

Christian Relief Services Charities

FY 2016 Annual Report Summary



Our Mission

Christian Relief Services Charities works to support the efforts of its charitable affiliates to answer urgent needs for housing, food, clothing, water and medical care around the world as well as to support programs that address the long-term sustainability of communities locally and internationally.

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Summary of Fiscal Year 2016 Program Service Accomplishments

Christian Relief Services Charities, Inc. (CRSC) is the parent entity under an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Group Exemption with 17 subordinate charities/affiliates around the United States of America which operate programs in multiple states, on Indian reservations and in third world countries. With an annual budget totaling more than \$50,000,000, the affiliate programs deliver services of affordable housing for veterans, the disabled and the homeless; water development; youth programs; utilities and emergency assistance; medicine; food; new shoes; blankets; winter coats; home repair; youth projects; school supplies; and support efforts for self-sufficiency.

Christian Relief Services Charities provides technical support to its affiliates as a cost-effective model in areas of overhead, accounting, human resources, information technology (IT), legal counsel and governance. In this manner, the 17 affiliates benefit by reduced administrative costs and more sophisticated shared executive governance.

Affordable Housing Communities

Affiliates of Christian Relief Services Charities own and operate close to 1,900 units of affordable housing in 18 multifamily communities located in Virginia, Kansas and Arizona. Other affiliates own partnership and investor interest in over 2,600 units of affordable housing in Texas. The goal at each of these communities is to provide decent, safe and affordable housing for working households and individuals.

Housing for Homeless and Disabled

In Northern Virginia, CRSC Housing Affiliates own and manage 100 scattered site units working in partnership with public and private non-profit agencies to provide affordable and supportive housing to low income families and disabled adults. Many residents have experienced chronic homelessness and/or have a disability. Partnerships with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, Pathway Homes, PRS and others provide supportive services to residents to help them overcome barriers and work towards the goal of living independently. In 2016, 206 individuals were served.

Safe Places

Because no one should have to choose between homelessness and abuse, Christian Relief Services founded its Safe Places program to provide long-term transitional housing for women and children fleeing domestic violence. While domestic violence shelters generally, only allow stays of one month, through Safe Places domestic violence victims and their children are provided with affordable transitional housing for up to two years, as well as support services. In 2016, Safe Places served 111 individuals including 36 women and 75 children and provided 8,623 bed nights. Seventy-seven percent of graduating households secured permanent housing, and although the maximum length of stay is 24 months, the average length of stay was only 19 months.

Digital Divide

At Bucknell Elementary, a Title I school in Alexandria, Virginia, three-fourths of the students are eligible for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Free and Reduced Price Meals. The school had recent successes in improving its accreditation standing, and is by all accounts a "rising star" of Title I elementary schools.

Christian Relief Services, headquartered in Fairfax County just a few miles from the school, selected Bucknell for a pilot program that provided laptop computers and home broadband Internet access to 121 students in grades 4 – 6, regardless of their economic circumstances. New laptop computers were provided to students

from low-income families to ensure equitable access to educational resources so these children were not denied access to digital learning opportunities.

American Indian Programs

Christian Relief Services Charities' affiliate American Indian Youth Running Strong® (Running Strong) works with American Indian youth and their families to bring hope and support for a better life. Running Strong provided food and other basic needs on the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River Sioux Indian reservations in South Dakota, and Menominee Indian Reservation in Wisconsin. Native American children face some of the highest poverty rates in the nation. Ziebach County, on the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation, has the highest child poverty rate in the United States. Oglala Lakota County on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, leads the nation in food stamps. Running Strong donated \$1,750,549 in in-kind as well as direct donations of food.

- 200,000 pounds of food
- 5,450 Backpacks for Elementary and Junior High Students
- 1,320 Fleece Jackets
- 2,430 Blankets
- 2,822 Pairs of Shoes
- 3,215 Waterproof boots
- 1,717 Adult Coats
- 3,000 Children Coats
- 2,695 Dental Kits
- 40,700 Diapers
- 18,270 Cans of Baby Formula
- 520 Hygiene Kits
- 4,280 Boxes of Laundry Detergent

Running Strong also offers an emergency Heat Match program on the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservations to ensure that families have heat or electric service. The Heat Match program matches dollar-for-dollar up to \$100 for families on these reservations. On Pine Ridge, Running Strong provided \$100 Heat Match grants for 1,000 families, totaling \$100,000.

Running Strong recognizes that today's Indian youth are our future leaders thereby creating the Dreamstarter™ program. Each year for five years beginning in 2015, ten Native American youth and young adults under 30 are awarded grants of \$10,000 to help them achieve their dream in their own communities. Running Strong initiated the Dreamstarter™ program in recognition of the 50th anniversary of National Spokesperson Billy Mills' historic Olympic gold medal win in the 10,000 meter race at the 1964 Olympics. In 2016, Dreamstarters' projects included photography, art entrepreneurship, and dance classes that restore and preserve Native American languages, rituals, games and stories.

Access to water on Pine Ridge remains a challenge for hundreds of families who, despite a water service line running through the reservation, are unable to tap into the line because of the high cost

to access. Running Strong undertook a pilot project to connect homes to the Mni Wiconi Water Line. In 2016, Running Strong provided ten families with water line hookups at a total cost of \$63,855. In addition, we provided 20 water hydrants at an average cost of \$5,772 each. Families are eligible for a septic system drilled by the Indian Health Service when their home has indoor plumbing.

Running Strong continued its commitment to food self-sufficiency by providing equipment and seeds for organic gardening on the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservations. Hundreds of families benefit from the fresh produce raised in the gardens, which is otherwise difficult to obtain on the reservations.

Domestic Programs

Our affiliate, Americans Helping Americans® provided food and other basic needs to families and individuals throughout Appalachia including Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and in Arizona, District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania. Americans Helping Americans® provided grants to their partner organizations located in some of the economically hardest-hit communities in the country totaling more than \$370,000 for a variety of different programs.

Through their home repair program, Americans Helping Americans® supported projects which repaired 81 homes in Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia. In many instances, the homeowners are elderly, living on meager fixed incomes with no resources to fix leaking roofs, rotted floors and porches; or to build an accessibility ramp, providing the disabled the ability to enter and exit their home on their own and allowing them to continue to live independently instead of being forced to move into a nursing home. The projects are completed through the joint effort of their grassroots partners, which vet and organize the home repair projects. Americans Helping Americans® provides funding for materials such as shingles and lumber, for use by groups from churches and schools who travel to the communities spending a week volunteering their time and labor to make the repairs.

- 2,350 Backpacks for Elementary and Junior High Students
- 14,459 Meals
- 6,815 Turkeys
- 2,220 New Coats
- 2,550 Winter Hats and Scarves
- 800 Blankets
- 1,824 Bars of Soap
- 350 Pairs of Shoes
- 720 Boxes of Dry Food
- 680 Boxes of Laundry Detergent
- 21,600 Diapers

International Programs

Our Bread and Water for Africa® affiliate provided cash grants to healthcare-focused projects as well as medicines, medical equipment, medical supplies, hygiene items, and other relief items to non-governmental organizations with healthcare projects in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, which benefited 182,000 people in those countries.

Kenya

- 74 orphaned and abandoned children lived at the Lewa Children's Home where they received food, shelter, health care and other basic needs, as well as an education at the affiliated Kip Keino Primary School.
- 100 more children benefited from the construction of two additional classrooms at the Kebeneti Secondary School.
- 162 local farmers were trained on best practices in cattle feeding, calf rearing, milking and milk hygiene, enabling them to significantly increase their milk production through a dairy program, in our effort to continue to support food self-sufficiency.

Sierra Leone

- 1,006 students received primary and secondary school education.

Zambia

- 93 orphaned and abandoned children lived at the Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre where staff was able to provide food and shelter.
- 239 orphaned children benefited from the fish farm program which Bread and Water for Africa® supported as part of their food self-sufficiency effort.

Zimbabwe

- 207 children were fed regular meals through a food program operated by the Shinga Development Trust.
- 35 students benefited through a school fee support program.

Providing care for Africa's most vulnerable – orphaned and abandoned children – has remained among the top priorities.



Christian Relief Services Charities and Affiliates 2016 Financial Summary

Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2016 from the Christian Relief Services Charities and Affiliates Combined Annual Audit.

REVENUE AND SUPPORT	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total
Housing rental and related income	\$14,734,873	\$ -	\$ -	\$14,734,873
Noncash contributions	19,004,101	-	-	19,004,101
Cash contributions	4,514,487	452,193	-	4,966,680
Other income	1,466,076	10,935	-	1,477,011
Grants from government agencies	853,348	-	-	853,348
Royalties	-	334,317	-	334,317
Wills and bequests	35,050	356,091	-	391,141
Workplace campaigns contributions	-	342,689	-	342,689
Interest and dividend income	718,406	675,727	-	1,394,133
Fee Income	12,000	-	-	12,000
Net realized and unrealized losses	(89,477)	(368,757)	-	(458,234)
Net assets released from restrictions:				
Satisfaction of time restrictions	352,170	(352,170)	-	-
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	2,608,164	(2,608,164)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	44,209,198	(1,157,139)	-	43,052,059
EXPENSES				
Program Services:				
Domestic programs	928,284	-	-	928,284
American Indian programs	4,580,831	-	-	4,580,831
International programs	16,786,456	-	-	16,786,456
Housing programs	21,443,349	-	-	21,443,349
Total program services	43,738,920	-	-	43,738,920
Supporting services				
Management and general	1,924,596	-	-	1,924,596
Fundraising	3,480,162	-	-	3,480,162
Total Supporting Services	5,404,758	-	-	5,404,758
TOTAL EXPENSES	49,143,678	-	-	49,143,678
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(4,934,480)	(1,157,139)	-	(6,091,619)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	38,545,915	11,348,503	16,547,477	66,441,895
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT), END OF YEAR	\$33,611,435	\$ 10,191,364	\$ 16,547,477	\$ 60,350,276

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