



“Open Your Hearts– Help Save and Rebuild Lives”

UNTHSC Relief Effort

Statistics and Information on Suggested Charities

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF TEAM was founded in 1988, International Relief Teams (IRT) is a nonprofit humanitarian organization dedicated to organizing volunteer teams to provide medical and non-medical assistance to the victims of disaster and profound poverty worldwide. IRT specializes in medical training, surgical outreach, public health and disaster relief. In 2002, 86 teams deployed to Lithuania, Latvia, North Carolina, Mexico, Honduras, West Virginia and Texas; 307 medical and construction volunteers were utilized; 162 medical training teams, involving 673 volunteers, to impart their skills and expertise to local trainers, who now carry on the training of others in their respective countries.

AMERICARES is a disaster relief and humanitarian aid organization, which provides immediate response to emergency medical needs and supports long-term humanitarian assistance programs, for all people around the world, irrespective of race, creed or political persuasion. AmeriCares solicits donations of medicines, medical supplies and other relief materials from U.S. and international manufacturers, and delivers them quickly and efficiently to indigenous health care and welfare professionals in 137 countries around the world. Since its inception in 1982, AmeriCares has delivered more than \$3.5 billion in relief supplies, providing emergency response as well as supporting long-term humanitarian assistance worldwide.

AMERICAN RED CROSS was first organized in 1881 by Clara Barton, the American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and people, guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. The Red Cross is committed to saving lives and easing suffering. Led by one million volunteers and 36,000 employees, the Red Cross annually mobilizes relief to families affected by more than 70,000 disasters, trains almost 12 million people in lifesaving skills and keeps U.S. military families connected worldwide. The Red Cross is the largest supplier of blood and blood products to more than 3,000 hospitals across the nation and also assists victims of international disasters and conflicts at locations worldwide.

SAVE THE CHILDREN was founded in the United States in 1932 as a child-assistance organization to make lasting positive change in the lives of children in need. Today we work in 17 states across the United States as well as in 40 other countries in the developing world to help children and families improve their health, education and economic opportunities. We also mobilize rapid life-support assistance for children and families caught in the tragedies of natural and man-made disasters. Save the Children's unique self-help approach to relief, recovery, and ongoing development has nurtured the seeds of hope for millions of people.

UNITED WAY United Ways across the country bring diverse people and resources together to address the most urgent issues their communities face. Through unique partnerships and approaches, United Ways mobilize resources beyond the dollars that are pledged through their fund-raising efforts. Community partners often include schools, government policy makers, businesses, organized labor, financial institutions, voluntary and neighborhood associations, community development corporations, and the faith community.

Salvation Army Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. With financial donations, The Salvation Army can purchase the necessary items that the disaster victims need at that time. It will also allow The Salvation Army to assess the unique needs of both individuals and families.

Resource Connection In 1995, The Resource Connection of Tarrant County was formed to share resources and solve problems together as a result of the closure of the Fort Worth State School. Believed to be the first of its kind public-private partnership in the nation, the Resource Connection co-locates a wide variety of agencies and services in a campus environment and provides the infrastructure that facilitates customers' access to services.

Humane Society The Humane Society of the United States makes a difference in the lives of animals here at home and worldwide. The HSUS is dedicated to creating a world where our relationship with animals is guided by compassion. We seek a truly humane society in which animals are respected for their intrinsic value, and where the human-animal bond is strong.