

Hurricane Sandy Relief Continues



When Hurricane Sandy battered the Northeast on October 29, every community in its 1,000-mile wide path suffered.

Winds felled trees and pushed a wall of water ashore, flooding homes, apartment buildings, subways and power stations. In the U.S., more than 110 people perished and 8.5 million were left in the cold and dark without power.

AmeriCares staff responded immediately, powering our own offices with a

generator and taking to the phone and roads to contact or visit more than 100 clinics and community health centers to learn what they needed.

In the first ten days, AmeriCares delivered emergency supplies for more than 70,000 people in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York. Our immediate aid included blankets, flashlights, bottled water and family emergency and first aid kits.

In the days following the storm, our mobile medical clinic allowed Beacon Christian Community Health Center on Staten Island, N.Y., to stay open despite a loss of power. Once power returned, the mobile unit moved to back up other damaged clinics. Hundreds of miles away, in Haiti, AmeriCares provided crucial medicines to prevent disease outbreaks after Sandy caused major flooding there.

In the Northeast, we awarded more than \$150,000 in grants in the first two weeks after the disaster. “We will stay until these communities recover,” says Garrett Ingoglia, vice president of emergency response at AmeriCares.

“Our grants will help health centers restore services, provide care to survivors and rebuild stronger so they are prepared for future storms.”

AmeriCares is also supporting volunteers in hard-hit communities. In Staten Island, AmeriCares donated thousands of sleeping bags for volunteers to distribute to residents without power and heat. In Connecticut and New York, volunteers supported by AmeriCares cleaned flooded homes to help prevent the growth of mold and mildew, which can cause respiratory distress and other health problems.

In the community of Breezy Point, Queens, N.Y., the storm ruined two fire engines, two ambulances and the chief’s car, the very tools that the first responders at Rockaway Point Volunteer Emergency Services need to help survivors. AmeriCares stepped in with a cash grant and medical supplies, including tetanus vaccine to protect residents returning to clean up their homes. “Thanks to you, we are getting the supplies we need,” says Chief Edward Valentine.



Above, homeowners in Queens, N.Y., had to discard the contents of their homes after a storm surge flooded their neighborhood. Left, volunteer first responder Peter receives a tetanus vaccine in AmeriCares mobile clinic on Staten Island. [For updates, including video, visit americares.org](#)



From the President & CEO

Dear Friends,

Perhaps nothing is as affecting as when disaster strikes close to home. On October 29, the largest Atlantic Hurricane ever recorded battered the Northeast. Few in its path were spared flooding, wind damage and days of crippling power outages.

The disaster was in AmeriCares backyard, literally. On October 30, we turned on our generator and got to work, bringing relief supplies to communities near and far (see page 1).

I was struck by the commitment of our Emergency Response team. I also knew that in Haiti, AmeriCares was saving lives. Days before Hurricane Sandy hit our shores, the storm had dealt its first blows to that fragile island nation. Our Haiti staff delivered pre-positioned supplies to stave off the onset of deadly cholera in flooded communities.

I was also moved by the generosity of our donors. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their gifts by mail, donations through americares.org and for sharing our work on Facebook and Twitter.

Because of you, we are continuing to restore health where Sandy struck by supporting clinics and community health centers. With our help, they can rebuild stronger and help more people for years to come.

With sincere appreciation,

Curtis R. Welling
President and CEO

Voices from the Field: Primary Care

AmeriCares senior associate Julia Bolton worked in the Dominican Republic with a volunteer team from the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine.

When I traveled to work in a mobile medical clinic in the town of Verón, our team of 20 volunteer physicians and students examined more than 100 patients a day for five days. While many could be treated, there were some for whom our team could do little. On the fourth day, one such patient broke my heart.



Photo by Julia Bolton/AmeriCares

Volunteer medical teams provide everything from minor surgery to well-baby check-ups.

Edely was a 5-year-old girl brought to the clinic with a minor cold, which was quickly treated. But Edely's left leg was much shorter than her right. Her mother said a small cut had become infected, resulting in osteomyelitis, a bone infection. A volunteer doctor told me that the bones in Edely's left leg will never grow and the leg will likely need to be amputated. I was shocked to learn that basic wound care and an antibiotic costing a few dollars could have prevented Edely's heartbreaking physical handicap.

Ironically, later that day a 2-year-old boy came to the clinic with an infected cut on his ankle. A doctor treated the wound using antibiotics donated by AmeriCares. She told me if the wound had gone untreated, the young boy would likely have developed osteomyelitis — just like Edely.

I'm thankful to have witnessed the importance of mobile clinics. I'm hopeful that the care we provide will mean that other children will not suffer the same fate as Edely. And I'm proud that AmeriCares supports more than 1,000 of these charitable medical trips each year.

Crisis Alert: Syria and South Sudan

Syria: As civil conflict rages in Syria, AmeriCares is helping refugees who have fled the country to neighboring Jordan. AmeriCares has delivered enough medical aid for 40,000 people living in dismal conditions in Jordan's refugee camps. Our antibiotics and chronic disease medicines are helping to alleviate a health care crisis, as camps and cities struggle to accommodate the more than 150,000 escaped Syrians. AmeriCares also equipped Syrian-born Dr. Ammar Ghanem of Fort Wayne, Texas, with medicines and supplies when he traveled to the Turkish border last summer.

South Sudan: To help the thousands of Sudanese displaced by violence, AmeriCares recently sent enough emergency medical aid to help 30,000 people for three months. Our aid, including antibiotics and wound care supplies, will protect the health of thousands of people who have fled their homes in search of a better life and are now living in temporary camps in South Sudan.

Partner in Profile: Takeda Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc.



Diabetes care in Honduras



Without medicine for her Type 2 diabetes, 46-year-old Agness* faced serious health problems. But even though she can't afford medication, this single mother in Malawi stayed healthy because of a generous donation from Takeda Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc.

Stories of Takeda's real-world impact abound: The pharmaceutical company has provided AmeriCares with crucial medicines for patients around the world since 2005. In the past year alone, Takeda donated enough prescription medicine to treat more than 76,000 people suffering from a range of illnesses, including cardiovascular disease, gout, ulcers and diabetes. Through AmeriCares Patient Assistance Program, those medicines were made directly available to patients in need here in the U.S.

Takeda has also helped AmeriCares respond to emergencies in the U.S. and abroad. After the massive 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Takeda donated medicines that were sent on the first AmeriCares airlift to the disaster-stricken country, arriving just 48 hours after the quake. In total, Takeda provided more than \$4.5 million of medicines for Haiti. When a tornado devastated Joplin, Mo., in May 2011, Takeda helped ensure that local diabetics did not experience disruptions in treatment with donations of Actos, a diabetes medicine. Takeda has also supported AmeriCares with the cash necessary to ship medicines to where they are needed most.

"Takeda's partnership is truly invaluable," says Curt Welling, President and CEO of AmeriCares. "The medicines they provide treat a wide range of diseases. Because of the generosity of donors like Takeda, we can help more people live longer, healthier lives."

In all, Takeda has donated more than \$175 million worth of medicines, supplies and aid to 60 countries — helping improve access to health care all over the world.

*name changed

The Greatest Gift

Scot and Jessica Eisenfelder are sure of one thing: Their legacy is giving to others. "There's nothing I could buy that will provide the equivalent joy that I get from helping other human beings," says Scot, senior vice-president for strategy at AutoNation.

Making people's lives better is a top priority for the Florida couple. "We saw a confluence of values with AmeriCares — it's about raising human dignity, providing hope and creating a foundation of health so people can be more successful," Scot says.

Confident and aligned with the purpose of the organization, the Eisenfelders included AmeriCares in their estate plan. "AmeriCares has an ability to get things done that's really impressive," says Scot. Just as important, the couple has also formed a family foundation so their two children can donate to charities throughout their lifetimes. Says Scot, "The greatest gift is the ability to give."

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Scot and Jessica

A Train Brings a Healthy Future



Timur with his new TOMS shoes.

At age 7, Timur has a plan: The serious little boy wants to be the president of his country, Uzbekistan. And now, thanks to AmeriCares and TOMS Shoes, he can start his leadership journey with a brand new pair of shoes.

Timur was one of hundreds of children who received new TOMS Shoes from an AmeriCares sponsored health train in Uzbekistan last summer. The train brought doctors, nurses, medicine and shoes to more than 1,000 patients in remote towns in the landlocked Central Asian country.

Shoes have enormous health benefits: They protect against soil-transmitted infections and parasites including hookworms, which can cause anemia and protein loss. With the commitment from TOMS, AmeriCares will replenish shoes every six months so growing children always have a new pair that fits.

AmeriCares is an important partner for TOMS, which gives a pair of new shoes to a child in need for every pair sold. In the last two years, AmeriCares has distributed TOMS Shoes in El Salvador, the Philippines and Uzbekistan, to children for whom a new pair of shoes is the first step to a better future.

Our Work Around the World



Sri Lanka



United States



Haiti

Sri Lanka: In an area recovering from the 2004 Southeast Asia tsunami, AmeriCares recently added 83,000-square feet to Trincomalee Hospital, including a much-needed maternity ward.

United States: After Hurricane Isaac ripped through Mississippi, AmeriCares rushed Family Emergency Kits to help survivors maintain health while living in shelters.

Japan: AmeriCares is restoring dental services to tsunami-damaged areas, funding clinics and mobile equipment.

Haiti: AmeriCares funds community soccer events where people gather and learn about health issues, including cholera—still a threat more than two years after the 2010 earthquake.

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Japan

Places Receiving Aid Last Quarter: Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Macedonia, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Palestinian Territories, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Sierra-Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Trinidad, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United States, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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