

How can I help?

*Humankind has not woven the web of life.
We are but one thread within it.
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.
All things are bound together. All things connect.
~ Chief Seattle*

Donations:

According to the National Donations Strategy, the most effective guidelines for sending in-kind donations to disaster victims are:

1. Contributions of Cash — Often the Best Donation

Monetary contributions allow the professional relief organizations to purchase exactly what is most urgently needed by disaster victims and to pay for the transportation necessary to distribute the supplies.

2. Confirm the Need

Exactly what is needed can be confirmed by checking with a relief organization on site at the disaster, or by calling the FEMA 800 number or a state 800 donations number set up specifically to provide such information in the emergency. Only provide the requests associated with the needs list which is current and appropriate for the victims being served.

3. Donate Through an Organization

Before starting a collection of supplies to send to a disaster site, it is essential to locate a reliable relief organization willing to receive and distribute the shipment of donated goods at the disaster site.

4. Donated Items Must be Well Packed and Labeled

Specific content lists should be taped to the side of each box sent. Additionally, food items should be boxed according to instructions provided by the organization with whom the donor is working.

Volunteers:

Volunteers are always needed when disasters occur. Any relief organization which uses volunteers will have a formal arrangement planned to utilize individuals. Plan ahead to attend training sessions and keep informed of volunteer opportunities. In a disaster, the volunteer center in your community maintains a list of where volunteers are needed, by what agency, and handles all of the sign-up procedures. Response and recovery work is often dirty, monotonous, mundane and far from glamorous. Very little individual recognition is noted. Volunteers should be committed to work under such conditions and fit within plans coordinated by the volunteer agencies.

*“Thanks to generous, well-informed and involved individuals like you,
relief organizations can make a real difference in the world.”*

AMERICAN RED CROSS

www.redcross.org

To give Blood: 1-800-GIVE LIFE

To make a Donation: 1-800-HELP NOW

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Call 1-800 HELP NOW or visit the online donation system. If you are experiencing problems while donating online, it is due to extremely heavy volume on our Web site. Please try again later in the week or call our 800 number.

Spanish toll free number: 1-800-257-7575

To Give Blood:

Call 1-800 GIVE LIFE, or call America's Blood Centers at 1-888-BLOOD-88 to schedule an appointment, or contact your local hospital or health care system to find out how you may donate elsewhere. As you might imagine, it is currently very difficult to get through on a phone line. Please be patient and attempt your call later in the week.

New Volunteers:

The Red Cross has thousands of trained volunteers ready to respond to disasters throughout the country. If you want to become trained in Red Cross Disaster Services, please contact your local Chapter later in the week to help reduce current volume, which is extremely high.

AMERICARES FOUNDATION
www.americares.org
161 Cherry St.
New Canaan, CT 06840
Call 1-800-486-HELP

AmeriCares is the nonprofit international disaster relief and humanitarian aid organization, which provides immediate response to emergency medical needs—and supports long-term healthcare programs—for people around the world, irrespective of race, creed or political persuasion.

AmeriCares is currently staging medical teams and assembling disaster relief modules to assist in the aftermath of the horrific attack on the United States. The relief modules which consist of bandages, gauze, tape, disinfectants, casting materials and other essential medical products are currently on their way to Sikorsky Airport. Once at Sikorsky, the relief module and an AmeriCares medical relief team will load a blackhawk helicopter and be transported to a landing pad on the east side of Manhattan.

AmeriCares has also created a fund to aid the victims of this attack on the United States. Donors can call 1.800.486.4357 or log onto www.americares.org to contribute to the “Aid for Terrorist Attack Victims.”

AMERICAN RESCUE TEAM INTERNATIONAL
www.amerrescue.org
P.O. Box 489
Alameda, CA 94501
Tel/Fax: 510-523-5493

The American Rescue Team E.P.R.C, is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization which works worldwide. Our main rescue activities are tunneling, Life locating, Urban Heavy Rescue. The American Rescue Team E.P.R.C (Earthquake Preparedness & Rescue of California), was legally incorporated after our participation in the Mexican Earthquake in 1985. At international disasters we were called the ‘American Rescue Team’, the name stuck. The main purpose of the organization is to save lives in collapsed structures. We have participated in 79 disaster events and have tunnelled in more than 700 collapsed buildings.

In light of recent World Disasters and ARTI efforts to save lives and reduce suffering, ARTI is setting up a fund in order to enhance their rescue and disaster relief efforts. Currently ARTI is funded through private donations and Rescue Volunteers often pay for their own expenses and gear. At times of disaster Volunteers scramble and to get on site of the disaster and saving lives becomes the primary focus. When possible, airlines have provided transport of rescue teams. To better help response time and give ARTI the ability to do what we do best, we are asking for your support in building a relief fund for disasters.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA
www.catholiccharities.org
Catholic Charities USA, Disaster Relief
P.O. Box 25168
Alexandria, VA 22313-9788
Credit card donations can be made by
calling 1-800-919-9338

Catholic Charities USA is receiving financial donations to help with disaster relief following yesterday's tragic events in New York, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania.

Catholic Charities USA has been commissioned by the U.S. Catholic bishops to represent the Catholic community in times of domestic disaster. Our Disaster Response Office connects the Church's social service agencies and disaster planning offices across the nation.

We regret that Catholic Charities USA is unable to accept contributions of food, clothing, blankets and other relief supplies.

CHRISTIAN DISASTER RESPONSE
www.amerrescue.org
“National Relief Fund”
P.O. Box 3339
Winterhaven, FL 33885
To volunteer call 1-800-551-9554

In the event of a domestic disaster, Christian Disaster Response will respond in cooperation with the Salvation Army and other National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) agencies. CDR provides disaster assistance through local churches and agencies in the affected area at the request of churches, offering initial on-site disaster assessment, emergency food service, “in-kind donations” of disaster recovery supplies, advocacy for disaster victims (elderly—poor—minorities), and home repair or rebuilding.

DIRECT RELIEF
www.directrelief.org
Direct Relief International
27 S. La Patera Ln.
Santa Barbara, CA 93117
Tel: 805-964-4767 / Fax: 805-681-4838
Call 1-800 676-1638 To Help

Direct Relief is a non-profit medical assistance organization based in Santa Barbara, California. For more than fifty years, we have been sending shipments of medical supplies and equipment worldwide to help the victims of civil unrest, natural disasters and chronic poverty.

Mission:

The mission of Direct Relief International is to provide appropriate assistance to health institutions and health projects which serve the poor and victims of natural and civil disasters, without regard to political affiliation, religious belief, ethnic identity or ability to pay.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

www.lwr.org
700 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
Tel: 410-230-2700 / Fax: 410-230-2882

In response to the national disaster, Lutherans have joined other churches in establishing an emergency response unit in New Windsor, Maryland, to provide pastoral counseling, care for children and aviation disaster assistance.

If you would like to make a contribution and for further information, please visit either the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Domestic Disaster page: <http://www.elca.org/dcs/disaster/>
Or LCMS World Relief: <http://worldrelief.lcms.org/>
Or Church World Service: <http://www.cwserp.org/>

Note: Please do not send money or donations for this crisis to Lutheran World Relief, whose emergency programs are overseas.

MERCY CORPS, TRAUMA COUNSELING

www.mercycorps.org
Mercy Corps, U.S. Emergency Fund
Department W
P.O. Box 2669
Portland, OR 97208
Tel: 800-292-3355 x250
To donate call 1-800-852-2100

Mercy Corps is a not-for-profit organization that exists to alleviate suffering, poverty, and oppression by helping people build secure, productive, and just communities. The agency now operates in more than 25 countries reaching 4 million people worldwide.

Mercy Corps is providing trauma counseling and scholarship funds for children who have lost parents. You can help by making a cash contribution.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

www.nert-usa.org
RR 1 #2230 Albion Road/Route 202
Unity, Maine 04988
Tel: 207-948-3499 / Fax: 207-948-3505
To volunteer or give material donations, call 207-948-3499

The heart response by thousands of Americans is to reach out when others are in need. Many people routinely, and without hesitation, open their hearts to those in need. However, too many days often pass before relief services reach an area hit by disaster. The result of "People Helping People" and technology working in partnership is emergency service where you need them, when you need them. NERT is committed to the establishment of independent and joint ventures to conceive, develop and implement disaster response services and educational programs that coordinate publicly available resources during a crisis situation.

OPERATION USA

www.opusa.org
8320 Melrose Avenue, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90069
Tel: 323-658-8876 / Fax: 323-653-7846
Donors and Volunteers 1-800-678-7255

Mission Statement:

Operation USA assists developing communities in the United States and abroad in addressing problems relating to natural and man-made disasters and chronic poverty through the creation of sustainable health, nutrition and disaster response programs. We provide essential materials, training and advocacy, and financial support for these programs.

THE PHOENIX SOCIETY FOR BURN SURVIVORS

www.phoenix-society.org
2153 Wealthy Street SE #215
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(800) 888-BURN (2876)

Mission

The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, Inc. is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to uplift and inspire anyone affected by the devastation of a burn injury through peer support, education, collaboration and advocacy. For over 25 years, the Phoenix Society has been connecting burn survivors and their families with resources to assist them in their recovery process. The Society was founded by Alan Breslau who was extensively burned in the crash of a commercial airliner in 1963. Following a visit to a child at a local burn center, Alan realized the importance of peer support for those with burn injuries and went on to establish one of the first burn support organizations in the United States. The Phoenix Society takes its name from the legendary bird that lives 500 years and is consumed by flame, but rises again, reborn from its ashes, more brilliant than before. The Society's vision is to assure all burn survivors have access to the necessary support to fully recover from their burn injury and go on to live productive lives. Please Contact Us Regarding Donation Information. (800) 888-BURN (2876)

SALVATION ARMY

www.salvationarmy-usaeast.org

Salvation Army USA East Territorial

Headquarters

440 West Nyack Road

P.O. Box 635

West Nyack, NY 10994-1739

Tel: 845-620-7200 / Fax: 845-620-7766

The Salvation Army's emergency food and aid vehicles and personnel have been on-site at the World Trade Center area assisting victims and emergency personnel. Additionally, mobile emergency centers are at the plane crash site in Somerset County, Penn., and every Salvation Army emergency canteen, along with hundreds of counselors and social workers throughout the north eastern United States and Canada, are on call to serve victims, families, friends, and rescue workers 24 hours a day.

UNITED WAY OF AMERICA

www.national.unitedway.org

701 N. Fairfax Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314-2045

Tel: 1-703-836-7100

To donate to the United Way fund to help the victims of Tuesday's attacks and their families, call (212) 251-4035

On September 11, 2001, America was hit with the worst strike of terrorism in history. Attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington D.C., have resulted in countless injuries and the loss of thousands of lives. Your Support is Needed. In response to these attacks, United Way and The New York Community Trust have established The September 11th Fund. Your contribution will be used to mobilize resources to respond to the urgent needs of victims and their families affected by these attacks. You may specify which city you would like your donation directed to. Please note, 100% of your contribution will be used to support needed services for victims and their families. United Way and The New York Community Trust are underwriting all administrative costs.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

For more information, please contact the following National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) members:

Adventist Community Services

American Radio Relay League, Inc.

The American Red Cross

AMURT(Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team)

Catholic Charities USA

Christian Disaster Response A.E.C.C.G.C

Christian Reform World Relief Committee

Church of the Brethren

Church World Service

The Episcopal Church

Friends Disaster Service

Inter-Lutheran Disaster Response

Mennonite Disaster Service

National Organization for Victim Assistance

Nazarene Disaster Service

The Phoenix Society

The Points of Light Foundation

Presbyterian Church (USA)

REACT International, Inc.

The Salvation Army

Second Harvest National Network of Food Banks

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Southern Baptist Convention

United Methodist Church Committee on Relief

Volunteers of America

World Vision