





## OUR MISSION

To connect the vast resources of America through collaboration and partnerships formed with grassroots charitable groups, churches and human service agencies throughout the United States and around the world, and empower local volunteers to help those in need in their own communities, while enabling people to help themselves with a hand up.

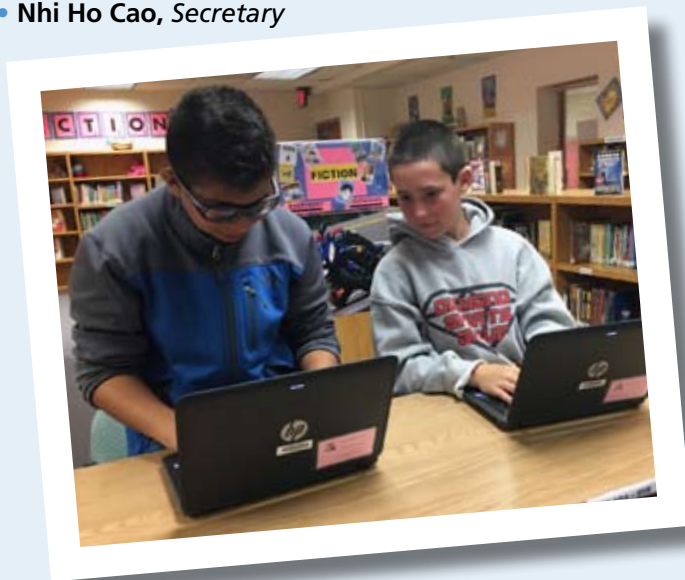
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*"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

Acts 20:35





## MESSAGE FROM THE SPOKESPERSONS

### Dear Friends and Supporters

As the spokespersons for **Christian Relief Services'** projects **Running Strong for American Indian Youth®**, **Bread and Water for Africa®** and **Americans Helping Americans®** in Appalachia, we want to take this opportunity to jointly thank you for your support of our mission to aid those in need in Indian Country, Appalachia and throughout Africa. You make what we do possible.

Through your generosity, Christian Relief Services, through its four projects, is able to bring hope to so many in this country and across the globe by providing both short and long term solutions to the ravages of poverty. This includes providing for the basic necessities of life for Native Americans living on the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River Sioux Indian reservations, providing homes and education for orphans in Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe, rebuilding homes and lives of those living in the hardest communities of our country in Appalachia, and so much more.



**Running Strong for American Indian Youth®** (Running Strong) helps American Indian people meet their immediate survival needs – food, water and shelter – while implementing and supporting programs designed to create opportunities for self-sufficiency and self-esteem, especially for Native youth. During January and February, Running Strong provides utility

assistance so families can fill their propane tanks or keep the electricity on. In Spring, we support community gardening efforts to ensure affordable access to nutritious fruits and vegetables throughout the summer and into the fall and winter but also instill, particularly in young people, the pride of tilling the soil and reaping what they have sown. Throughout the year, we provide food boxes to families to keep food on the table, school supplies for children, winter coats and boots, and turkeys and toys for the holidays. (See "Meeting Basic Needs of American Indians" on Pages 6-7)

To see first-hand the impact that Running Strong makes on the everyday lives of children and families living on the Indian reservations of South Dakota, we encourage you to spend an incredible week on our Annual Reservations Tour in September.

**Bread and Water for Africa®** has the overarching mission of providing care for Africa's most vulnerable – the orphans and abandoned children who would be likely destined for a very short life on the streets without a home or support. Bread

and Water for Africa® supports places such as the Lewa Children's Home in Kenya and the Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre in Zambia to provide the basic necessities of life such as food and shelter. These places also ensure that every child receives an education to build a better life for themselves as they mature. Most importantly, these homes create a place where they know they are truly loved. (See "Creating Positive Change in Africa" on Pages 8-9)



**Americans Helping Americans®** in Appalachia does just what its name implies. We provide assistance to Americans of all ages throughout Appalachia with programs that encourage a hand up, not a hand out. We reach out to impoverished school children and provide them with the school supplies they need to succeed in class, as well as coats, hats, gloves, and scarves they

need to stay warm while waiting outside for the school bus in frigid Appalachian winters. We support after-school and summer camp programs for children in communities where parents aren't always able to be home for their children when school is out. For seniors, many of them our nation's veterans, we provide home repairs and construct handicap ramps allowing them to continue to be able to live in the home they love. And year round, we provide food boxes to help seniors living on meager fixed incomes to stretch their food budget throughout the month. (See "Building Up and Strengthening Our Fellow Americans" on Pages 4-5)

Through our **Safe Places** Program, we provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and their children in Northern Virginia. Safe, affordable housing is available for up to two years after they have fled their abuser to a temporary shelter. Equally important, program clients are involved in weekly case management sessions and home visits. Clients work with Safe Places staff to focus on safety, budgeting, employment, and assistance with securing permanent housing. (See "Transitioning from Hopelessness to Power" on Pages 10-11)

Once again, we thank you for enabling us to be "that gentle voice for good" and helping our fellow brothers and sisters in need.

**God bless you!**

*Billy Mills*

**Billy Mills (Oglala Lakota)**

Olympic Gold Medalist

National Spokesperson

Running Strong for American Indian Youth®

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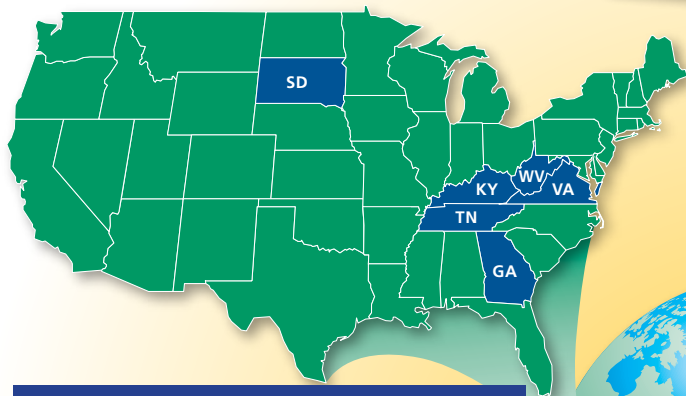
Americans Helping Americans®



## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

Highlights from some of the states and countries that Christian Relief Services supports through its affiliates.

**SOUTH DAKOTA** - 200,000 pounds of nonperishable food boxes and holiday frozen turkeys were distributed to hundreds of American Indian families living on the Pine Ridge Indian and Cheyenne River Sioux Indian reservations.

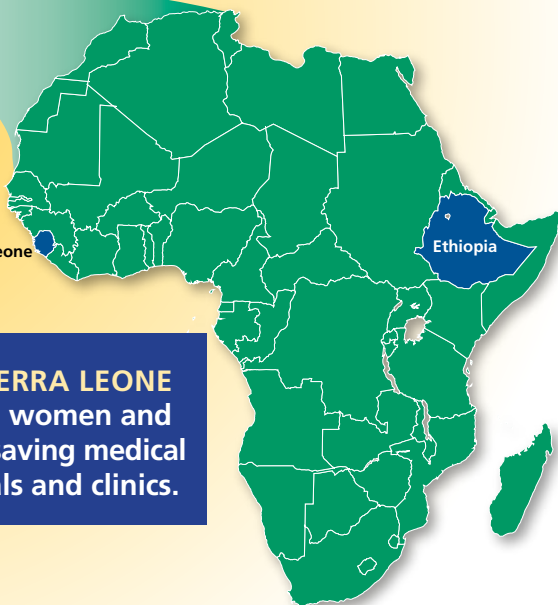


**VIRGINIA** - 8,623 "bed nights" were provided to 31 families, serving 36 victims of domestic violence and 75 children who entered the Christian Relief Services Safe Places transitional housing program.



**APPALACHIAN REGION** - 15,713 children, women and men in Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia received winter coats and winter accessories, school supplies, new shoes and more.

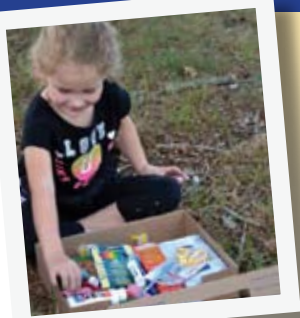
14,459 meals were delivered to children via a mobile cafeteria through the summer food service program in rural Tennessee.



Sierra Leone

Ethiopia

**ETHIOPIA AND SIERRA LEONE** - 162,000 children, women and men received life-saving medical services at hospitals and clinics.



**THANK YOU** for being our partner in our effort to connect resources and people from around the country in order to provide assistance to our brothers and sisters in need in the United States and Africa.



## WHO WE ARE

### **What is the mission of Christian Relief Services?**

To work through partnerships and in collaboration with grassroots charitable organizations located in hard-hit communities that know what is most needed in the region that they serve. Christian Relief Services works to mobilize the vast resources of generous Americans to help those in need around the country and Africa by providing life-saving emergency assistance, as well as supporting programs that ultimately lead to self-sufficiency.

### **What is the relationship of Christian Relief Services to the Christian Relief Services Charities?**

Christian Relief Services is an affiliate (subordinate unit under an IRS-approved group exemption) of Christian Relief Services Charities (CRSC). As an affiliate Christian Relief Services benefits in a number of ways including administrative and technical support from CRSC as a cost-effective model in the areas of overhead, accounting, human resources, information technology, legal counsel and governance. In addition to Christian Relief Services, CRSC has 16 other charitable affiliates.

Established in 1985, Christian Relief Services joined the CRSC family of charities in 1998 and continues to

work to provide aid to people in communities that are often overlooked and stuck in a generational cycle of poverty.

### **How does the Christian Relief Services approach work to make a difference?**

Many of our partners are located in impoverished communities and do not have the ability to raise funds or solicit contributions from people or businesses in their area. Christian Relief Services leverages donations from supportive individuals and businesses which we then share with partnered organizations to meet the greatest need in the region they serve. It is absolutely critical that the services and programs are identified as the most crucial by the community itself, as there may be no other organization or effort apart from Christian Relief Services that provides such assistance. By identifying the community's specific needs through locally based partner organizations, services and support provided are pertinent, urgent, and aligned with the values and mission of Christian Relief Services and our affiliates. Through our local partnerships we are able to manage resources effectively and create the greatest possible impact for those who need it the most.







## BUILDING UP AND STRENGTHENING OUR FELLOW AMERICANS

**Americans Helping Americans®** in Appalachia provides assistance to people in hard-hit communities where unemployment rates are high and poverty is rampant, such as Beattyville, Kentucky described by The New York Times as one of the “hardest” places to live in the country, and one of the poorest towns in the United States (according to a 2015 report in The Guardian). Americans Helping Americans® works with partners throughout Appalachia primarily in Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia where people struggle every day to put food on the table, keep a roof over their heads, and keep the lights and heat on.

Americans Helping Americans® is there to help families with the basics. By providing utility assistance programs, food boxes, and the necessary winter clothing for children, Americans Helping Americans® is a hand up to many families that need to break the generational poverty plaguing them.

### Why Appalachia?

The economic recovery following the recession which rocked the financial stability of millions in the U.S. has not returned to many communities in Appalachia – if it even existed beforehand. Communities in Appalachia have been left with even less opportunity with many of these isolated communities having limited access to basic resources. Many of these communities are nestled in the hills and hollows of the mountains, and if people cannot afford to buy a car or continue to make payments on it, it is unlikely that they could get to work, thereby exacerbating their struggles. Their nearest neighbor may live miles away on a gravel road with no sidewalks and treacherous routes, especially in winter, making it impossible to seek out assistance in case of an emergency.

For many Americans who have never traveled to Appalachia, it is shocking to see the extreme poverty that continues to exist there today – 50 years after President Johnson visited the region and declared war on poverty. In fact, according to the Appalachian Regional Commission, in 2016, one-fifth of all the counties in Appalachia, or

84 out of 420, are considered “distressed” with another 114 listed as “at-risk.” Three of those distressed counties, Lee County, Kentucky; Hancock County, Tennessee; and McDowell County, West Virginia are where Americans Helping Americans® focuses its work through its long-time partners.

### Why a Partnership Approach?

We are proud to establish long-term partnerships with community-based organizations to tackle the problems being faced in their service area. Despite our team’s best efforts to monitor the progress of our mission and the stewardship of our supporters’ generosity, it would be unfair and inefficient for us to assume that we could know the intricacies of Appalachia’s challenges. Our partners who work in the field every day can relay the most critical needs and the most desperate situations to us. Our partners have the utmost passion for what they do and have outstanding networking capabilities within their communities. These partnerships also allow us to increase self-sufficiency, allowing communities to help themselves.

Often, we are asked why people don’t seek opportunities outside of Appalachia, given the region’s harsh conditions of isolation and poverty. However, to many in the region, Appalachia is a generations - long home for many families. We asked a partner in Tennessee the same question and he responded saying, “Appalachia is their home, where their roots are, where their family lives. They had a different reality than we do.” We at Christian Relief Services certainly understand the importance of “home” and work to do all we can to help them improve the quality of their life where ever they choose to make their “home” despite the hardships that come with that decision.





## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016: THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS BENEFIT THANKS TO YOU!

### Arizona, District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania

- 74 veterans in Arizona received food for the holidays in Phoenix, Scottsdale, Glendale, and Tucson, Arizona.
- 300 children in Washington, DC received backpacks filled with school supplies.
- 50 children received backpacks filled with supplies in Philadelphia, PA.

### Georgia

- 7,190 individuals received winter coats and accessories, backpacks filled with school supplies, shoes, diapers, hygiene items and food for the holidays.
- 1,310 individuals benefited from the utility assistance program.
- 595 teens participated in a youth delinquency program.
- 414 individuals benefited from a food bank support program.
- 260 children benefited from a summer food program.
- 118 individuals received emergency financial support through a homeless prevention and home reestablishment program.
- 18 veterans were supported with monthly food boxes.
- 47 youth attended a summer enrichment camp.

### Kentucky

- 3,581 individuals received winter coats and accessories, backpacks filled with school supplies, blankets, turkeys, and food for the holidays and summer.
- 473 children received new shoes from the BareFeet program.
- 168 children benefited from a summer enrichment camp.
- 61 families benefited from the utility assistance program.
- 27 individuals benefited from an eyeglasses and dentures program.
- 13 home rehabilitation projects were completed.

### Tennessee

- 14,459 meals were served through a summer food program and an additional 2,240 individuals benefited from food bank support, including the Neighborly Meals program for elderly, homebound, and disabled individuals.
- 3,204 individuals received winter coats and accessories, backpacks filled with school supplies, shoes, diapers, hygiene items, and food for the holidays.
- 57 individuals living at Samaritan House, a homeless shelter for women and their children, benefited from life skills training and educational programs.
- 48 youth benefited from an afterschool program.
- 35 youth benefited from a summer enrichment camp.
- 21 home rehabilitation projects were completed.

### West Virginia

- 1,738 individuals received winter coats, backpacks filled with school supplies, shoes, diapers, hygiene items, and food for the holidays.
- 486 vocational training participants received one-on-one tutoring support.
- 412 veterans received monthly food boxes.
- 85 children attended summer enrichment camps.
- 43 home rehabilitation projects were completed benefiting 154 individuals.
- 34 children attended an afterschool program.





## MEETING BASIC NEEDS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

For more than 30 years, Christian Relief Services has maintained a long-standing commitment to support grassroots efforts to meet basic needs of American Indian communities throughout Indian Country. Many of our efforts focus on youth programs for impoverished reservations, such as the Pine Ridge Indian and Cheyenne River Sioux Indian reservations, throughout the United States. We offer opportunities and services that would not be available otherwise.

This past year, we returned to our very first program, providing water to Pine Ridge residents who have no running water in their home. Running Strong covered the cost of connecting 10 homes to a main water service line running through the reservation. The cost is well into the thousands of dollars per home, something that most Pine Ridge residents, such as Emily Lakota, simply cannot afford. This summer, in just one day, a contractor hired by Running Strong came out to Emily's home, dug a 100-foot trench, installed a meter pit and tapped into the line so that by the end of the day Emily was able to drink from a hydrant just a few feet from her front door. Prior to having access to water, Emily would spend a large amount of time walking to her neighbors to fill a bucket with clean water. Now, she can spend that time focusing on her family and building a more productive life.

### **Billy Mills (Oglala Lakota)** **National Spokesperson**

Billy Mills, the only American to have ever won an Olympic gold medal in the 10,000 meter race, has dedicated his life to improving and enriching the lives of American Indian youth. Born and raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and orphaned by age 12, Billy understands firsthand the serious and difficult problems facing Americans Indians. Upon winning his gold medal he returned to Pine Ridge and vowed to the elders that he would "give back" to honor those who helped him throughout his life. In 1986, Billy teamed up with Eugene Krizek, founder of Christian Relief Services, to form Running Strong for American Indian Youth®. Since then, Billy and Running Strong have strived to provide American Indians with the tools they need to achieve self-sufficiency and live happy, healthy lives.







## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016: THOUSANDS OF NATIVE AMERICANS BENEFIT THANKS TO YOU!

### Food and Basic Relief

- 8,300 boxes of food were shipped to families on the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River Sioux Indian reservations with a total weight of 166,000 pounds.
- 34,000 pounds of turkeys were distributed to families on the reservations in November and December. Assuming a standard portion of one pound of turkey per person, 34,000 children, women and men had a joyful Thanksgiving last year with family and friends.
- 5,450 backpacks filled with school supplies for elementary and junior high school students were distributed on the Pine Ridge, Cheyenne River Sioux Indian reservations and numerous other locations throughout Indian Country in August.
- 1,320 fleece jackets, 2,430 blankets, 2,822 pairs of shoes, and for the first time, 3,215 children were distributed sturdy, waterproof boots to keep their feet warm all winter.
- 3,000 children and 1,717 adults received heavy winter coats and winter accessories including hats, gloves, and scarves.
- 40,700 diapers and 18,270 cans of baby formula were distributed to new mothers, as well as 520 hygiene kits and 4,280 boxes of laundry detergent.
- 2,695 dental kits containing toothbrushes, a three-month supply of toothpaste, dental floss picks, including a 2-minute hourglass timer were provided so children will know how long they are supposed to brush their teeth.



### Dreamstarter™ Program

- 10 Native American youth and young adults under 30 were awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to help achieve their dream. This year's theme, Arts and Culture, attracted several Dreamstarters with unique projects such as how to start "powwow" classes in which participants make their own regalia; a woman artist who wants to encourage other young artists to sell their artwork; a male photographer who is documenting Indian settlements on Long Island; a woman who is collecting Crow stories and plans on compiling them into a book in Crow and English; and, a teenage boy who is teaching other boys how to play a traditional stick game.

### Heat Match Program

- 1,000 families in January through March were matched up to \$100 dollar-for-dollar so families on Pine Ridge could meet the \$200 minimum charge to have their propane tank filled or prevent having their electricity disconnected in the coldest months of the year.





## CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE IN AFRICA

**Christian Relief Services** has been able to impact tens of thousands of lives across Africa through its project, Bread and Water for Africa®. By sharing resources and partnering with grassroots community organizations in countries including Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Zimbabwe and elsewhere we are able to transform your gifts into tangible change for struggling children and families.

In Kenya and Zambia, we provide for the continent's most vulnerable – orphaned and abandoned children would be on the streets fending for themselves without Lewa Children's Home or Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre. Instead they have regular meals, a roof over their head, an education and most importantly a loving place to call home. In Sierra Leone, thousands of people have access to clean, safe drinking water thanks to supporters who funded a well which also serves a school and a clinic. In Cameroon, we worked with our partner there to build a clinic to serve those who would have no access to affordable health care.

Through our emphasis on health care and education, your support of Christian Relief Services does so much more than provide immediate aid. You are also supporting the foundation of a brighter tomorrow for these communities by building schools and ensuring that thousands of children can pay their school fees and purchase school uniforms.

In conclusion, we say thank you to our dedicated partners doing truly heroic work in difficult conditions. We are grateful for the efforts of Faith Healing Development Organization in Sierra Leone and Rev. Frances Mambu; Angela Miyanda, director of the Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre in Zambia; Margaret Makambira, director of Shinga Development Trust in Zimbabwe; Esther Ndichafah, director of Home Services in Cameroon; Professor Augustin Sesay of Haramaya University in Ethiopia, and, of course, our international spokesperson, Phyllis Keino, who founded and operates the Lewa Children's Home, Kipkeino Primary School and Baraka Farm in Kenya.

*"We like you to know that this program [school fee program] is among our annual top priorities because we are committed to giving hope to children and a future."*

**- Esther Hadassah Ndichafah, Chief Executive Officer for Hope Service, Cameroon**







## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016: A LOOK BACK ON A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Ethiopia

- 86,000 people received medical benefits from the Haramaya University health care program distributed through five hospitals and a clinic. This was all made possible with donated medicines, medical supplies, and medical equipment.
- 12,400 high school students will benefit each year from the 22,000 books shipped to 20 high school libraries.

### Kenya

- 74 children living at the Lewa Children's Home received food, health care, education, and other basic needs.
- 35 children received financial aid for school tuition, supplies, uniforms, and other basic needs from the Lewa Children's Home outreach programs.
- 14 orphaned children were supported through foster care arrangements in the local community.
- 162 small local farmers were trained in milking, calf rearing, cattle feeding, and milk hygiene through the Baraka Farm Practical Dairy Training Center.
- More than 100 students will benefit from the construction of two additional classrooms at the Kebeleti Secondary School.

### Malawi

- 20 youth received vocational training in brick making, tailoring, and electrical work, and received micro loans to start a small business in their community.

### Sierra Leone

- More than 76,000 people received medical care, counseling, and health education from these partners: Faith Healing Development Organization (FHDO), the United Methodist Church, and the Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone member clinics and hospitals.
- 1,006 students received primary and secondary school education programs provided by FHDO's four nurseries, four primary schools, and three secondary schools.
- 3,099 students and teachers from the Albert Academy will benefit each year from the approximately 22,000 junior and senior high school textbooks, and reference books shipped to the school in Freetown.

- More than 3,000 students and members of the surrounding school community will benefit from a well that was constructed on the school grounds.

### Zambia

- 93 orphaned children living at the Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre were provided all their basic needs including education and vocational training.
- 146 children living in foster care received food support, a living allowance, assistance with school fees, and basic health care support from the Kabwata Outreach program.
- More than 5,000 tilapia fish were harvested by the Kabwata Fish Farming Project which fed orphans and sponsored children living in foster care arrangements.

### Zimbabwe

- 207 children benefited from an orphan feeding program operated by Shinga Development Trust.
- 35 secondary school students benefited from the school fee support program and were able to attend school.
- 230 individuals received HIV/AIDS awareness, agriculture, and hygiene training.





## TRANSITIONING FROM HOPELESSNESS TO POWER

**Because no one should have to choose between homelessness and abuse.**

**Safe Places**, a program of Christian Relief Services, provides transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and their children for up to two years after they have left their abuser and fled to a temporary shelter. In Fairfax County, Virginia where Safe Places operates, the need for shelter space and transitional housing is tremendous. In 2015, between the only two domestic violence shelters which operate in a county with a population of more than 1.1 million, 628 eligible households were turned away due to lack of available bed space. Safe Places is one of only a few transitional housing options in the county available for victims of domestic violence.

In Fiscal Year 2016, Safe Places provided a total of 8,623 safe-bed nights and served a total of 31 families – 36 women and 75 children in 19 units. Seventy-seven percent of graduating households secured permanent housing, and although the maximum length of stay is 24 months, the average length of stay is 19 months.

When a client is accepted into Safe Places she is offered the following services throughout her time in the program: 1) safety planning and court advocacy, 2) individual financial counseling through our evidence-based Economic Empowerment Program, 3) strength-based case management to connect her with resources such as employment services, educational opportunities, and/or mainstream benefits to maintain or increase her income, and 4) safe, stable affordable housing for up to two years with individualized housing counseling that helps her identify permanent housing options, sign up early on waiting lists and secure permanent housing of her own by the end of her time in the program.

In addition to case management, Safe Places staff also provide support to participants throughout the year with financial assistance

# Safe Places

and in-kind needs such as securing winter coats and backpacks filled with school supplies at distribution events held by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, and collecting diapers and feminine products for program participants.

We also hold fun activities such as a summer picnic in September which provides the opportunity for clients to get to know each other and children to play, free of worry. And, it wouldn't be Christmas without a holiday party so in December, Safe Places hosted a dinner party which, of course, was attended by Santa and Mrs. Claus and a bevy of elves. No child went home empty handed either, as Toys 4 Tots provided multiple toys for each child. This year, donations for gifts reached an all-time high.

On May 20, 2016 Christian Relief Services hosted the first Annual Safe Places Golf Classic. The event was a huge success raising almost \$100,000 to support Safe Places and their families.

***"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."***

**- Jane Goodall**







## PROVIDING A PATH TO SUCCESS

### Safe Places: Providing a 'Guardian Angel' to a Family in Need of a Home

Caroline first heard of Christian Relief Services' Safe Places from her friend who was a client in the program. Little did she know that she would ultimately end up as a Safe Places client. "It was way before I was in that situation," Caroline said. While seven months pregnant with their second child, Caroline learned that her husband had been unfaithful. When she confronted him things became violent. He struck her, requiring her to get stitches, and she knew it was time to get out of the relationship. With her 5-year-old daughter Caroline fled to a domestic violence shelter not knowing how long she would be staying there, hoping and praying that she would not have her unborn child while living in a shelter.

But Caroline had an advantage that most women entering a shelter in Fairfax County, Virginia didn't, she had heard of Safe Places and witnessed how the program had helped her friend. When her social caseworker was unresponsive, Caroline reached out to Safe Places directly, contacting their Project Director Amanda Moyer, MSW. "Amanda responded immediately," said Caroline.

Amanda understood that time was of the essence and was determined to do everything in her power to prevent Caroline from giving birth at a shelter. The problem was

that it usually takes a few weeks to prepare housing for a new resident. "We were rushing to turn this one around," says Amanda.

Caroline will never forget seeing her new home for the first time. "Is this for real?" she questioned. Now 9 months pregnant and due any day, there was no time to furnish the apartment. But she didn't mind, happy to be out of the shelter and in a place to call home, even if it wasn't quite "homey" yet. "I didn't care – that was the least of my worries," she said. Amanda recalls, "Caroline went with the flow and was resilient".

As was Caroline's young daughter – leaving the only home she knew, moving away from friends, and starting kindergarten at a new school. Caroline said "She definitely handled it better than I would have." Without Safe Places, Caroline doesn't know where she would be today. What she does know is that because of the Safe Places program, and the encouragement she received from Amanda, she never felt alone or trapped. "Amanda is my guardian angel," says Caroline today. "That's because of Safe Places."



### Christian Relief Services: Closing the 'Digital Divide' in Its Own Backyard

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 has had recent successes in improving its accreditation standing, and is by all accounts a "rising star" of Title I elementary schools.

At Bucknell students use computers in the classroom, but what about at home?

Christian Relief Services, headquartered in Fairfax County just a few miles from the school, selected Bucknell for a pilot program that will provide laptop computers and home broadband Internet access to 121 students in grades 4 – 6, regardless of their economic circumstances. Providing new laptop computers to students from low-income families will ensure equitable access to educational resources so these children will not be denied access to digital learning opportunities.

The pilot program also offered home broadband Internet to students at Bucknell through an existing partnership between Fairfax County Public Schools and Cox Communications' "Connect2Compete" program. Cox has offered to open its Connect2Compete program to all the students in the pilot program and bulk bill Christian Relief Services at a cost of \$120 per student, plus taxes and a one-time hookup fee for up to 98 households.





## ACCOUNTABILITY

Christian Relief Services is widely recognized and certified as a highly efficient charity through:



### The Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance

We've earned the right to display their charity seal of approval by fulfilling the Alliance's comprehensive standards of accountability ([www.give.org](http://www.give.org)). The Wise Giving standards go beyond what government regulators require. It entails rigorous scrutiny of our governance, effectiveness, finances, fundraising and information materials.



### "Best in America" by Independent Charities of America

We're recognized by Independent Charities of America as one of the best and have earned their seal of approval ([www.independentcharities.org](http://www.independentcharities.org)). Their standards include those required by the U.S. Government for inclusion in the Combined Federal Campaign, the most exclusive fund drive in the world. Fewer than 5% of all American charities meet these standards and fewer still have earned their seal of approval.



### United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Since 1992, Christian Relief Services has been proud to be partnered with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) certified as a registered Private Voluntary Organization (PVO). With its origins in the Marshall Plan, USAID seeks to work with organizations making an effective, long-term difference in the lives of those suffering from disaster and endemic poverty — organizations like Christian Relief Services.



### Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) #11367

We qualify for annual participation in the Combined Federal Campaign, the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign ([www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc)). Charities must satisfy an extensive review of financial and governance practices to be accepted into the Campaign.



### Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce

Christian Relief Services is a proud member of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and was the recipient of their 2016 Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award.

**Leave a Legacy!** You can leave a legacy to Christian Relief Services through your estate planning. Consult with a financial professional and contact Tracy Kelso at [tracy@christianrelief.org](mailto:tracy@christianrelief.org) for more information. Your legacy gift becomes a lasting tribute to helping Christian Relief Services continue to make a tremendous positive impact on the lives of countless Americans and many deserving children in Africa.

**Thank You!** A special "Thank You" to the following partners who displayed their faith in the mission of Christian Relief Services!

- Appalachian Outreach
- Arms Around Africa
- Baraka Farm
- Big Creek People in Action
- Billy and Pat Mills
- Brushy Cherokee Action Association
- Capacity Builders, Inc.
- Caring Hands Ministries
- Cheyenne River Youth Project
- Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School
- Christian Charities USA
- Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone
- Christian Relief Services Charities
- Come-Unity Cooperative Care
- Cumberland Mountain Outreach
- Dan Rippert
- Denver Indian Center
- Denver Indian Family Resource Center
- Eliza Gentile
- Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool
- Faith Healing Development Organization
- Fellowship of American Indians
- Ft. McDowell Recreation
- Global Running Culture
- Haramaya University Health Center
- Hayward Community Schools
- Hope Outreach Foundation
- Hope Services
- Hot Springs School District
- Independent Charities of America
- Indian Youth of America
- Just Clowning Around
- Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre
- Kebeneti Clinic and Secondary School
- Kipkeino Primary School
- L.A.M.P. Ministries
- Lewa Children's Home
- Medical Assistance Programs (MAP)
- Menominee Indian School District
- Military Families of Bolling Air Force Base (AFB)
- Mount Vernon Voice
- Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce
- Nez Perce Tribe Social Services
- Northern Cheyenne Boys & Girls Club
- Ocoee Outreach
- Of One Accord
- Provo City School District
- River of Life Evangelical Church
- Robert J. Hisel, Sr.
- Sacred Pipe Resource Center
- Shinga Development Trust
- Spirit Lake Tribal Health Department
- St. Paul Area Council of Churches/Department of Indian Work
- Summit School District
- Takini School
- The Cook Family
- The Family & Children's Trust Fund of Virginia
- The Lone Elk Family
- Three Precious Miracles
- Today We Follow, Tomorrow We Lead
- Toys 4 Tots
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women
- United Methodist Church Development Office
- University of Virginia Hospital Medical Equipment Recovery of Clean Inventory (MERC) Program
- Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
- Volunteers, including our Board of Directors
- Wells Fargo Foundation
- Yuchi Language Project

We would also like to thank those many, hard-working federal and state employees, military personnel and private sector workers who contribute through workplace giving campaigns such as the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and state, local and corporate campaigns across the country, for their most generous support in 2016.





## FINANCIALS

The financial results depicted here are derived from the Christian Relief Services June 30, 2016, financial statements, which contain an unqualified audit opinion. Our complete, audited financial statements can be obtained online at [www.christianrelief.org](http://www.christianrelief.org) or by calling (703) 317-9086 and requesting a copy.

### SUPPORT AND REVENUE

• Nonash Contributions -	\$17,425,540
• Cash Contributions -	\$4,270,326
• Cash Contributions from Affiliates -	\$1,600,971
• Donated Housing, Housing Rental and Related Income, & Other Income -	\$777,597
• Wills and Bequests -	\$380,164
• Government Grants -	\$184,465
• Workplace Campaign Contributions -	\$33,873

### EXPENSES

#### Program Services:

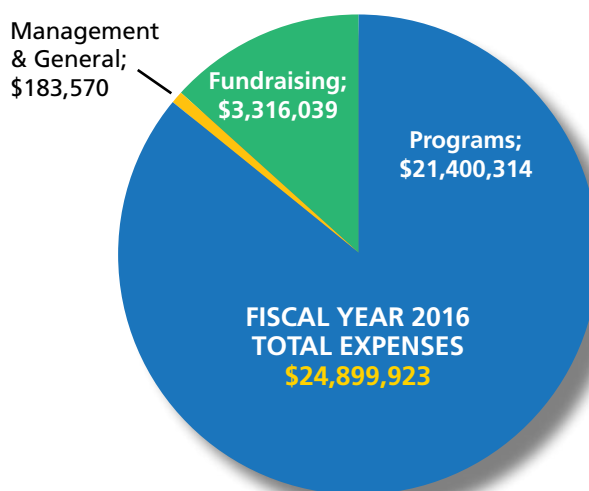
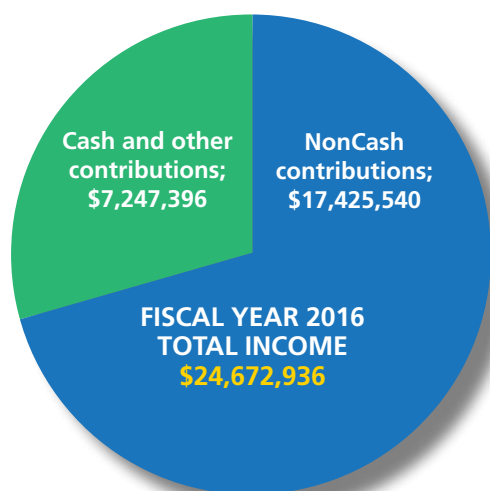
• International Programs -	\$16,402,512
• American Indian Programs -	\$2,891,677
• Housing Programs -	\$1,304,684
• Domestic Programs -	\$801,441
<b>Total Program Services -</b>	<b>\$21,400,314</b>

#### Supporting Services:

Management & General -	\$183,570
Fundraising -	\$3,316,039

**Fiscal Year 2016 Total Income - \$24,672,936**

**Fiscal Year 2016 Total Expenses - \$24,899,923**



**85.95% of our Total Expenses went to Charitable Programs in 2016!**



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