

Activities: January 1 – July 31

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Direct Relief's Emergency Response— Fast, Targeted, Appropriate

By Annie Maxwell, Senior Program Analyst

Direct Relief has a decades-long tradition of quick humanitarian response to local and international crises. This aspect of our work represents only 10–20 percent of our efforts annually, but it tends to attract the most media attention. The intense, if short-lived, media coverage of crises is welcome as it often spurs needed donations from the public. However, it can overshadow Direct Relief's day-to-day work to support indigenous health

efforts worldwide. It is this work—and the tested logistics channels and network of trusted partners involved—that allows Direct Relief to respond to crises in a fast, targeted, and appropriate manner.

The following recent emergency assistance efforts highlight the close connection between Direct Relief's ongoing support and emergency response activities:

IRAQ

Al-Rashad Hospital in Baghdad, the only dedicated psychiatric institution in Iraq, was looted and stripped to its bare walls immediately after the war. Their home destroyed, the hospital's 1,000-plus residents streamed into the streets. Direct Relief, which has supported facilities in Iraq since 1991, responded quickly with over \$5 million worth of psychotherapeutic agents, including Risperdal and Paxil, to help clinicians provide therapy and resume counseling. The pharmaceuticals and examination tables were delivered to various other facilities in Nasarieh, Basra, and Baghdad. Today some 600 patients have returned to Al-Rashad Hospital where, for the first time in months, they are receiving the medical attention they need.

Looting and vandalism also incapacitated the Direct Relief-supported Saint Raphael Hospital in Baghdad. Over the past two months, Direct Relief has helped to restock the facility with pharmaceuticals, supplies, and surgical instruments. The medical needs of the surrounding population continue to loom large, yet the well-trained staff at Direct Relief-supported Saint Raphael Hospital can now face those challenges with the tools necessary to succeed.

Direct Relief Senior Program Officer Katherine Poma, R.N., in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Babil Governate Support Team, initiated a dental hygiene and education program in the Al Hillah area. Direct Relief provided 2,000 dental kits, which contained toothpaste, toothbrushes, and dental floss. In requesting this assistance, the UN Joint Logistics Commander for the area wrote, "The dental hygiene problem here is incredibly serious...Any help you can provide is truly appreciated."

EL SALVADOR

On Wednesday, July 23, 2003, Salvadoran Minister of Health Jose Lopez Beltran declared a "red alert" for bacterial pneumonia after seven children died during the preceding three days. Direct Relief-supported

facilities in El Salvador contacted Senior Program Officer Dan Smith for help in this crisis through the private organization FUSAL (Salvadoran Foundation for Health and Human Development) and its sister foundation in the U. S., SAHF (Salvadoran American Humanitarian Foundation). Within two days, Direct Relief airlifted more than \$200,000 (wholesale value) of medical assistance, including oxygen masks, spinal needles, pulmonary nebulizers, an infant blood-pressure monitor, a pulse oximeter, and more than 50,000 tablets of the antibiotic Augmentin, donated by GlaxoSmithKline. Dan's follow-up discussions with the Vice Minister of Health have focused on steps, including appropriate vaccines, that might minimize the effects of future bacterial pneumonia outbreaks among vulnerable people.

Direct Relief has supported ongoing health efforts in El Salvador for decades and in 2002 furnished more than \$3.4 million worth of medical goods to indigenously-run health facilities.

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Photo: Frank Bott

Hospital nurse in El Salvador with recovering child

In-Kind Donors

From January 1 through July 31, 2003, Direct Relief provided medical aid with a wholesale value of over \$41 million. The vast majority of these products were donated by American corporations. We thank our in-kind donors, without whom we would not be able to help so many people around the world.

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In Focus



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Direct Relief launched its Corporate Partners Program in 2002. Funding from participating corporations goes to support healthcare projects for which no other funding source is available. GBMI's gift enabled us to fill several urgent requests throughout the summer, including dental kits to Iraq and antibiotics for the pneumonia outbreak in El Salvador. Other Corporate Partners include the Antioch Company of Yellow Spring, Ohio and Hy Cite Corporation of Madison, Wisconsin.

Wish List: Delivery Truck

Direct Relief International needs a new truck. Specifications: V-8 engine, automatic transmission, 20-foot bed with enclosed box, roll-up door, 10,000 lb. capacity (minimum), 2,000 lb. capacity lift gate. Cost: roughly \$40,000.

Our current truck, a much-traveled 1991 Chevy, has moved countless tons of wholesale medical aid and other contributed goods from donors in Southern California to our warehouse. A new truck will improve the safety and efficiency of this transport. In addition, it will enable us to expand our deliveries of contributed pharmaceuticals and supplies from our warehouse to community clinics serving poor and uninsured families and persons in California.

Direct Relief Meets and Exceeds Industry Standards

Charity Navigator, America's premiere independent charity evaluator, recently awarded Direct Relief International its highest ranking of four stars.

Each year Charity Navigator evaluates America's 2,500 largest privately funded charities in terms of organizational efficiency and capacity. Charities receive a score of zero stars (poor) to four stars (exceptional). The top rating signifies that Direct Relief "exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its cause." For more information, see the Charity Navigator website: www.charitynavigator.org.



Support from Direct Relief and Others Nears U.S. Government Levels in 2002

Direct Relief International, as part of the 22-member Partnership for Quality Medical Donations, helped distribute more than \$812 million of humanitarian medical donations in 2002, according to a recently completed survey by Temple University. This level of private humanitarian support approaches the \$1 billion budget for all overseas health programs other than HIV/AIDS funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. Direct Relief provided over \$67 million wholesale in medical assistance in 2002.

Founded in 1998, PQMD is an association of nonprofit relief agencies and healthcare manufacturers dedicated to raising the standards for medical product donations globally. PQMD members' donations now total \$2.7 billion. For more information, see the PQMD website: www.pqmd.org.



LifeScan Meters Boost Diabetes Care in Ukraine

LifeScan, a Johnson & Johnson company, recently made a significant in-kind donation to Direct Relief International of 1,500 blood glucose meters and thousands of test strips. These materials were sent to many of our international partner facilities to monitor patients with diabetes, including Children's Hospital #7 in Kiev, Ukraine.

Diabetes is a major health concern in Ukraine. People with diabetes use the meters to check their blood sugar levels and adjust their insulin injections accordingly. Research shows keeping blood sugar levels within a low target zone significantly reduces the complications often seen with diabetes, such as blindness and kidney failure. The pager-size meters, which make close daily control possible, help people with diabetes live healthier lives.



Photo: Courtesy of God's Hidden Treasures

Women with diabetes being trained in the use of blood glucose monitors in Kiev

From the Field

Gardeners of the Rainforest

By Susan Fowler, Director of Programs

By sunrise, a row of dugout canoes was already lined up at the International Society for the Preservation of the Tropical Rainforest's (ISPTR) Yarapa River base camp, home to a Direct Relief-supported medical clinic for the past 12 years. Located in the Amazon Basin, 150 kilometers upriver from the northern Peruvian city of Iquitos, the clinic provides free healthcare services to Amerindians from more than 20 river-based communities. The Direct Relief shipment that I had accompanied by boat to the camp had just arrived the evening before, but word that the clinic would be restocked with a new supply of medical goods and nutritional products had already spread throughout the area.

ISPTR was founded in 1982 by Roxanne Kremer, a zoologist and leading expert on the Amazon pink river dolphin. The organization is comprised of a team of volunteer naturalists who work to protect the flora and fauna of the world's largest remaining tropical rainforest. ISPTR establishes forest reserves and wildlife sanctuaries, initiates conservation programs, creates awareness of the consequences of deforestation and habitat destruction, and works to shape positive environmental attitudes with local education programs and eco-tourism. Their 346-acre base camp, which serves as both research facility and jungle lodge, is respected throughout the area for its focus on rainforest conservation. It has also become known as a place for indigenous populations to receive assistance with healthcare and other needs.

Amerindians identify strongly with their tribal heritage and customs even though much of their oral history and spiritual beliefs have been

lost. "They come from a whole other strength and are the true gardeners of the rainforest," says Kremer when talking about the 400 or so indigenous tribes that still populate the Amazon Basin. Many of the remaining tribes are very small, with a large percentage numbering less than 1,000 people. Like native people in many areas of the world, these jungle populations are experiencing a significant decline in living conditions and worsening health statistics as the modern world impinges on their homelands. The Achuar, Huambisa, and Ahuaruna tribes are a few of the tribes living along the Yarapa and nearby rivers that have grown to rely on the ISPTR clinic and outreach program for health care, especially when their traditional treatments do not alleviate acute or chronic problems.

As part of ISPTR's medical outreach program, we carried an assortment of medical supplies to nearby villages to hold clinics and to share with community health workers. One afternoon, after hiking for two hours in knee-deep mud, we arrived in the Achuar community of Nuevo Jerusalem. Situated on the banks of the Rio Tamuayo, this Indian community of approximately 200 was founded in the late 1980s by an Achuar shaman who had moved south from the Ecuadorian border with his family and other villagers. We were greeted with smiles and kisses from the women and children, many of whom had previously received treatment at the ISPTR clinic. "Regalo, regalo," (Spanish for gift) the women

exclaimed as they presented me with handmade baskets and pieces of jewelry made from jungle fibers and seeds. I found their warmth and gratitude extremely touching.

That afternoon the clinic nurse saw 38 people with a wide array of problems: respiratory infections, anemia, malnutrition, diarrhea, dehydration, parasites, fungal infections, skin rashes, conjunctivitis, aches and pains associated with physical labor, and machete wounds. Most of these conditions could be



A mother and her newborn daughter await their consultation.

treated with Direct Relief's donations of adult and pediatric antibiotics, nutritional supplements, oral rehydration salts, antiparasitics, topical antifungals, anti-infective and cortisone creams, ophthalmic drops, analgesics, and first aid supplies. A supply of medical goods was left behind for Orlando, Nuevo Jerusalem's community health worker, who is trained to diagnose and treat many of the villagers' routine complaints. Direct Relief's continued support of this community has resulted in a healthier population, which has doubled in the last eight years.

For more than a decade, Direct Relief International has collaborated with ISPTR to strengthen the health of indigenous populations who face enormous challenges as they attempt to preserve their traditional customs, habitat, and lifestyle within the ever-changing social, political, and economic contexts of the modern world. Since the clinic was established, Direct Relief has provided medical goods valued at more than \$1 million (wholesale value) so that ISPTR can stock this clinic and share supplies with community health workers, health facilities, and orphanages in Peru's Amazon Basin.

Susan Fowler has been with Direct Relief International since 1987 and is currently serving as Director of Programs. Fowler received a M.A. in international health in 1986. She is a multiple Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow, a recipient of the Diwaliben Charitable Trust Award for Humanitarian Service, and a former Board Member of the Vitamin Angel Alliance and the Friends of Tibetan Women's Association.



Community health worker Orlando treating patients in Nuevo Jerusalem.

Program News

International Partners Visit Direct Relief Headquarters

Caribbean: Dr. Carl Niamatali met with Direct Relief staff in July to discuss continued efforts to provide medical assistance to Guyana and others nations of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). Dr. Niamatali recently assumed the role as Direct Relief's Medical Advisor for CARICOM. During his five-year relationship with Direct Relief in Guyana, he has created access to needed health care for remote rural communities along the 300-mile long Berbice River.

Cambodia: Dr. Gary Jacques, Director of Sihanouk Hospital in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and his warehouse manger, Mon Sochea, visited Direct Relief headquarters in July. After a tour of our facilities, they met with staff to discuss their material needs and the hospital's medical training program. Since 1998, Direct Relief has partnered with Sihanouk Hospital – one of the largest charitable hospitals in Cambodia serving the

poor – to provide material medical aid, including multi-vitamins, antibiotics, surgical supplies, and exam tables.

India: Seshedra Iyer, Program Manager of the Diwaliben Charitable Trust, met with Direct Relief staff in July to discuss ways in which our collaboration can be strengthened. The Trust, established by Mr. Mafatlal Mehta, provides food, medical goods, clothing, and other relief materials to healthcare sites, social service facilities, and disaster areas throughout India. Our relationship



Father and child in Nalae

with Mr. Iyer is an essential component in providing support to India.

Direct Relief Expands its Work in Laos

Following an assessment visit by Program Officer Kelly Darnell in February, 2003, Direct Relief made its first large (40-ft container) shipment valued at over \$85,000 to Laos, which arrived via ocean freight in March. The Laotian Ministry of Health facilitated shipment clearance and provided a truck for the 30-hour drive to remote hospitals in Nalae and Muang Sing. The facilities see large numbers of malnourished and dehydrated children, as well as expectant mothers who lack needed vitamins and other nutrients. Direct Relief's container included oral rehydration salts, prenatal and children's vitamins, neonatal blood pressure cuffs, instruments used in labor and delivery, and IV solution and stands. With medical goods provided by Direct Relief, pregnant mothers received prenatal care to help ensure healthy babies.

Direct Relief's Emergency Response

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AFGHANISTAN

Although media attention has shifted to events elsewhere, Direct Relief continues its support of indigenously-run health facilities in Afghanistan. In late April, Direct Relief sent its fourth shipment to the Afghan Institute for Learning (AIL). Under the Taliban regime, the Afghan women who staff and operate AIL ran clandestine home schools for girls. They now focus on providing maternal and child health care at clinics in three Afghan cities, with a fourth to open soon. The all-female Afghan staff sees approximately 700 women and children a month at each clinic.

Direct Relief's most recent support covered maternal and child health needs: prenatal vitamins, analgesics, a pulse oximeter, sutures, needles and syringes, antibiotics, and baby scales. AIL also coordinates a midwife training program that enrolls about 50 midwives in each 6-month training session. To support the ongoing work of these new midwives, Direct Relief provides each graduate with a kit complete with stethoscope, blood pressure unit, scissors, gauze, thermometers, alcohol, soap, and gloves.



Mother and Child waiting at AIL clinic in Kabul

Volunteer Profile

Katie Walsh

Volunteers and interns work closely with Direct Relief staff to complete various tasks, including preparing mailings, organizing events, compiling information, and writing reports. Direct Relief depends on interns and some 400 other volunteers to keep our organization running efficiently. Here we profile a summer 2003 intern.

After graduating cum laude from the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in history, Katie Walsh of Charlottesville, Virginia, began her search for an internship. She found Direct Relief, where she could pair her interest in international development and a desire to give back. Katie applied in January and, after working with staff on the details of her internship, made the cross-country trek for her summer internship in Santa Barbara. Katie spent two months working closely with Kelly Darnell, Direct Relief's Program Officer responsible for Africa and Asia.

"Katie spent a lot of time updating our country profiles and completing background research on some of our projects in Asia and Africa," says Kelly. "It is important that we have accurate and up-to-date information about our partners and the healthcare situations in their respective countries."

Along with research, Katie also helped obtain supplies for well-baby kits, and coordinate the assembly of the kits for a shipment to Ghana. "In my two months here, I can already see tangible results," Katie says, "and I know that Direct Relief is making a difference in the lives of many people."

Katie's future plans include graduate school, international travel, and possibly a stint in the Peace Corps.



Katie Walsh, Direct Relief International intern

Ways to Give

The Long View

By Board Member Stanley C. Hatch, Esq.

Short on cash, but wondering how you can help? Impressed with the incredible work of Direct Relief, yet frustrated that you cannot provide more financial support? It is a common, discouraging feeling, but there is a way to help. Take the long view.

If giving significant amounts to worthy charitable and humanitarian causes like Direct Relief is difficult because of existing obligations to yourself, your family, and loved ones, you can still make a meaningful contribution with a little intelligent estate planning that leaves excess funds to Direct Relief after you've passed away and after you

have taken care of your family obligations. Often such planning is relatively painless. Charitable contributions are deducted from your taxable estate and, as a result, avoid the still present estate tax. In short, your contribution goes to Direct Relief instead of the federal government.

There are also ways to avoid income tax— designate Direct Relief as a residual beneficiary of your retirement plan or IRA. Retirement funds are subject to the federal income tax if they pass to a non-charitable beneficiary and thus may be taxed a second time in your estate. By making such a gift to Direct Relief, you beat both taxes

and actually end up with more money to leave not only to your loved ones, but to a worthy cause.

So, if you would like to sleep a little better at night and feel satisfied that you are doing everything possible to support Direct Relief's critically important global mission, tweak that will or inter vivos trust. You will be glad you did and so will the many partners of Direct Relief who would not otherwise be served.

For more information on the options explained above, please contact Christian White at 805-964-4767 x159 or at cwhite@directrelief.org.

Workplace Giving

Many people support Direct Relief International through automatic payroll deductions at work. It's a convenient way to spread your giving throughout the year and helps Direct Relief respond to the many ongoing commitments that do not receive any media attention.

If your workplace giving program is limited to the

United Way, you can still support us by writing "Direct Relief International" on the "donor option" line of the campaign form. Your local United Way will forward your gift to us.

U.S. government employees can support Direct Relief as part of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the federal government's workplace giving

program. Simply select Direct Relief International on your CFC enrollment form. Direct Relief's CFC number is 1407.

Have you already included Direct Relief International in your will or estate plans? Please let us know so we can recognize you in our Annual Report.

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Gifts Received from January 1 - July 31

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Events and Activities

Magic of Mario

The world-renowned New York-based interior designer Mario Buatta is bringing the “Magic of Mario” to California to benefit Direct Relief International.

The date: Monday, October 13, 2003.

The place: An elegant luncheon at beautiful Bacara Resort & Spa.

The promise: Mario will delight and inspire you with his stories and slides of illustrious residences he has designed around the world.

Tickets are available for this “Santa Barbara first” at prices from \$150 to \$5,000.

Winemaker Dinners

Exclusive and premier wines of Santa Barbara County, savored in convivial company, all to benefit Direct Relief International—what’s not to like?

That’s certainly been the appeal when Santa Barbara vintners partner with Direct Relief to organize our Vintners for Humanity Winemaker Dinner Series.

The remaining dates hold delicious possibilities:

January 17: Fess Parker Winery & Vineyard

March 31: Sanford Winery & New West Catering

Reservations are available at prices from \$150 per person.

e-Bulletin Debuts

Ever read about a natural disaster in the world and wonder, does Direct Relief do anything there? Ever want to follow up on a conversation with someone about Direct Relief but feel stumped about how to do it quickly and easily?

For answers to both questions, the Direct Relief website is a terrific resource: www.directrelief.org.

This handsome site includes background on Direct Relief’s history, articles about Direct Relief from national publications, information about coming events, our annual report, and more.

And now you can receive automatic updates via email. Sign up to receive our e-Bulletin on the web address above. From the home page select *Our Work* on the left side, then *e-Bulletin Signup*.

CEO Certifies Audited Financial Statements

Recognizing stakeholders’ heightened expectations of all US corporations—whether nonprofit or for profit—Thomas Tighe, President and CEO of Direct Relief International, has certified our financial statements for the year 2002. These statements are included in our 2002 Annual Report and available online.

Thanks, National Charity League!

National Charity League (NCL) volunteers did a world of good at Direct Relief this summer. NCL is a national, nonprofit organization of mothers and daughters, committed to community service, leadership development, and cultural experiences. The girls and their mothers spent two days sorting and packaging maternal and child health supplies. They sorted 60,000 condoms by expiration date, and assembled more than 400 infant care packs for a maternal-child health program in Ghana.

For details about or reservations for any of the activities above, please call 805-964-4767 or visit our website: www.directrelief.org