



Paulo Freire Secondary School and All Hands and Hearts staff celebrate completion of a newly safe campus!

OUR TOTAL IMPACT

- 1.2M+** LIVES IMPACTED
- 61K+** VOLUNTEERS
- 144** VOLUNTEER NATIONALITIES
- 127** DISASTER PROGRAMS
- 22** COUNTRIES SERVED
- 314** SCHOOLS COMPLETED
- 115K+** CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL
- 95¢** OF EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON OUR PROGRAMS



CHARITY NAVIGATOR



Four Star Charity

We have earned a **4-star rating** by Charity Navigator for the seventh year in a row. Only 7% of rated nonprofits have received this distinction for financial and operational efficiency.

This summer brought bits of normalcy following a pandemic-dominated year, but also the conditions that fuel intense fires and storms. As we end our fiscal year, our teams have been busy tracking events. On our new [Storm Tracker](#), you can see that the hurricane and wildfire seasons are off to an active start. We have been fortunate to be able to continue working with communities recovering from disasters and to respond to events that have received little media attention, despite much need. As we witness swift environmental changes leading to intensification of disasters at home and around the world, we have moved a step ahead of responding, toward mitigation and preparedness. The generosity of people like **you**, who care deeply for those affected by these events, is what allows us to take action and help restore a sense of safety and normalcy for those whose lives have been upended. Please consider joining us in supporting communities in their recovery and preparation for whatever comes next by making a donation to our Disaster Relief Fund today.

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Since our last update, we've brought two impactful programs to a close:

- The harsh impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic permeated communities across the globe, and AHAH saw a way we could mobilize volunteers to lend a hand. In October 2020, we launched the **Los Angeles COVID-19 Relief Program**. Partnering with Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, we provided 908,960 people with meals in a time of need. With CORE and Kedren Community Health Center, we facilitated over 141,408 COVID-19 vaccines and 360,346 COVID-19 tests. Read more in our program report [here](#).
- The **Tonameca Earthquake Recovery Program** in Mexico closed with the completion of our 19th and 20th school rebuilds since we started working there in 2009. The newly rehabilitated Vicente Guerrero Primary School and Paulo Freire Secondary School provide safe school campuses to communities impacted by the 2017 earthquakes. These two schools will welcome more than 245 students across 24 communities back to school for the 2021-2022 school year. Click [here](#) for a video about our work in Tonameca!

ACTIVE PROGRAM UPDATES

LOUISIANA HURRICANE RELIEF

The team in Southwest Louisiana is making steady progress getting homes into safe, secure and functional condition for vulnerable families. The region has been battered by multiple hurricanes and storms since last fall, yet AHAH and our partners SBP and Fuller Center are the only rebuild groups in the area. **We're looking for more volunteers to keep pace with the housing needs of this underserved population!** Generous airline partners, like Airlink and Southwest Airlines, will provide complimentary flights to vaccinated US-based volunteers who commit to at least two weeks of service in Louisiana. [Apply to join us](#) before December 17, 2021 and share this opportunity with friends, family and colleagues!

MICHIGAN FLOOD RELIEF

At the end of June, heavy rainfall inundated southeast Michigan. A reported 2,000 homes were flooded in Detroit; however, media coverage of the problem was scant, and public donations likewise. AHAH was nonetheless able to respond, using funds from our Disaster Relief Fund. In partnership with NECHAMA – Jewish Response to Disaster, the Michigan's Baptist Convention and AmeriCorps NCCC, we have three teams in the field each day to assist as many families as possible by conducting muck and guts and sanitizing for mold.



Photos: (L-R) Our team installing new floors in Louisiana; a mold sanitation in progress at a home in Detroit.

AUSTRALIA BUSHFIRE RELIEF

After an extended delay due to COVID-19, we are thrilled to share that our program in Australia was able to open, despite still-closed borders, with the arrival of local volunteers in July. Our team is providing WaSH (water, sanitation and hygiene) units on properties affected by the bushfires in 2019, as well as assisting on a community garden and other projects to address food insecurity.

GUATEMALA HURRICANE RELIEF

Work to bring safe community spaces and access to water in the Sesajal and Seraxqen communities continues. The rainy season brings challenges of flooding and muddy, water-entrenched roads and worksites, exacerbating transportation issues in these extremely remote communities. However, the local community has been hugely supportive, and together we are installing water harvesting and storage systems to provide safe access to water to over 2,300 individuals across two communities who previously had to walk for hours to collect unclean water during the dry season. Working with community water committees, we're creating a maintenance manual and training for ongoing successful use of the systems.



Photos: (L-R) Volunteer welcomes you to Seraxqen; Through the community-centered "tequio," everyone lends a hand in Tonameca, Mexico.

PERU EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

In Ica, Peru, our work to complete Santa Cruz de Villacuri School continues! The severity of COVID-19 in Peru, compounded by recent unrest, caused a pause in work. While we cannot currently implement our traditional volunteer model due to these continuing factors, we are committed to the people of Villacuri and remain dedicated to providing them with a safe school for children to return to. Prioritizing the resilience of the local community, we will complete this disaster-resilient school while keeping the community safe. Working through our local partner and contracting construction, work is now resuming at Santa Cruz de Villacuri!

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF

Since our last update, our team in Paradise, CA has made some exciting changes! Our final DM12 cohort wrapped up this summer, as we have officially transitioned to our traditional model which allows for volunteers to join this program with no minimum time commitment. The team has gone full speed ahead with housing recovery scopes, working alongside local partners on ground-up rebuilds of homes destroyed by the 2018 Camp Fire. Mitigation scopes will be paused until January when there are fewer “[red flag warnings](#)” and lower risk of our equipment sparking a new fire during the driest months of the year. Our team is acutely aware of active fires in the region, and we will continue to monitor for ways that we can support affected communities when it is safe to do so.

THE BAHAMAS HURRICANE RELIEF

Every Child Counts School is now complete! In early August, the team was excited to welcome the last scheduled cohort of DM12 volunteers. They've been hard at work ever since at our roofing sites as well as Little Darlings Academy (LDA). The final layout for LDA, as well as paint and furniture choices, have been finalized. Walls are starting to go up now that the roof on one of the buildings has been water sealed; this is a major step forward, particularly with the weather related challenges the team has been up against!



Photos: (L-R) Our team in The Bahamas working on the roof at ECC earlier this summer; Pre-COVID progress at Santa Cruz de Villacuri School; Early stage of one of our home rebuild projects in Northern California.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

When Bahamas Site Supervisor John looked out at the Wilson home in Marsh Harbour, he saw the same thing happening every time rain fell: Scott Wilson desperately trying to patch leaks to protect his family from the weather and keep the home's interior from becoming flooded and moldy. Hurricane Dorian had crushed the family's roof, destroying much of what was inside and making the home unlivable. When AHAAH arrived to Abaco Island in 2019, we mucked and gutted the damage in immediate response efforts to stabilize the home until a full roof rebuild was possible. Partnering with Bahamas Youth Network, we are now able to help the family recover with a safe roof. This 3,200 square foot house is home to nine family members spanning four generations. Once a new roof is installed, more family members, who moved out after the storm, plan to return to live with their family again. Engineered with hurricane clips and straps and built to withstand future storms, this new roof will keep the home safe and comfortable for everyone from Scott's grandmother to his young daughter and her cousins.



Wilson home after Hurricane Dorian (left) and current progress (right).

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Support for Haiti

We feel great sympathy and concern for those affected by the recent earthquakes in Haiti. AHAAH has a deep affiliation with Haiti, its communities and its people. However, based on remote assessments and the complexities of the situation, we cannot safely deploy a team. Over the last 13+ years, we have built a trusted network, which has worked alongside us to clear debris, build schools and more. We have reached out to these organizations and are determining how we as an organization, and you as potential donors, might best be able to assist with response efforts. Donations to our [Haiti Relief Fund](#) will be redirected to trusted organizations active in the relief efforts.

Matching Gifts

Do you know if your employer or your spouse's employer matches employee giving, employee fundraising or volunteer time with corporate grants ("dollars for doers")? With the generosity of your company, you can maximize your impact! Please reach out to matching@allhandsandhearts.org for help with navigating your company's matching gifts process.

Cryptocurrency

Did you know that donating cryptocurrency is one of the most tax efficient ways to support All Hands and Hearts? We accept cryptocurrency donations through our wonderful partner, The Giving Block. They recently expanded their platform with several new cryptocurrencies. To make a gift to All Hands and Hearts through The Giving Block, please visit [our profile](#).

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. Visit www.allhandsandhearts.org/daf-direct to learn more.

Become a Builder

Our Builders are a passionate group of givers who have committed to financially supporting our work every month. By joining our [Builder](#) community, you are helping to bring hope and assistance to disaster-affected areas in need by ensuring we can arrive early and stay late.

Volunteer With Us

One of the best ways to support our work is by joining us on program! Applications are open for [California Wildfire Relief](#), [Mexico Earthquake Relief](#) and [Louisiana Hurricane Relief](#). We've taken active steps to prioritize the safety of our volunteers. More information about our COVID-19 precautions can be found [here](#). If you have any questions about volunteer opportunities, please send a message to our team at volunteer@allhandsandhearts.org.

Join Our Alumni Network

After leaving program, join more than 8,000 fellow volunteers on our [Alumni Network](#). Connect with friends, stay updated about our work around the world, access a range of resources designed specifically for our community and join our regular alumni events. Recent events include our [Virtual Career Fair](#) and [World Humanitarian Day webinar](#). If you've joined us on program before and are looking for ways to stay connected, please reach out to our Alumni Relations Manager, Siobhan MacRae, at alumni@allhandsandhearts.org.

A Final Farewell From Former CEO, Erik Dyson

It is with mixed feelings that I have now wrapped up with All Hands and Hearts. On one hand, it is with a sense of pride that I look back to see how far we have come and the incredible impact we together have had around the world. On the other hand, it is hard to leave an organization that has taught me so much, challenged me every day to be better and has been the center of my life for the last 8 years. With that said, I am confident that a bright future lies ahead given our extraordinary team, amazing donors and the selfless volunteers who go out to make the magic happen each and every day! I will always be a supporter of All Hand and Hearts and we thank you for being the same.

Best,
Erik

