Some of the People You Have Helped This Year

Your donation to AmeriCares has improved the health of people around the world this year — mothers, children, parents and grandparents. With your support, AmeriCares has created a foundation of health upon which people can build their futures. Our global health programs bring lasting change and, with emergency medicine and medical supplies, AmeriCares improves health immediately.

Smiles from people you’ve helped — in Guatemala, Vietnam (top row); India, U.S., Haiti, El Salvador (second row); Nicaragua, India, Liberia, El Salvador (third row); Nepal, Nepal, Nicaragua (fourth row). All photos by AmeriCares, except: U.S. and Nepal by Matt McDermott and fourth row Nicaragua by Chet Gordon.
AmeriCares rushed emergency medicine and relief supplies to South Carolina for families affected by the historic flooding that closed highways and submerged communities in October.

“People had to leave their homes in a hurry and left their medication behind, so we are replacing those meds with the donations from AmeriCares,” says Elizabeth Carroll, operations manager of Sumpter Free Health Clinic, which serves rural, low-income communities in St. Stephen. “For us here, where it is so poor and there are limited resources, it was an amazing thing.”

AmeriCares delivered insulin, tetanus vaccine, pain relievers, cleaning supplies, towels, blankets and family emergency kits. We also worked with Nestlé Waters North America to deliver bottled water to communities with boil-water advisories and helped the clinic meet the surge in demand in the weeks after the storm. The supplies from AmeriCares were essential for families sleeping in a church and community center because their homes had flooded to the rooflines.

“We were able to get help to people no one else had been able to get to,” Carroll says.

With Your Help, a Healthy Start for Preschoolers

For 30,000 children in Vietnam, the future is brighter thanks to a nutrition program that AmeriCares has brought to rural villages.

According to the UN’s Standing Committee on Nutrition, malnutrition is the largest single contributor to disease in the world. Malnourished children are also at high risk for stunted growth and poor brain development.

In 2005, AmeriCares began partnering with Giao Diem, Abbott and the Abbott Fund to provide underweight students in rural Vietnam with breakfast, vitamins, nutritional supplements and locally produced, peanut-fortified soymilk. The program also holds educational seminars about basic health and nutrition for parents and school staff.

In ten years, the program has reached 30,000 children and has reduced the percentage of malnourished students from 41 percent to just 20 percent. In the 2015-2016 academic year alone, the program is helping more than 3,000 children in three provinces.

“Our work with Giao Diem, Abbott and the Abott Fund is a great example of what a longstanding partnership can accomplish,” says Elikem Tomety Archer, senior director of global programs. “Through the Pediatric Nutrition Program, we’ve been able to make a positive impact on the lives of thousands of children and their families.”

Neighbors pitched in to distribute water after AmeriCares emergency shipment to flooded communities in South Carolina (top). Mealtime is nutritious for preschoolers in Vietnam thanks to AmeriCares nutrition program.
When Ebola threatened Bonthe, Sierra Leone, the tiny island had few defenses — just two under-resourced hospitals. But AmeriCares and Chevron brought in infection prevention and control training for all clinic staff and soon all 700 health workers and nursing staff had the skills they needed to keep themselves and their patients safe.

This critical emergency safety training is just one part of Chevron’s support for AmeriCares global health programs. Over the last 25 years, Chevron has partnered with AmeriCares to deliver medicine to countries recovering from disasters.

Much of the global energy company’s support has strengthened health systems in low-resource communities. Before Ebola struck, Chevron helped AmeriCares establish partnerships with local health providers in Sierra Leone and Liberia. During the crisis, AmeriCares worked with those health providers to provide critical, lifesaving safety supplies and medicines.

Chevron is also a member of AmeriCares Annual Emergency Response Partner (AERP) Program, providing multiyear financial support to build AmeriCares emergency response capability in advance of disaster events — making the company a participant in every disaster response AmeriCares launches.

“We understand that our success depends on social progress in the communities where we operate,” says Dr. Huma Abbasi, General Manager, Chevron Global Health and Medical. “Our partnership with and support of AmeriCares helps us meet our goal of making sustainable health improvements and bringing socioeconomic development to local communities.”

## Medicine Will Be One Less Worry

The last thing you want to worry about when you are sick is the cost of medicine. That’s true when a person has bronchitis and also when someone is suffering from depression or anxiety.

To make medicine one less worry for the one in every five adults in the U.S. that experiences a form of mental illness every year, AmeriCares is expanding access to care for low-income patients with a mental illness by donating medications to treatment facilities across the United States.

We plan to support 175 clinics providing mental health care with at least $40 million worth of high-quality medicine over the next three years, including medication to treat depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. AstraZeneca helped launch the program with a generous donation.

In San Antonio, Texas, the Center for Health Care Services has 35,000 clients, many of whom struggle with a mental illness and substance abuse. Administrator Christi Garfield says the Center’s 20 clinics can’t provide all the medicine their clients need, even after spending millions each year. “This gives them the right medication — not just the best-we-can-do treatment,” says Garfield. Medication is just one part of the comprehensive services the center offers.

“Our targeted donations will improve the quality of care, expand treatment options and reduce costs for patients,” says AmeriCares President and CEO Michael J. Nyenhuis.

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Patients and staff are safer in Sierra Leone after infection control training from AmeriCares (top). Donations of medicine will help behavioral health centers in the U.S. serve patients (above). Author Joel Stratte-McClure included AmeriCares in his estate plan (top right).
Your Donations at Work in 72 Countries

With your help, between July 1 and September 30, 2015, AmeriCares sent medicine, medical supplies and project support to the following countries:

Afghanistan  Armenia  Bangladesh  Belize  Bolivia  Cambodia  Cameroon  China  Colombia  Dominica
Dominican Republic  Ecuador  El Salvador  Ethiopia  Fiji  Gabon  Georgia  Ghana  Greek  Grenada  Guatemala  Guyana  Haiti  Honduras  India  Iraq  Israel  Jamaica  Jordan  Kenya
Laos  Lebanon  Liberia  Malawi  Malaysia  Mali  Mexico  Micronesia  Mongolia  Myanmar  Nepal  Nicaragua  Niger  Nigeria  North Korea  Pakistan  Palau  Palestinian Territories  Panama  Paraguay  Peru
Philippines  Romania  Rwanda  Samoa  Senegal  Sierra Leone  Solomon Islands  Somalia  St. Lucia  Tanzania  Thailand  Togo  Trinidad  Uganda  United States  Uzbekistan  Venezuela  Vietnam  Yemen  Zambia  Zimbabwe

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