested in joining, please email kathryn.montanez@allhandsandhearts.org.

Take a Tour Around Our Interactive School Map
Our school recovery programs aim to provide disaster-resilient learning environments for students around the world. Not only do we provide safe spaces to learn but we also focus on restoring school campuses to their full capacity with playgrounds, computer labs and more.

Partner with Us
We partner with like-minded corporations, foundations and organizations to help communities recover faster and stronger after disasters. We value strategic conversations to determine how we can collaborate to scale our impact, and we welcome support in many shapes and sizes.

Janakalyan School in Nepal, completed in April 2021

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