



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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YOUR DONATIONS IN 2015 BENEFITED COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD BY...



...providing a full school year of hot meals for 600 students in Jacmel, Haiti who might not otherwise have access to nutritious food.



...funding the “Academic Persistence Program” for young women in New Orleans, supporting academic enhancement activities with an emphasis on reading and mathematics.



...opening a school in the Philippines serving 260 students in grades K-6 whose community was impacted by a devastating typhoon.



...distributing heaters to residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, keeping them warm during record-low winter temperatures.



...shipping 4 containers of relief and recovery supplies to Nepal following two major earthquakes which affected more than 8 million people across the country.



...supplying 17 clinics and hospitals at home and abroad with life-saving medical equipment and supplies.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Our 36th year was dominated by three major global events: post-typhoon recovery in the Philippines, the rebuilding of West Africa's health care system following the Ebola epidemic, and Nepal earthquake response.

As you remember, Typhoon Haiyan was the largest storm ever to make landfall. The damage done was so widespread that it will take years to fully recover from its destruction—all while hoping future typhoons will not impact the same areas. In March, we celebrated as our school with Honeywell Hometown Solutions, in Guiuan, Eastern Samar, opened its doors to 260 students, marking a happy milestone for recovery efforts.

In West Africa, the Ebola outbreak of 2014 left three small states reeling. Not only were they largely isolated from the rest of Africa and the world, but their health care systems essentially ceased to function at the height of the epidemic. Now, as the spread of Ebola has been brought under control, we are helping to re-establish health care systems by restocking hospitals with essential equipment and supplies, and working with partner agencies in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea to offer support.

Earlier this year, the two major earthquakes that struck Nepal created vast logistical challenges as the country's feeble airports and roads were closed to international traffic. Through the World Health Organization, we were able to send four 40-foot containers of supplies into Nepal by way of India. We also made an emergency cash grant to Himalayan Healthcare, a longtime health provider in the country. Currently, we're planning to reconstruct a school in the Dhading district, in a remote village which was severely impacted by the earthquakes and in which education has been identified as a top recovery need by residents. As we head into 2016, recovery efforts in Nepal will remain at the top of our priority list.

In addition to our major programs, this year we also continued to support youth development programs on the Pine Ridge Reservation, in South Dakota, and through the Awesome Girls Program, in Louisiana. As always, we also continued to supply California's nonprofit community clinics with much-needed medical equipment.

We thank you for making all this happen as an Operation USA donor. Your continued support remains crucial to the success of our programs in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,



Richard Walden
President & CEO



Michael Mahdesian
Board of Directors, Chair



California - USA

Operation USA has provided medical supplies and equipment at no charge to California's community clinics for 34 years. In 2015, despite the benefits of the Affordable Care Act, there are still population groups throughout the state that remain uninsured and underserved. We strive to fill the gaps and meet the needs of clinics serving those most in need of medical attention and treatment. Also this year, with the support of longtime donor Kaiser-Permanente, Operation USA once again supplied the Care Harbor Annual Health Clinic in Los Angeles with equipment and materials needed to provide free health care to thousands of Southern California residents.

South Dakota - USA

Following the success of youth development, health and winterization programs in 2014, OpUSA continued to work with partners on the Pine Ridge Reservation this year. Programs staff visited the reservation on numerous occasions to meet with local partners and further assess new program opportunities, focusing on mental wellness and youth empowerment in light of the high rate of suicide among the Reservation's youth.

Louisiana - USA

The Awesome Girls Program in New Orleans has served at-risk girls in the area for nearly 18 years, and this year Operation USA continued its support of the program by providing funds to help facilitate meaningful programs. In October, programs staff visited New Orleans to meet the girls currently participating in Awesome Girls and to run an envisioning session for a new connected youth development initiative in which the girls will take part. OpUSA will empower the girls—who come from at-risk backgrounds and who participate in the program as a way to develop the leadership skills they need to thrive—to have a direct hand in developing the new communication initiative, giving them a platform to elevate their voices and allowing them to help shape the program to fit their needs and interests.

Ethiopia

In 2015, Operation USA continued to provide financial assistance to the International Development Association and its Center of Excellence. The program, which provides quality psychosocial support to the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children throughout the country, is in line with Operation USA's core values of supporting health, wellness and education so that children can grow and thrive in the face of challenges.

West Africa (Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Ghana & Nigeria)

Operation USA is continuing to support recovery efforts following the massive Ebola outbreak that impacted the region in 2014. Currently, we're helping to strengthen hospital systems in order to reestablish a functioning medical system in areas that were overwhelmed by the epidemic. Working with partners in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Ghana and Nigeria, OpUSA is delivering and distributing medical equipment where it is needed most.

Haiti

As in previous years, Operation USA continued in 2015 to support the feeding program at Ecole Nationale Jacob Martin Henriquez in Jacmel, providing a daily hot meal to more than 600 students. This year we also continued our partnership with Fondation L'Athletique d'Haiti, serving children in some of Haiti's most poverty-stricken areas through a variety of programs.

Working with our on-site country director in Haiti, OpUSA continues to identify new program needs and to develop programs aimed at youth empowerment, nutrition and education. As studies show that food support is key to keeping children in school and motivating parents to make attending school a priority, nutrition and feeding programs remain core focus areas for our programs in Haiti.





The Philippines

When Typhoon Haiyan made landfall in November 2013, nearly 1.7 million children were directly impacted. In Guiuan, a small coastal municipality in Eastern Samar, almost every person, family and house was affected. In continued partnership with Honeywell, OpUSA focused long-term recovery efforts on the reconstruction of the primary school in Guiuan.

Ngolos Honeywell Elementary School, which is staffed by eight teachers and serves more than 260 students in kindergarten through sixth grade, is more than 6,000 square feet in size and includes eight classrooms, an administrative office, two bathrooms, a playground and a basketball court. The school was designed to withstand winds up to 155 miles (250 kilometers) per hour, and has been designated as an evacuation center for the residents of Ngolos Barangay in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

The school had its grand opening celebration on March 24, 2015, a special day for OpUSA staff, Honeywell representatives, and the entire community of Guiuan. Operation USA will continue to support the school and its programs moving forward, with additional support from Honeywell.

Nepal

On Saturday, April 25th, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake—the worst earthquake to hit Nepal in more than 80 years—struck just outside the country's heavily populated capital, Kathmandu, impacting areas across the country and its neighboring borders with India, China and Bangladesh. The disaster triggered deadly avalanches on Mount Everest and in the Langtang Valley, and caused widespread building collapses, damage to infrastructure, injuries and deaths. Less than a month later, on Tuesday, May 12th, a second earthquake, registered as a magnitude 7.3, shook the country. Soon after, monsoon season arrived, bringing with it the risk of landslides and flooding in already vulnerable communities. As a result of the earthquakes and subsequent aftershocks, more than 9,000 people were killed and upwards of 20,000 people were injured. According to the UN, an estimated 8 million people were affected across 39 of the country's 75 districts, 3.2 million of whom were children.

In May, Operation USA made a cash grant to Himalayan Healthcare via longtime partner Brother's Brother Foundation, allowing for the local purchase of medical supplies for impacted hospitals. Later that same month, a shipment of donated materials—including medical supplies and equipment, power generators and lighting equipment, hygiene items and shelter materials—was sent to Nepal for distribution by the World Health Organization.

In July, programs staff visited the country to assess needs and meet with communities who were impacted by the disaster. On that trip, OpUSA established ties in a remote community in the Dhading district, where villagers were already working to repair education systems despite very limited resources and support. Marginalized populations in the area, who have faced many obstacles, rely on the local school system to help children learn, grow and thrive. Opportunities to attend school help students who might otherwise fall victim to child labor and trafficking, and the availability of sanitary bathrooms at school lessens stigma around menstruation and keeps girls in attendance.

Despite major logistical challenges, OpUSA has made a commitment to the rural village as so many like it are too often overlooked and underserved due to rough terrain and distance from metropolitan areas. In the months and years ahead, we are dedicated to rebuilding the village school and re-establishing educational programs in the area.



BALANCE SHEET

Balance Sheet via June 30th, 2015
(with complete totals for 2014)



(AKA OPERATION CALIFORNIA, INC)

ASSETS	2015	2014
Current Assets		
Cash	\$1,491,150	\$1,444,551
Accounts Receivable	--	115,000
Inventory (Note A)	3,336,923	6,411,325
Prepaid Expenses	16,597	16,597
Total Current Assets	4,844,670	7,987,473
Equipment (Note A)		
Office furniture and equipment	9,717	9,717
Computer equipment	79,532	79,532
Other equipment and supplies	337,318	337,318
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(88,902)	(88,685)
Total Property & Equipment	337,665	337,882
Other Assets		
Security Deposits	5,800	5,800
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,188,135	\$8,331,155

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$32,814	\$19,830
Total Current Liabilities	32,814	19,830
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	(4,098,435)	750,945
Temporarily Restricted	9,253,756	7,560,380
Total Net Assets	5,155,321	8,311,325
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$5,188,135	\$8,331,155

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Balances For The Year Ended June 30th, 2015
(with comparative totals for 2014)



(AKA OPERATION CALIFORNIA, INC)

SUPPORT & REVENUE	2015			2014
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	
Support				
Contributions – Individuals	\$257,200	\$573,000	\$830,200	\$1,291,298
Contributions – Organizations	55,978	1,120,376	1,176,354	1,449,649
Total Support	313,178	1,693,376	2,006,554	2,740,947
In-Kind Donations (Note A)	12,579,618	--	12,579,618	9,914,649
Revenue				
Interest	405	--	405	405
Other	--	--	--	--
Total Revenue	405	--	405	405
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$12,893,201	\$1,693,376	\$14,586,577	\$12,656,001

EXPENSES

Program	1,713,884	--	1,713,884	1,676,197
Administrative	189,846	--	189,846	193,163
Fundraising	184,830	--	184,830	138,896
In-Kind Contributions (Note A)	15,654,021	--	15,654,021	8,301,492
Total Expenses	\$17,742,581	--	\$17,742,581	\$10,309,748

Increase(Decrease) in Net Assets	(4,849,380)	1,693,376	(3,156,004)	2,346,253
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	750,945	7,560,380	8,311,325	5,965,072
Net Assets, End of Year	\$(4,098,435)	\$9,253,756	\$5,155,321	\$8,311,325

Note: These figures and all activities described in this report cover Operation USA's fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

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MATERIAL AID + SHIPPING REPORT

During the past year, our material aid efforts were dominated by Nepal earthquake recovery. Delivering appropriate supplies to a country as isolated as Nepal, with its feeble infrastructure, frequent airport and road closings, a tenuous relationship with bordering countries, and a government in perpetual turmoil presented major challenges for NGOs and relief organizations. Fortunately, Operation USA was able to send four 40-foot sea containers through Kolkata, India to the World Health Organization, which was leading health care and logistics in the post-earthquake environment.

Operation USA also provided medical equipment and health care supplies to partners worldwide in 2015, including groups in Tanzania, Guatemala, Cambodia, the Philippines, and here in Southern California.

Our warehouse in the Port of Los Angeles is provided to us at no cost by the Los Angeles Port Commission and what has now been six successive mayoral administrations in LA. The 25,000 square foot warehouse is filled with equipment and emergency supplies donated by Kaiser Permanente Health Systems, Cascade Designs, Pelican Products, Helly Hansen, Servicon Systems, Inc., Owens & Minor, and many other companies and health care providers. These donated materials are stored at our warehouse throughout the year before being shipped to disaster areas and in-need communities around the world. Operation USA is also grateful for the long time partnership of United Airlines, as they have provided both passenger and freight air services to us in addition to funds and fundraising support. We thank all partners for making our work possible.





The Ngolos School Community

Dedicated to Rebuilding

When Operation USA staff arrived in the Philippines in November 2013, signs of destruction from Typhoon Haiyan were everywhere. Amidst the rubble, on the road from Tacloban to Guiuan, one sign stood out from the rest: A handwritten note, nailed to a tree, thanked all foreigners for their support. This was our first introduction to the indomitable spirit of the people of Guiuan, where we decided to focus our long-term relief and recovery efforts, and it was the same incredible strength and unwavering kindness of the people of Guiuan that came to be the driving motivation for our project there.

While the Ngolos School is now complete—built by the incredible hard work and dedication of a community that rallied together, despite all of their personal tragedies, to make certain their children had a new school and a chance at a great education—there is still work to be done. Teachers, students, parents, and town leadership have stepped up to offer their time and their skills to make sure the school and its grounds are meticulously maintained, clean and fully equipped with the resources needed to serve the more than 260 students currently in attendance. We are so grateful to these selfless volunteers. The resilience and “team spirit” that exists in Guiuan is truly remarkable, and will ensure the success of our school program there for years to come.

It is a true privilege for OpUSA to be a part of the Ngolos School community, and we offer our sincerest gratitude to all those who continue to contribute to the school’s success. We would like to thank the entire community of Guiuan, the children and teachers at the school, Mayor Gonzales, Former Mayor Annaliza Gonzales Kwan and especially the Villar Family for their ongoing support and dedication.

Every year, in the wake of major disasters around the world, Operation USA relies on the generosity of corporate partners for in-kind donations to bolster our material aid shipments. Pelican Products—the global leader in design and manufacture of both high-performance case solutions and advanced portable lighting systems—has been a consistent supporter of Operation USA’s material aid efforts since 2011. Delivering items such as flashlights and batteries, coolers and medical transport containers, the company has been a critical contributor to our shipments to disaster stricken communities in the Philippines, Nepal, here in the United States, and elsewhere.

Operation USA would like to thank Pelican Products for their ongoing support and unwavering commitment to disaster recovery around the globe. Much of our work would not be possible without the help of such valued corporate partners.



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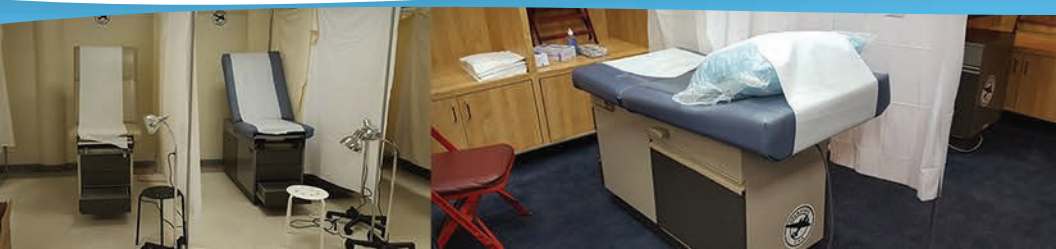


Kaiser-Permanente is Operation USA's largest equipment and disposable medical supply donor. With a heavy concentration of hospitals and clinics in California, KP's facilities regularly contribute medical equipment such as incubators, baby warmers, x-ray equipment, medical and office furniture, disposable medical supplies, and more to Operation USA. As the health care provider has grown rapidly, we are fortunate to have been the company's go-to partner when equipment is being recycled. Operation USA has come to rely on the generosity of Kaiser-Permanente to make many of our programs possible, and communities around the world and right here in Southern California have greatly benefited from their donations.

Every year in Los Angeles, Care Harbor runs a major event providing free medical, dental and vision care to the uninsured, underinsured and underserved in our communities. For those who live without access to the care they need, Care Harbor's clinic events are a destination for help and hope. Operation USA has been a proud contributor to Care Harbor Los Angeles for many years, lending medical equipment and supplies from our warehouse in the Port of Los Angeles to ensure that the annual event has everything it needs to help the thousands of people who turn up to receive everything from dental fillings, extractions and cleanings to eye exams and prescription glasses, from medical evaluations and procedures to immunizations and screenings.

This October, the Care Harbor Los Angeles Clinic took place at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, and Operation USA provided medical equipment and supplies donated by Kaiser-Permanente. The donated items, on loan to the clinic, helped clinic attendees receive medical care before being returned to our warehouse to await distribution to hospitals and clinics in need around the world and here in Southern California.

Operation USA would like to thank Kaiser-Permanente for making this life-changing work possible. We couldn't do it without them.



2016

LOOKING AHEAD

Nepal School Construction and Educational Recovery

The road to recovery will be long and challenging for communities affected by the two major earthquakes that struck Nepal earlier this year. Operation USA will remain committed to the people of the Dhading district as we coordinate the reconstruction of a school facility and support ongoing educational recovery programs.

Youth Connected Communications Initiative

In 2016, Operation USA will launch a new program aimed at uniting and empowering teens from New Orleans, South Dakota and Haiti through a digital storytelling exchange. The program will serve students ages 14-18 who come from underserved communities affected by poverty, violence, disruption of family dynamics and intergenerational trauma. By participating in the program, these students will be given the necessary tools to recover from trauma and build meaningful relationships within their own communities and with other communities facing similar obstacles. They will also develop leadership, communication, and critical thinking skills to help them navigate into adulthood.

Ongoing Program Support

From providing meals to students in Jacmel, Haiti to supplying hospitals and clinics with much-needed medical equipment, Operation USA will continue to support our active programs around the world in 2016.

Global Disaster Response

In a time of so many unprecedented crises, we are faced with overwhelming humanitarian needs around the world. As millions of refugees from Syria, Iraq and Libya make the difficult journey to neighboring countries and on to Europe, the Rohingya community in Myanmar is being decimated by ethnic violence, and communities affected by natural disasters in Afghanistan and Pakistan suffer from a lack of international aid due to ongoing violence. Operation USA has worked in all these countries in the past, and with your support, can continue to do so in the year ahead. We encourage you to increase your annual giving to Operation USA and help us make these programs possible.



OUR MISSION

Operation USA supports health and education programs in order to help children and families at home and abroad recover from disasters and endemic poverty.

OUR VISION

Every day, we strive to meet the needs of underserved and overlooked populations. We place a special focus on youth development programs so that future generations may have the tools they need to create meaningful change in their own communities and lives. Working with partners around the world, we empower communities to recover, build resiliency and thrive in the face of pervasive obstacles during a time of unprecedented global need.



“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice.”

—Nelson Mandela



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