



# **OUR TOTAL IMPACT**

1.2M+ LIVES IMPACTED

**61K+** VOLUNTEERS

144 VOLUNTEER NATIONALITIES

**123** DISASTER PROGRAMS

20 COUNTRIES SERVED

**309** SCHOOLS COMPLETED

115K+ CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

95¢ OF EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON OUR PROGRAMS



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.

As the world continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of increasingly frequent and intense disasters, we remain humbly committed to meeting the needs of the communities we serve. Our work would not be possible without your ongoing support, so we thank you; our partners, donors, friends and volunteers, for sticking with us through these challenging times.

As we look ahead, we hope to increase our support to communities impacted by disasters in the following ways:

- Replicating our overwhelmingly successful Los Angeles COVID-19 relief program to other countries;
- Growing our Education for All Fund to enable us to continue building disaster-resilient schools in the places that need them most, including Peru and Nepal, where we've not been able to restart volunteer operations due to COVID-19 restrictions, but are working with local staff to ensure our existing commitments are fulfilled:
- Developing our recently launched California Wildfire Relief pilot program to include recovery activities, as well as mitigation activities, while also seeking support to roll this out as a year-round program;
- Continuing our relief work in The Bahamas and answering the call for help by increasing to two parallel programs and committing to stay through the end of August 2021;
- Restarting our Bushfire Relief program in Australia using a national volunteer model;
- Developing a relief program in Guatemala as our Disaster Assessment Response Team (DART) is seeing huge unmet needs from the damage caused by Hurricanes lota and Eta.

#### **ACTIVE PROGRAM UPDATES**

# **LOS ANGELES COVID-19 RELIEF**

We've committed to extend our program through July 2021. We remain focused on increasing our partner organizations' capacity - Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort) - whose aims are to distribute meals to families in need and to orchestrate COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, respectively. Our second cohort of DM12 volunteers is in the field, with a third scheduled to arrive in early May.

## **CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF**

We have launched our pilot wildfire program in Paradise, California, which involves a sawyer training program and will focus on prevention and recovery activities. These include fire mitigation projects, such as creating fuel breaks and defensible spaces by felling and removing trees. We also hope to start rebuilding homes in the spring.

# **MEXICO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF**

We were delighted to welcome our first international cohort of DM12 volunteers to Oaxaca at the end of January. This program's focus is on rebuilding two schools - Escuela Secundaria Paulo Freire and Escuela Primaria Insurgente Vicente Guerrero - and progress is going well, with the foundations already complete!

# **THE BAHAMAS HURRICANE RELIEF**

Our commitment to the people of The Bahamas continues and we're delighted to announce our second Bahamian program began last month. Having already completed work on eight schools, our focus is to now complete the rebuilding of the Every Child Counts School in Marsh Harbour and to continue the reconstruction of Little Darlings Academy in Dundas Town. With over 13,000 homes damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Dorian, roof repairs remain one of the biggest unmet needs, and our Resilient Roof Repair & Rebuild Program aims to help address this need. We will increase the resiliency of homes by reinforcing the roofing structures and installing hurricane clips to resist uplift forces.









#### **US HURRICANE RELIEF**

We remain committed to our model of arriving early; to assess and address immediate response needs and staying late; to help rebuild stronger, more resilient communities. Nowhere is this more clearly demonstrated than in our US hurricane relief efforts, where we're still supporting homeowners with critical home repairs in <a href="Texas">Texas</a> and <a href="Florida">Florida</a> as a result of hurricanes Harvey (2017) and Michael (2018), while also responding to the more recent hurricanes Laura and Delta (2020) in Louisiana.







## **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

<u>Every Child Counts School (ECC)</u>, located in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, was badly damaged by Hurricane Dorian in September 2019. ECC is the only school for students with special needs on the island. Our team began extensive renovations of the ECC campus in October 2019, but unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project's completion was delayed.

It has been a challenging 18 months for the school community who have had to engage in online instruction and at-home learning activities while the ECC campus has been unfit for use. We are delighted that we have safely returned to work in Abaco and are hopeful that the school campus will be ready to reopen by May 2021. Read more about the school in their November 2020 newsletter.

"No amount of words can express our gratitude to the people who left their families, their homes and their lives to come and support us. September 1, 2019 was horrible but September 2, 3, 4 .... to this present day is better... because you [All Hand and Hearts] came. If we have learned anything, it is the value of helping others. We will pay it forward. The people of Abaco, especially the children of Abaco, thank you all!" - Dominique Russell, DS, Ministry of Education

#### **BEFORE**



#### **AFTER**



## OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

#### **BECOME A BUILDER**

<u>The Builders</u> 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 visit our website, or email <u>kathryn.montanez@allhandsandhearts.org</u>.

#### **CRYPTOCURRENCY**

How many times have you heard people talking about this new type of currency, "crypto", and thought it isn't relevant to you? Think again! Donating cryptocurrency is one of the most tax-efficient ways to support our work and could save you money. Visit the "Ways To Give" page on our website for more information.

## **ANNAPURNA BASE CAMP TREK 2021**

Register to be a part of history as All Hands and Hearts puts the FUN into FUNdraising! In October 2021, a group of 15 trekkers will be climbing to Annapurna Base Camp. There are still spots available on the team and we'd love for you to join us. Each trekker will raise a minimum of \$5,000 in vital support for All Hands and Hearts' ongoing work in Nepal. Click here to learn more about this adventure fundraiser and register to join as a trek participant.

