Delivering Hope and Health to the Rohingya

In September 2017, a Project C.U.R.E. E. volunteer was vacationing in Europe and would tune into the BBC each evening to hear the latest news. Every night the station aired heartbreaking photos of the Rohingya people fleeing Myanmar’s Rakhine State to reach Bangladesh. More than 700,000 people fled as villages were burned and violence spread. The media spoke of genocide and ethnic cleansing. She had just visited a Holocaust memorial in Berlin and was overwhelmed to think that ethnic cleansing was happening yet again. The refugees were far away and the ability to assist in any way seemed remote.

Then, it occurred to her that Project C.U.R.E. might be able to send a disaster relief container. It was difficult to find a partner that would collaborate with Project C.U.R.E. to deliver the container full of much needed supplies since Bangladesh was experiencing torrential rains and massive flooding. Dr. Douglas Jackson, our President & CEO, suggested partnering with someone who had just returned from the region where the Rohingya refugee camp was located—Cox’s Bazaar. After that, Ruth Sanchez, the Phoenix Executive Director, relentlessly pursued a path to get medical supplies into Bangladesh. After multiple emails and conference calls with the Bangladesh Army and other affiliated nonprofits working in Bangladesh, Project C.U.R.E. partnered with key individuals to solidify and confirm plans to ship the containers.

What appeared unachievable at first, due to delays in shipping the disaster container to the Rohingya, soon became a reality. On August 8 the disaster relief container was loaded. It is now in transit and should arrive in Bangladesh the end of October.

The dream of one volunteer came to life through perseverance, persistence and partnership. Together, we can make more dreams come true! The dreams of one and the dreams for many. To learn more about sponsoring a container, visit https://projectcure.org/deliver-medical-donations.

WALK FOR GHANA | Saturday, October 26, 2019

The Project C.U.R.E. Phoenix Young Professionals Board presents the WALK FOR GHANA, Inaugural 5K Walk. Join us for this fun-filled walk-a-thon to raise funds to deliver a 40’ container filled with medical supplies and equipment to Ghana!

Register today for $25 at https://bit.ly/2VnnyaY. Check-in starts at 7:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 8:30 a.m. Lunch and games begin at 11:30 a.m. All the fun includes African food, dance, and games. Wearing your best multicultural costume is encouraged. The walk will start at Project CURE Phoenix Distribution Center, 2100 W. 14th St., Tempe AZ, 85281. Questions? Contact Freda Sarfo at fsarfo@asu.edu.
What’s Hpping at the Tempe Warehouse?

Congratulations, Arizona team! Thanks to your efforts and that of many generous volunteers and donors, the Phoenix Distribution Center has sent 19 containers to countries around the world since the beginning of the year!

- January 30 - Nigeria
- April 16 - Mali
- May 21 - Zambia
- June 27 - Indonesia
- August 8 - Bangladesh
- August 29 - Guinea
- February 7 - Burundi
- April 25 - DRC
- May 29 - Albania
- July 7 - Nigeria
- August 15 - Cote D’Ivoire
- September 12 - Albania
- May 16 - Cameroon
- May 29 - Philippines
- July 31 - Ethiopia
- August 22 - Dominican Republic
- October 18 - Benin

How You Can Help

Three key factors impact the speed with which the Phoenix Distribution Center is able to load and ship containers. There are two areas where your support will make a huge difference. The third component, arranging delivery with local governments and Customs officials, is handled in our Colorado headquarters.

#1 Donate funds to ship the containers. It costs between $20,000 and $30,000 to deliver a container from the Phoenix Distribution Center to its intended destination. Your ongoing financial support will help to close funding gaps. Currently there are four partially funded containers slated to ship from the Phoenix warehouse. To help us deliver these, donate here [http://bit.ly/DonateToProjectCURE](http://bit.ly/DonateToProjectCURE) or mail a check to Ruth G. Sanchez, Project C.U.R.E. Phoenix Distribution Center, 2100 W. 14th Street, Unit T-3, Tempe, AZ 85821.

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#2 Procure equipment shown in the two lists displayed below. Lack of priority equipment highlighted during Needs Assessments delays the delivery of the medical containers to those who desperately need them, even when the funds have been raised.

Do you know of a hospital or clinic that is updating their equipment? Do you know of a group that would like to work together to fund a priority item or equip a delivery room.

Working together we can deliver health & hope to the world! [https://projectcure.org/procure](https://projectcure.org/procure)