OUR MISSION

The mission of Globus Relief is to improve the delivery of healthcare worldwide by gathering, processing and distributing surplus medical and health supplies to charities at home and abroad.
A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

We look back on 2016 with gratitude and amazement – at the generosity of our donors, the dedication of our partners and the diligence of our employees. Because of the efforts of these and many others, we were able to fulfill our mission to improve the delivery of healthcare worldwide. In particular, in 2016, Globus Relief:

- Partnered with over 220 charity partners worldwide
- Provided aid in 59 countries, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe
- Shipped the equivalent of 64 containers to hundreds of destinations
- Filled more than 1,230 requests for medical & dental aid
- Distributed $36.4 million in supplies, instruments & equipment

Donations were employed to back a full array of humanitarian programs, from suppling clinics in Kosovo, to treating war-weary refugees in Turkey, to medical missions across South America, to vision treatment in Ghana. Domestic and local programs also benefitted – nursing schools, veteran programs, maternity care, community clinics, charitable dental care, homeless support services. And the list continues. Truly we are engaged in a tremendous work.

We cannot say enough of what the support of you, our donors, partners and other stakeholders, has meant to the good Globus Relief provided in 2016 and will yet mean to accomplishing our aim of increasing that impact in the future.

Sincerely,

Ashley Robinson
President & CEO

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WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1996, Globus Relief is an internationally-recognized humanitarian medical resource organization providing aid to hundreds of thousands of people around the world. Working with hundreds of qualified local, national and international charities, corporations, healthcare institutions and governments, Globus Relief has distributed over $1 billion (fair market value) of medical equipment, instruments and supplies to people in need in over 150 countries and territories worldwide. Globus Relief's efficient channeling of surplus, overstocked, gently used, short-dated and other medical goods to partnering charitable organizations helps these organizations reduce overhead costs and focus their time and effort on fulfilling their social missions. In this way, Globus Relief works to improve the financial strength and social effectiveness of numerous charitable organizations every year, while preventing millions of pounds of useable surplus from ending up in landfills and salvage facilities. Enabled by generous donors and volunteers and inspired by a world of need, Globus Relief aims to continue improving the delivery of healthcare worldwide by gathering, processing and distributing surplus medical and health supplies to charities at home and abroad.
THE NEED

Operating rooms and clinics throughout the world tell a shocking story. In one facility in a developing nation, soiled gauze sponges await re-use in the operating room. Gauze sponges like these are manufactured for a single use, but in this hospital they are needed so badly that doctors and nurses wash, dry and re-use them, time after time. Situations like this, and many worse, can be found around the world every single day. Wine bottles are used as catheter drainage bags. Needles, gloves and gauze bandages are washed and re-used. Surgeries are performed using rusty instruments in non-sterile environments. The shortage of supplies is a major hurdle to effective humanitarian intervention; it not only limits the number of people charities can serve, it also forces unsanitary and unsafe practices. It means that dedicated volunteers and relief workers at charities worldwide are unable to help all those who need their attention, simply because they lack the necessary supplies.

THE OPPORTUNITY

While healthcare programs around the world, and even in our own communities, struggle to meet the most basic needs of patients, hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of viable medical supplies are shipped to local landfills every year or sit idle on warehouse shelves. In the course of normal business, any company will confront inventory management challenges. Medical supplies, vitamins and other health-related goods are often discarded for reasons unrelated to their usefulness. Perhaps packaging is damaged, labels are printed inaccurately or branded goods become the casualty of an acquisition or merger. Expensive medical equipment and machines are frequently discarded as U.S. hospitals and care centers upgrade to provide the highest standards of care. This surplus costs American businesses tens of millions of dollars each year in wasted warehouse space, disposal fees and transportation fees. Beyond that, the environmental and human costs of such waste are incalculable.

THE SOLUTION

Globus Relief creates a reliable humanitarian supply chain, redirecting America’s medical and health surplus from overflowing landfills to the people who need it most. We provide an efficient supply source for charities to operate hospitals, clinics, orphanages, refugee camps or disaster relief projects around the world and in our own community. Globus Relief supplies enable charities to reduce overhead costs and serve more people in need. Simultaneously, manufacturers, distributors and hospitals dealing with surplus product can find an inventory solution and meaningful humanitarian impact through Globus Relief. Unique processing capabilities enable us to accept mixed donations that most other charities find difficult to process. We have developed systems that enable us to adhere strictly to donor restrictions and to provide comprehensive reporting on the ultimate use of donated supplies.
2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

BY THE NUMBERS

- 221 charity partners
  - 127 local & community partners
  - 74 medical mission partners
  - 20 large international partners
- 1,231 orders shipped
  - 887 domestic orders
  - 334 international orders
- The equivalent of 64 containers of medical resources
- 103 humanitarian project types
- 59 countries & territories
  - 54 developing countries
  - Representing 47% of the world’s population
- $36.2 million in donations received
- $36.4 million in aid provided
- 1,009 volunteer hours donated

COUNTRIES SERVED


MAJOR HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS SERVED

Animal Services & Welfare  Assisted & Independent Living Services  Boy Scout/Eagle Scout Projects  Clinics – Dental, Medical, Mobile, Vision, Veteran  Community Health Centers  Community Development Programs  Community Preparedness  Dental and Health Facilities  Dental Services & Care  Disability & Low Income Services  Disaster Relief  Educational Clinics & Programs – Dental, Nursing  Emergency Preparedness & Response  Fire Departments  Food Banks & Hygiene Kits  Health & Care Fairs  Health Education Programs  Homeless Support Services  Hospitals – General, Children’s  Hospital/Clinic Facility Upgrades  Maternity Care & Programs  Medical & Dental Vocations Training  Medical Services & Care – General, Emergency, Geriatric, Pediatric, Pharmaceutical, Respiratory  Missions – Dental, Medical, Pediatric, Vision  Neuro Rehabilitation Center  Refugee Care  Schools – Dental Hygiene, Nursing  School Nurse Supplies  Special Education Programs  Surgical Missions – Facial Reconstruction, Ophthalmic, Orthopedic, Pediatric, Urological  Sustainability Programs  Veteran Programs  Youth Programs
GLOBUS RELIEF CELEBRATES 20 YEARS
HERE’S TO
20 YEARS OF GOOD
AND COUNTING

In December 2016, Globus Relief officially turned 20 years old. In the 20 years since its founding, Globus Relief’s focus on improving healthcare worldwide has had tremendous impact in the lives of people all over the world, including:

Over $1 billion (retail value) in aid distributed
More than 850 charity partners
154 countries & territories, representing
  89% of the world’s population
  118 developing countries
  13 territories & non-country areas
12,000+ humanitarian projects worldwide
175,000+ volunteer hours donated
16+ million pounds of product saved from local landfills
4.8+ million items processed annually
Administrative ratio below 3%
Countless lives touched

BE AN INFLUENCE IN THE CHANGE FOR GOOD FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS. DONATE TODAY.

The Widow’s Mite: The Story Behind the Globus Relief Logo

The Globus Relief logo is a modern representation of the Roman coin made famous in the story from the life of Jesus Christ. The word “mite” comes from a Flemish word denoting something extremely small in value. It was used by translators of the King James Version of the Holy Bible to emphasize the monetary insignificance of the widow’s contribution. Although her gift was small, the New Testament makes it clear that the widow’s pure generosity transformed her gift into a thing of significance and importance. The story serves to remind us that no matter our circumstances, we all have something to give.

In the Globus Relief logo, the two stalks of wheat represent basic human needs common to all of our human family, and provide the basis for the humanitarian service we render. The flame represents the eternal light of hope that all mankind might live fulfilling lives, and suggests the illuminating example one person can give in serving others. The five circles at the bottom represent the five key elements necessary to influence effective involvement in sustainable humanitarian services - Culture & Leadership, Economy & Agriculture, Environment, Human Needs & Education and Primary Healthcare. Our core competency in which we focus our humanitarian efforts is Primary Healthcare.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2016

ASSETS
Current assets
• Cash & cash equivalents 372,978
• Accounts receivable 238,522
• Allowance for doubtful accounts --
• Inventories 58,566,573
• Prepaid expenses 51,509
• Investments 6,942
Total current assets $59,236,524

Fixed assets, net 119,738

Total assets $59,356,262

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS
Current liabilities
• Accounts payable 160,184
• Accrued liabilities 135,274
• Line of Credit --
Total current liabilities $295,458

Net assets
• Unrestricted $59,055,724
• Temporarily restricted 5,080
• Permanently restricted --
• Total net assets $59,060,804

Total liabilities & net assets $59,356,262

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Globus Relief far exceeds the standards set by Charity Navigator, the largest independent charity evaluator in the U.S., in terms of its financial efficiency, financial stability and working capital. Zero long-term debt and an average debt ratio (liabilities to assets) of 2.3% over the past ten years are just two examples of Globus Relief’s financial liquidity and stability. And with administrative and fundraising expenses both below 1%, under Globus’ unique business model, donors can know 100% of donations go directly to humanitarian programs.

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*All Charity Navigator references are for Humanitarian Relief Supply organizations. Rating scale retrieved July 2017.
Globus Relief believes in transparency and accountability in all matters of business, including finances. We pride ourselves in maintaining transparency in our financial records and responsibility in our fiscal decisions. Our financial integrity, one of our core values, is one of many reasons we continue to receive Charity Navigator’s highest, 4-star rating year after year.

We take seriously our responsibility to donors, partners and the public to be judicious stewards of the funds and materials made available to us. In 2016, we kept administrative and development costs to 1.3% of our total budget while distributing $36.4 million worth of humanitarian aid. Wise management of our financial resources enables us to help more people, which is the real bottom line.

Your tax-deductible contribution will be used in compliance with Section 170(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and supports Globus Relief’s non-profit public charity 501(c)(3) tax-exempt purposes. If you need further information about the eventual humanitarian use of your contribution, please contact us or consider visiting our warehouse for a tour.
DONORS

Acquiring medical equipment, instruments and supplies is the first step in Globus Relief’s dynamic distribution process. We team up with other non-profit charities to distribute donations to assist their worldwide healthcare projects. Once Globus Relief has acquired donations we move them through a systematic process. Our distribution system has built-in controls which enable us to protect our donors from market erosion and product diversion. Received donations go through a streamlined process that permits us to distribute medical equipment and supplies accurately and efficiently.

Donations are critical to Globus Relief’s success in supporting healthcare projects. Cash donations aid us by defraying the cost of handling and processing product donations. Globus Relief applies all cash donations to support humanitarian projects; zero dollars are applied to administrative costs.

Globus Relief simplifies in-kind product donations by:

- Covering transportation costs from donor to our warehouse.
- Assuring equipment meets manufacturer’s specifications for quality and usability before being sent out.
- Tracking donations from receipt to the final user.
- Ensuring distribution of donations to qualified charities and healthcare projects around the world.

You Can Make a Difference

There continues to be high demand for medical supplies, instruments and equipment from the non-profit charities we support. The donations these charities receive are vital to physicians’ capabilities to perform life-saving procedures. We also continue use donations of disposable medical supplies to aid in disaster and other relief efforts. Many of Globus Relief’s donors are interested in receiving reports or photos to illustrate their company’s humanitarian efforts. They recognize their donations often act as life-saving tools for hundreds of thousands worldwide.

Appeal to Donors

We are committed as an organization to provide valuable service and efficiency to all of our donors. The lives of those receiving donations will be impacted forever. Many of those individuals will never know who helped them in their time of need. Globus Relief is devoted to helping others, not because we have to but because we want to.

Because of Globus Relief’s unique social enterprise business model, 100% of your donation will be used to directly impact humanitarian projects and partners. In addition, because of Globus Relief’s tremendous ability to leverage cash donations to do more good, each dollar donated has the potential of being converted into well over $20 worth of humanitarian impact. Your tax-deductible gift, multiplied in this way, becomes even more far-reaching and life-saving.
CHARITY PARTNERS

Since its founding, Globus Relief has relied on partner charities to distribute its medical supplies, instruments and equipment to underserved populations across the world. Together we have provided medical equipment, instruments and supplies to recipients in over 150 countries and territories and have impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of individuals worldwide.

International Partners
The majority of Globus Relief’s humanitarian donations are distributed internationally through our partnership with large international relief organizations. We provide high-quality bulk resources in a simple and cost-effective manner, shipping customer-built container-sized orders of aid from our warehouse to disaster relief and ongoing development programs across the world. Our Logistics team also lends support and advice on shipping, customs and logistics.

We also provide unique support to medical mission teams performing cleft lip, cleft palate, orthopedic, dental and other life-changing surgeries in communities around the world. Preparing the needed supplies – from anesthesia to instruments to suture – for medical mission trips is a complicated and costly task often left to volunteers. Globus Relief assists with product procurement, packing and shipping from one central location. This reduces cost and simplifies logistics for these surgical missions, translating into more supplies, more surgeries and more lives changed.

In 2016, Globus Relief provided $35.3 million worth of medical equipment, instruments and supplies to 94 international and medical mission charity partners.

Domestic and Local Partners
While the majority of donations are shipped to humanitarian projects overseas, supporting charities in our own community and in other areas throughout the U.S. remains a crucial part of our mission. By working with domestic and local partners, Globus Relief products serve vulnerable populations including children, the elderly, the disabled, the homeless, the uninsured and even animals. Also, because these charities’ budget dollars go further by sourcing medical resources from Globus Relief, they are able do more good and focus on doing what they do best: helping people in need. We salute these organizations’ tireless efforts to improve quality of life for their neighbors.

In 2016, Globus Relief provided $1.1 million worth of medical equipment, instruments and supplies to 127 domestic and local charity partners.
2016 CHARITY PARTNERS

Local and Domestic Charity Partners

4 The Solution
4th Street Clinic
Ability First
Ability Foundation
Active Re-Entry Independent Living
Adopt-A-Native Elder Program
Affect Change Inc. (dba) Carebox Program
Ahia Development Union USA
American Preparatory/Utah Charter Academy
Blind Surgery Center
Best Friends Animal Sanctuary
Bethesda Free Clinic
Blanca’s House
Boncom
Builders without Borders of Utah
BYU Conferences & Workshops
Cache Valley/Bear Lake Community Health Center
Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center
Casa El Buen Samaritano
City of Herriman
City of Midvale CBC
Classy Smiles, Inc.
Clinique Oliva/Reformed Church in America
Community AIDS Welfare Society
Community Dental Center
Community Health Centers, Inc., Midvale
Community Health Centers, Inc., Central City
Community Health Centers, Inc., Ratcliffe
Community Health Centers, Inc., 72nd Street Clinic
Community Nursing Services
Comunidades Unidas
Crossroads Health Education Center
Davis Applied Technology College
Davis County Health Department
Davis School District
Deskan Institute & Training, Inc.
Division of Services for People with Disabilities
Doctors’ Volunteer Clinic
Dual Immersion Academy
East Cape Community Urgent Care Clinic
Emory University School Of Medicine
Faces of Tomorrow
Family Dental Plan
Federation De Mexicanos Unidos En Utah
Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine
Friends For Sight
Friends of Community, Cats Rescue
Friends of the Americas Foundation
Garland Fire Department
Global ENT Outreach
Granite School District
Granite School District GTI, Health Sciences
Granite School District GTI, Dental Assisting
Granite School District GTI, Medical Assisting
Green River Medical/Dental Center
Harvest Food and Outreach Center
Heartland Skilled Nursing
Hillcrest High School (Canyons School District)
Hillside Health Care International
Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Hope Clinic
Hope of Africa
House of Prayer Leadership Team
Indigenous Lenses
Intermountain Healthcare
International Rescue Committee
International Surgical Missions
International Volunteers in Urology
Issa Trust Foundation
Jordan Academy for Technology and Careers
Junior League of Salt Lake City
LDS Bishop Orders
LEAP Foundation
Malilhe Free Clinic
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
Master’s Peace Clinic of Hope
Medical Charities of Tennessee
Millard County Ambulance
Mountainlands Applied Technology College
Mountainslands Community Health Center
MPO USA
Northwest Haiti Christian Mission
Nuzzles and Company (Friends of Animals Utah)
Odyssy House
Options for Independence
PCM Medical Clinic
People’s Health Clinic
Pocatello Free Clinic
Polynesian Youth Civic Association of Utah
Primary Children’s Medical Center
ProHealth Rural Health Services, Inc.
Project Reality
Provo Fire & Rescue
Reach Out of Montgomery County
Reach The Children, Inc.
Rescue Mission of Salt Lake City
Riverdale Fire Department
Road Home
Rock River Free Clinic
Rotaplast International, Inc.
Salt Lake City School District
Salt Lake City School District, ATE Department
Salt Lake City School District, Homeless Education
Salt Lake City School District, Nursing Services
Salt Lake City VA Fisher House
Salt Lake Community College, EMT
Salt Lake Community College, Public Safety
Salt Lake County Aging Services
Salt Lake County Animal Services
Salt Lake Donated Dental Services
Salt Lake Education Foundation
Salt Lake Valley Health Department, South East
Salt Lake Valley Health Department, South Main
Sarah Daft Home
Smiles for Central America
South Summit School District
St. Olaf Catholic Church
St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy
Sunshine Terrace Foundation
The Stable Place
Tiny Tim’s Foundation
Tooele Applied Technology College
Tooele County Health Department
Tooele County School District
Tracy Avary
Uintah Basin Applied Technology College
University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Dentistry
University of Utah, Birth Care Healthcare
University of Utah, John A. Moran Eye Center
University of Utah Hospital
Urban Indian Center
Utah AIDS Foundation
Utah Assistive Technology Program
Utah Center for Assistive Technology
Utah Dental Hygienists’ Association
Utah Emergency Medical Training Council
Utah Healthcare Institute
Utah Independent Living Center
Utah Non Profit Housing Corporation
Utah Partners for Health
Utah Youth Federation
Utah Zoological Society/Hogle Zoo
Volunteers of America
Wayne Community Health Center
Weber State University, Athletics
Weber State University, Emergency Care and Rescue
Westminster College of Nursing
Women of the World
World Pediatric Project
XTAN Medical Aid
YouthLinc

International Partners

Ability Foundation
Academy of LDS Dentists
Ahiaara Development Union USA
Alliance For Smiles
Association of Nigerian Physicians
Blanca’s House
Bloom: Organization/Hospital
Builders without Borders of Utah
BYU Nursing
Cardiostart International
Charity Anywhere
Charity Vision
Children of Peace International
Choice Humanitarian
Christian Aid Ministries
Christian Health Service Corps
Clinique Oliva/Reformed Church in America
Cross Mission Club
Deseret International Foundation
Deskan Institute & Training, Inc.
Division of Services for People with Disabilities
East Cape Community Urgent Care Clinic
Face To Face
Facades of Tomorrow
Federation De Mexicanos Unidos En Utah
FEDES
Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine
Free Wheelchair Mission
Friends of Haiti, Inc.
Global Brigades
Global Burn Care Reconstructive Institute
Global ENT Outreach
Global Initiative for Better Health
Global Smile Foundation
Haiti Health Initiative
Hands of Hope Ministry, Inc.
HART Humanitarian Aid Response Team
HART International
Heal Child Skin Disease Foundation
Healing the Children, Rocky Mountains Chapter
Healing the Children, Southwest Chapter
Health Care Volunteers International
Hillside Health Care International
Hirsche Smiles Foundation
Hope Alliance
Human Outreach Project
Hungry For Life International
IASK
International Surgical Missions
International Volunteers in Urology
Islamic Medical Association of North America
Islamic Relief Canada
Islamic Relief UK
Islamic Relief USA
Islamic Relief Worldwide
Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil
Kenya Partners
LDS Bishop Orders
LDS Humanitarian Center
LEAP Foundation
Life for Relief and Development
Medical Charities of Tennessee
Medical Ministry International
Medical Missions Foundation
Mexico Medical Missions
Mission Fijí
Missoula Medical Aid
MPO USA
Northwest Haiti Christian Mission
Operation Rainbow
Operation Smile
Operation Walk Utah
Project Perfect World
Reach The Children, Inc.
Rising Star Outreach
Rotaplast International, Inc.
Rotary Club of Milcreek
Saving Mothers
Smiles for Central America
Solid Rock International
Surgecos International
Teaching More
The Bates Foundation
The Healing Hands Foundation
The Zahra Charity
Una Mano Amiga
United Muslim Relief
University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Dentistry
University of Utah, Division of Otolaryngology
Utah Valley University, Ataoa Family Foundation
Wecare Mission, Inc.
Westminster College of Nursing
World of Assist
World Pediatric Project
XTAN Medical Aid
Youth Making a Difference
Zakat Foundation of America
FROM THE FIELD

A NEW VISION
Bolivia, Honduras, Mexico, Peru

It isn’t always easy to retire only to then continue working for free, but that is exactly what Dr. Ron Snow, an ophthalmologist volunteer with Medical Ministry International (MMI) is doing. Upon his retirement, Dr. Snow sold his practice, including all related equipment and instruments. He soon found in his volunteer work with MMI that not all of the mission trips in which he would participate were able to provide the specialized instruments he needs to perform cataract surgery. Dr. Snow explained, “A couple of years ago, after considerable searching, and in answer to prayers, I was steered to Globus Relief.” At Globus, he was able to obtain reconditioned instruments to execute these surgeries as well as new instruments donated by Bausch & Lomb. Together, these completed two MSICS instrument sets.

Since obtaining these instruments, Dr. Snow’s involvement with MMI has been prolific. In February 2016, Dr. Snow went on a two-week ophthalmology mission trip to Sucre, Bolivia. MMI volunteers examined 4,044 patients. Of those screened, 6 children and 213 adults required surgical intervention, 196 of which resulted in the removal of cataracts. Dr. Snow himself performed 33 cataract and 16 pterygium surgeries. Dr. Snow participated in another mission trip in May 2016, this time to Nuevo Casas Grande, Mexico. During this one-week trip, he removed 34 cataracts and 15 pterygia and repaired one wound. Other 2016 trips would include Peru, Honduras and a return to Mexico. In these trips, Dr. Snow used the two sets of MSICS instruments. “The instruments from Bausch & Lomb, plus the previously received instruments from Globus Relief...were well used and greatly appreciated,” said Dr. Snow. Thank you, Dr. Snow, for bringing new vision to many.

HEALING WOUNDS
Bondo, Kenya

Daniel had a huge growth over one eye when Ralph and Linda Bartholomew first met him in Bondo, Kenya. They also met a young woman who was blind as a result of cataracts. Both had needed medical intervention long before this moment. Sadly, because of the passage of time and the advancement of their respective diseases, neither could be helped. Daniel’s illness had taken over his entire body, and the visiting volunteer medical personnel did not have the expertise or instruments required to remove the young woman’s cataracts. Daniel passed away soon after the Bartholomew’s visit while the young woman continues to struggle with lack of sight.

Ralph and Linda arrived in Kenya through the guidance of Foundation Stone Ministries, which operate an orphanage in Bondo and with the help of their local church, The Way International. Bondo and its surrounding communities are made up of about 30,000 Kenyans, many of whom live in the expansive countryside, also known as the bush. In this rural setting, medical care is rarely available, and if it is to be found, it is beyond the economic means of most of the surrounding residents. Because of
this, healthcare is often not given much priority, even by those who need it most.

During their time in Bondo, Ralph and Linda helped out in a medical clinic generally treating wounds that had been ignored. They knew the mission trip may bring difficulties their way but did not expect to feel so helpless as they worked tirelessly to treat thousands of wounds. With the supplies they brought, they were able to treat over 2,500 patients, including a woman with leprosy. Another woman with elephantitis had long had open wounds that had not received treatment. The wounds were festering and she had been told her leg would have to be amputated. With the much-needed supplies, her leg was saved. This is just one story of many that benefitted from treatment, but for Ralph and Linda it is a double-edged sword. They know that their presence and the vital supplies they brought made a difference in so many lives, yet the first thing Ralph will say is, “There are still so many that we can’t help.”

NEUROPLASTIC CHANGE
Marrakech, Morocco

Jalal, 6 years old, came to The Moulay Ali Institute for Rehabilitation (MAIR) with damage to his brachial plexus significantly affecting his arm and hand on the left side. As a result, Jalal was not permitted in pre-school last year. The brachial plexus is a group of nerves that control the muscles of the shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, and deliver feeling in the arm. If this group of nerves is damaged, signals to and from the brain may stop, resulting in the muscles of the arm and hand working improperly and causing loss of feeling in the area.

MAIR, located in Marrakech, Morocco, was created by the Zahra Charity and has the mission to provide access to neurological rehabilitative care for people suffering from traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, stroke, tumors, cerebral palsy and infections affecting the central nervous system. Recognizing that there was a severe deficit of neuro-rehabilitation care in Morocco, the Zahra Charity remodeled an existing building to house MAIR in August 2015.

Soon after their opening, Jalal and his mom began traveling 90 minutes one way, three times per week, to receive therapy. The therapists applied the principals of constraint-induced therapy, a technique that encourages neuroplasticity by encouraging the patient into using the affected limb as if it were still 100% healthy. For Jalal, therapists began using activities that were fun, and that would interest him, thus improving the
chances for “neuroplastic change” to take place. Before Jalal came to MAIR, he could not tie his shoelaces. When Jalal and his mother left from his last therapy appointment at the end of May 2016, not only could Jalal tie his shoelaces, but he could also move his arm in all directions, reach for items above his head and grasp objects with improved strength. After his successful recovery at MAIR, Jalal was able to return school in the fall as a full and active participant.

SEEKING REFUGE

Refugee Aid Sites, Syria & Turkey

Civil war in Syria has led to one of the greatest refugee crises of our time. Current estimates place the number of Syrian refugees at nearly 5 million and that of internally displaced Syrian residents at another 6.6 million. Fully half of these are children. Most of the 5 million fleeing Syria remain in the Middle East – in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt. Of these, Turkey has received the greatest portion of refugees at over 2.6 million.

Refugees are a highly vulnerable population. They are at increased risk of becoming ill, malnourished, abused or exploited. Millions of children have been forced to quit school. Millions more have gone to work for pittance wages. Adults and children alike are suffering from injuries and illnesses caused by the crossfire of war or the crossing of borders. The need for medical supplies to treat the sick and wounded remains high in refugee camps and amongst the urban refugees living in surrounding communities. Medical facilities inside Syria also regularly report urgent and ongoing needs for medicines, supplies and equipment.

In 2016, Globus Relief teamed up with partners Islamic Relief USA and ANSAGIAD, a local Turkish NGO based in Ankara, to help address these ongoing medical needs. Coordination began in February, as ANSAGIAD engaged with relevant medical advisors in Syria and with refugee communities and government agencies in Turkey to determine the extent of the need. In April, Globus Relief shipped 12 containers with over $5 million in medical supplies and equipment, from bandages and burn care products, to wheelchairs, to surgical equipment and instruments. Local Islamic Relief and ANSAGIAD workers coordinated with hospitals, community leaders, governments, camp clinics and other local associations and point-of-use locations to ensure timely and organized delivery of the aid to Turkish refugee camps, private and public hospitals, and Syrian medical facilities and refugee camps. These materials have made a difference in the lives of the refugees as well as for the charities that serve them: a demonstration of human civility in the face of civil unrest.
Each year, volunteers provide a valuable and valued service at Globus Relief. Volunteers support our mission in countless ways, from sorting donated medical product in our warehouse to lending expertise on marketing, design, logistics and IT in our front office. Groups and individuals of all ages and backgrounds volunteer with us. We welcome corporate giving programs and social groups as well as schools, church groups and individuals. No matter the size of the group, every volunteer hour donated makes a difference in improving healthcare worldwide.

Globus Relief particularly thanks the students of Brigham Young University for their service in 2016.
HOW YOU CAN HELP

Product Donations
Product donations are the most effective way to make a difference to Globus Relief. Donations of a broad range of medical and health-related items can be put to efficient use. In addition, we encourage non-medical donations that can be used to fund humanitarian programs and operating costs. Our staff is happy to assist with arranging pick-up and transportation of any in-kind donations.

Cash Donations
We keep our costs lean and multiply every dollar into many times that value in humanitarian supplies. Donations can be made online via multiple payment options, over the phone, in person or by U.S. mail. We invite donors and interested parties to tour our warehouse and see our process in action any time.

Volunteer
Volunteers at our Salt Lake City facility improve the efficiency with which we can gather, process and redistribute supplies to charities. We have a variety of projects to accommodate different volunteer group sizes, ages, skill levels and interests.

Spread the Word
Your words are powerful. Whether in person or by social media, invite others to partner, donate or volunteer with us by spreading the word about Globus Relief’s mission and impact.
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